

## **RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes**

**March 30, 2020**

**Attending:** Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Sam Chiu, Robert Pinet, George Pepall (non-voting), Joel Weiner, Stuart Keeley, John Hall, David McLaughlin, Stephane Cloutier, Mike Walsh, Lee Ann Stewart, Joe Trauzzi, Grégoire Teyssier (non voting), Jane Sodero (non voting), Rob Lunn (guest), Jim Taylor

**Regrets:** Robin Harris, Michèle Cartier, Hugo Deshayé, Steve Johnson

1. Meeting called to order at 4.04 PDT/7.04 EDT, quorum having been met.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2020 Board Meeting - Moved to adopt by Robert Pinet, seconded David McLaughlin. Passed with one change.

Joe Trauzzi pointed out that under item 6 of the January minutes that the West Toronto Stamp Club did not donate the \$800 mentioned; it was the Royal 2019 Royale organizing committee. Lee Ann will edit the January minutes to correct this before posting to the website.

3. (agenda item 14) Update on Royal 2020 Royale, Fredericton – Rob Lunn, Chair Royal 2020 Royale organizing committee

Rob Lunn reported on Royal 2020 in view of recent events. He referred the board to the most recent report from the New Brunswick Government regarding COVID 19. Last week the show committee for Royal 2020 Royale was polled; five members wanted to wait to decide if the show should be cancelled, four members wanted to cancel. Six people have registered for the show, with 24 hotel rooms booked. Exhibit frames are also being requested. Rob noted that if the show is cancelled, there will be no financial repercussions; the transportation company will not charge if the President's Dinner is cancelled. Rob is requesting guidance from the Board, as Royal 2020 Royale is the RPSC annual convention.

Questions from the board were solicited. Postponement of the show was discussed and it was not clear that this was practical as exhibition space in Fredericton is filling up for the fall. The board discussed travel in light of current and possible restrictions, including restrictions on the US and Australian judges crossing borders, the shut down of airline routes and flights to cities such as Fredericton, and advisories limiting travel on people over 70. It was acknowledged that travel could be problematic in June even if travel restrictions are lifted in the next month or two. Given the current dealer demographic, travel by dealers particularly may well be curtailed.

The board discussed the possibility of a smaller local or regional show being held. Rob noted that the venue is far too large for a local show, and that as it would no longer be a national show there would not be the need for the jury or exhibits as planned. It was suggested that perhaps a smaller joint Maritime show may be considered.

Stuart noted that loss of revenues will not impact the RPSC greatly if the show is cancelled.

Ed reflected the general view that not holding Royal 2020 Royale would be disappointing, but given the circumstances and considering the health and safety of all attending, cancellation would be the prudent decision. It was suggested that Fredericton might want to consider a Royal/Royale in 2023, or as a non-Royal/Royal show in 2021 or at another future date.

Motion: As a result of the implications of COVID-19, the RPSC board, In the interest of the membership and the public at large, has determined that it is unsafe and impractical, based on current conditions, to hold the RPSC 2020 national convention and annual general meeting, Royal 2020 Royale, scheduled for Fredericton, NB, in June 2020. Moved – Sam Chiu, Seconded, Jim Taylor. Approved unanimously.

Motion: Considering the previous motion, that the RPSC apply to have an exemption order to Corporations Canada so that the 2020 Annual General Meeting may be held by the end of June 2021.

Moved Sam Chiu, John Hall. Approved unanimously.

Motion: That the RPSC Board acknowledges the excellent, dedicated work of the organizing committee of the Fredericton District Stamp Club in organizing Royal 2020 Royale.

Moved David McLaughlin, seconded, Sam Chiu. Approved unanimously.

Ed also discussed the business of the board in 2020 if there is no board meeting and how new board members would be nominated and seated.

#### 4. Replacements for Secretary and Treasurer - Ed Kroft

Ed noted that Arlene Sullivan is stepping down as Secretary and that Stuart Keeley is stepping down as Treasurer in June 2020, and that these positions will need to be filled.

An RPSC member has indicated interest in the Treasurers position and has spoken to Stuart. Stuart will meet with the member when travel to Toronto is possible.

Ed also asked interested parties to email him regarding the secretary position.

#### 5. Update on TCP and the Website - Robin Harris, Ed Kroft

Robin Harris submitted a report to the Board. Rob Lunn asked if the editor should run pictures and bios of the incoming board members in TCP. Ed will consult with Robin to determine how to address this.

#### 6. Financial Update - Stuart Keeley

Stuart submitted an updated income statement and treasurer's notes. Joe asked for some clarification on the report and Stuart noted that the RPSC works on a cash basis. Ed indicated that reports will need to be published in TCP as there will be no AGM, and the exemption order once granted may require it. Some clarification of the dates shown on the report was discussed.

#### 7. Charitable Application status and status of strategic plan implementation - Ed Kroft

The CRA Charities Directorate has suspended all operations until further notice. The charitable application was submitted some time ago but there may be no response for some time.

#### 8. Philaprint grant status - Mike Walsh

Mike Walsh reported that 20/21 grant applications will be fast tracked and that there will be no decrease in the amount received this year.

#### 9. Volunteers' Program and Nominations - Ed Kroft

Ed asked for recommendations for volunteer recognition. Lee Ann is keeping a file of names, and everyone is encouraged to submit names from their region.

#### 10. Ethics Committee Composition – Ed Kroft

Ed noted that the Ethics committee composition will need to be reviewed, as he cannot be on the committee. (As President he must be available to hear appeals on any decisions by the committee). The board will need to review in future. Ed asked for volunteers to contact him.

#### 11. Update from National Office: Life Members, Memberships, Elimination of Hard Copy of TCP for Members, Applications for Membership and Donations - Lee Ann Stewart

Lee Ann's last day in the office was last week due to Ontario closing all non essential business. Lee Ann is working at home and has created an alternate email address, CanadianPhilately@gmail.com, for correspondence. She reported that there have been several new member and chapter applications, and that fifty life members have agreed to receive TCP in electronic form. Most if not all chapters have renewed their memberships.

Lee Ann outlined the membership application process, including the 30 day waiting period. The forms have been revised to clearly indicate that a member cannot be accepted for membership until the 30 day period is up.

#### 12. International update and CAPEX 22 - David McLaughlin

Indonesia and London 2020 have been rescheduled. Shows in St. Pierre et Miquelon and Ecuador will probably be cancelled. There is a Canadian commissioner for IBRA 2021.

Jim noted that the APS has a list on the website of shows that have been cancelled.

CAPEX 2022 – Dates for CAPEX 2022 have been announced as June 9 – June 12, 2022.

#### 13. FIP Update - Ed Kroft

Deferred.

#### 14. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

Mike asked for a column from Ed to put in the newsletter regarding cancellation of Royal 2020 Royale. Ed commended Jesse Robitaille for his work on the blog and newsletter pieces about philately and COVID-19.

15. Update on Royal/Royale 2020 and 2021 - Ed Kroft, David McLaughlin

Agenda item 14 – moved to item 3.

16. Judging - Joel Weiner

Robert Pinet was nominated by the RPSC to be a judge of the SAVPEX virtual exhibit mounted by South Africa. Joel will contact the Royal 2021 Royale organizing committee in Peterborough to help them with preparing the prospectus and inform them on the process of jury selection.

17. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Hugo Deshayé, Mike Walsh

No report.

18. Report from VGG, Other Philatelic Societies - Ed Kroft

Ed commented that the relationship with VGG is ongoing and working well. David McLaughlin agreed.

19. Membership Recruitment Committee, RPSC presence at events (lists of members benefits, benefit sheet, TCP old issues), chapter liaison - Sam Chiu, George Pepall

Deferred.

20. RPSC Seminars at RPSC National shows- Ed Kroft

Deferred.

21. Social Media Committee - Sam Chiu

Deferred.

22. Audio Visual programs - update - George Pepall

Deferred.

23. Geldert Medal – Ed Kroft

Larry Margetish has won the Geldert medal for 2019. The award was announced in the newsletter and will be announced in the TCP.

24. Other business

Deferred.

Meeting ended 5.59 PDT/8.59 EDT.