

RPSC Board Meeting – May 6, 2025 (Zoom)

- 1. Welcome:** Present: Gregg Redner, Peter MacDonald, John Sharp, Sam Chiu, Dianne Earl, Jean Wang, Joe Trauzzi, Selene Tang, Bruce Pollock, Claude Lacasse, Chris McFetridge, Al Hills

Regrets: Phil Visser, Mario Chevrette, Gordon Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gregg Redner. Gregg welcomed the board.

- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Gregg reviewed the agenda with the Board. The dates for upcoming meetings will be included at the end of the meeting.

- 3. Approval of the Minutes from November 24, 2024**

Motion: “That the Board approve the minutes from November 24, 2024.”

Moved by - Bruce Pollock

Seconded by – Dianne Earl

Carried.

- 4. Financial Report Update**

The financial report as of March 31, 2025, was presented by Treasurer John Sharp. John indicated the RPSC is in a solid cash position at this time.

Memberships are tracking close to budget. The Board discussed the cost of the extra TCP issues.

Motion: “That the RPSC increase the cost of the extra TCP issues for membership by an amount to be determined.”

Moved by – John Sharp

Seconded by – Chris McFetridge

Carried.

Motion: “That the March 31, 2025, RPSC financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Moved By – John Sharp

Seconded By – Joe Trauzzi

Carried.

5. President’s Report:

a) New Board Members

Gregg welcomed new Board members Jean Wang and Claude Lacasse.

Gregg was happy with the welcome the RPSC received by FILEX at the recent Royal Convention and Exhibition.

b) ROYAL/FILEX2025

Gregg expressed gratitude for allowing the RPSC to participate in this event.

He liked the way the two groups came together for a common purpose. Sam Chiu indicated the exhibits and judging was well received. Gregg thanked Sam for leading the jury.

c) Upcoming Philately 101 Series – This next series will run May 20, 27, and June 3, 2025 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

d) Manual of Procedures for Board Members – Right now there is no guidance for any Board positions. Selene Tang, Peter MacDonald, Bruce Pollock, and Gregg Redner will begin a draft of procedures.

Gregg thanked Joe Trauzzi for his service on the RPSC Board of Directors. Joe’s tenure will end at the 2025 AGM.

Is there a repository for previous RPSC minutes? Sam indicated once a director logs into the RPSC website, another icon appears. This is where you will find related Board information.

e) Succession Planning – Gregg will have one more year as President. Gregg suggested Peter would be a good person for President. Peter remarked it is important to look for stand-outs for Board and Executive positions. Bruce said succession planning and board manuals are linked.

- f) Photocopy Violations – Gregg reported that we must be mindful of using copyrighted photos without permission. The penalty was a \$300.00 fine. Gregg reminded all of us to check our documents and photos for copyright issues and get the required permissions.

6. Committee Reports

a) CSDA– Chris McFetridge reported on the CSDA survey. It has not been sent out yet. The survey deals with attitudes towards membership of the Royal. Gregg expressed that we need to find a way to make membership valuable.

b) The Canadian Philatelist – No report

c) RPSC Manual Update – Dianne Earl is working on the update of the Convention Guidelines, and she should have it completed for the AGM. The manual will be translated into French after it is approved by the current Board.

d) Club Liaison – Bruce Pollock continues to work on the project. He helped Lee Ann Stewart update the contact list for chapter members.

e) FQP – Mario Chevrette – No Report.

Gregg said we are now a registered member of the FQP. He further said the FQP made tremendous efforts to attend ORAPEX and generated a lot of excitement at the show.

f) ROYAL 2026/Stamp Talks – Al Hills reported that plans are underway for a great Royal 2026 Royale in Kitchener-Waterloo Ontario. The convention will take place in Waterloo with the Delta-Marriot hotel as the venue for the President's reception and awards banquet. Gregg offered Al and his team the full support of the RPSC.

Stamp Talks/Panels – Al thanked the Board members who have presented a Stamp Talk or Panel so far in 2025 and the support is appreciated. He also said that working with Lisa Tam has been exceptional. Lisa does a wonderful job for the RPSC. At the moment there are three Stamp Panel dates open: June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th. Plans are underway for 2026 presenters. If you would like to do a talk or participate on a panel, please contact Al Hills.

g) Study Groups – Phil Visser – No Report.

7. Annual Meeting – Sunday June 8, 2025, at 3:00pm.

- a) President's Medal – This year the President's Medal will be presented to Sandra Foss.
- b) Preparation of AGM – Lee Ann is busy with the auditors' reports. Recognizing retiring members and notification of the President's Medal will take place at the AGM.
- c) Other – Peter remarked there has been an effort in the past to share organization tables to use resources effectively and efficiently, especially when it comes to staffing the tables for a nine-day show. Peter asked if there is an opportunity to share a table with other Canadian Societies such as BNAPS and the PSSC.

Motion: “That the RPSC express our desire in sharing resources with other Canadian Societies at the Boston 2026 Convention.”

Moved by- Peter MacDonald

Seconded by – Selene Tang

Carried.

8. Other Business – Future Meetings

September 21

November 23

February 1

April 26

Motion “That we now adjourn.”

Moved by – Joe Trauzzi

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Minutes recorded by Al Hills