

RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes

September 22, 2019

Attending: Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Sam Chiu, Robert Pinet, George Pepall (non-voting), Joel Wiener, Stuart Keeley, Bob Carswell, John Hall, David McLaughlin, Hugo Deshayé, Stéphane Cloutier, Mike Walsh, David Lank

Regrets: Michèle Cartier, Jim Taylor, Robin Harris

1. Meeting called to order at 4.01 PDT/7.01 EDT, quorum having been met. Former director Rob Lunn has been invited as chair of the volunteer committee, but was unable to attend.

2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2019 Board Meeting - Moved to adopt by Mike Walsh, seconded David McLaughlin, 1 abstention. Approved.

3. Strategic plan update – Charitable application – Ed thanked Bob Carswell for his work on charitable status for the RPSC. Ed is attempting to enter the application for charitable status into the CRA website, to be submitted in the next 30 days. Document will be distributed to board members when available.

Ed reviewed the need for funding to support the strategic plan – we do not have the revenue for new initiatives going forward. David Lank emphasised that once the charitable status is available, we need to have a plan in place to take advantage of it. David McLaughlin noted that we need better documentation re current finances and strategic plan for presentation for fund raising from other organizations. Projects should also be available for promotion on a priority basis.

4. Financial Update - Stuart Keeley – Financial statement has been distributed. With some decreased costs for data base management thanks to Robin Harris we should come close to break even. Stuart has asked Lee Ann to get insurance coverage for the clubs issued in November so it is available January 1, 2020.

5. Philaprint grant status - Mike Walsh – Material supplied by Ingo Nessel has been distributed. Mike is waiting for Ingo to connect with the head of the program to determine the full impact of changes to the program in terms of what is funded – production vs editorial costs. Ed asked how funding might be impacted; Mike estimated potentially 15% to 30% decrease in funding, with a phase-in over 3 years. Mike will update us as more information is available.

6. Charitable Application status – see 3. Strategic Plan Update.

7. Collaboration with the Vincent G Green Foundation - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu, Bob Carswell

The VGG will be formulating its own five year plan in aid of fund raising, emphasizing the archival aspect of the organization, and the benefits of working with the VGG were discussed.

Ed noted that there is a change of billing for Lee Ann – we are now being invoiced by VGG for her salary instead of paying her directly.

Bob Carswell suggested that a meeting of the executives of Canadian philatelic organizations would be helpful (TAPE, RPSC Foundation, VGG). Bob suggested that a meeting be organized to take place prior to the Royal next year.

There was a general discussion of the relationship with the VGG and between the clubs, members, and the Royal, and how membership can be increased and used to promote the organization. Stuart suggested that the VGG be promoted in the TCP and other Royal material. Ed endorsed a joint meeting with stakeholders before the Royal next year to include discussions of CAPEX 2020.

8. CAPEX 22 - David McLaughlin - David has circulated materials.

David spoke about the final report he circulated in August regarding planning for CAPEX 2022 in Toronto and subsequent developments. Tentative venue is Delta Hotel in Toronto which is being used as a benchmark. David discussed the bourse and other possible sources of revenue. APS and AAPE are interested and FIAF has endorsed the proposal. Charles Verge will be drafting up a letter so solicit the support of Canada Post. David feels that there is a great deal of interest – target for the guarantee fund has been met with VGG, BNAPS and dealers on board. Anticipated 2500 to 3000 attendees, comparable to Washington 2006. David reviewed the last international show in Canada 25 years ago and the possibility of non-philatelic sponsorship.

Ed asked why David needs board approval from the RPSC and what support will be expected. RPSC needs to approve as the national stamp organization of Canada; no financial support is expected. Any surplus funds will go to TAPE; guarantors carry the philatelic risk. David assured the board that the RPSC is not liable financially for any shortfall. The RPSC will be hosting the exhibit, which is organized by the Toronto Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

Motion –That subject to a written request from the Toronto Association of Philatelic Exhibitions (TAPE), that the proposal submitted on August 12, 2019 by David McLaughlin for the development on an international exhibition to be called CAPEX 2022 be approved, and that RPSC will invite CanadaPost to participate and will support the CAPEX 2022 request to the FIP board for FIP Recognition status. John Hall moved, Sam Chiu seconded – approved.

9. Update on TCP - Robin Harris – Deferred

10. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh – Newsletter will be out next week.

11. Current Membership - Elimination of Hard Copy of TCP for Members without additional fee - Life Member Entitlements to Hard Copy of TCP - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu, Robin Harris

Ed would like to see the elimination of the paper version of the TPC unless it is paid for. Ed proposed this at the general meeting and there was no objection. Feedback has generally been positive.

Mike Walsh indicated that we need to be mindful of the impact on the Philaprint grant in 2020 of not supplying hardcopies. There was discussion of the impact of life members on finances and how membership might be supplied with the journal sustainably. Stephane reviewed how the PHSC transitioned to online journals for their life members. He will circulate the letter sent to PHSC life members to the board.

Motion – that a letter be sent to life members from the president regarding moving to an electronic version of the TPC. Moved John Hall, seconded Robert Pinet, approved.

12. Arrangements for Staffing for RPSC and Lee Ann Stewart - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu

Ed noted that there is a change of billing for Lee Ann – we are now being invoiced by VGG for her salary instead of paying her directly. The RPSC no longer pays Lee Ann - see 7.

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

There was discussion on dealers appraising material for donation and later representing it for sale.

Hugo reiterated that there needs to be an updated guide for committees organizing shows. David McLaughlin will distribute the most recent version of the guidelines to the board and Hugo will start to revise.

14. Update on Royal 2020, Proposal for 2021 Royal - Ed Kroft, Rob Lunn

Deferred as Rob Lunn not attending. Royal 2021 Peterborough still does not have a firm commitment.

15. Judging - Joel Weiner – If show committees are inviting APS judges they must go through Liz Hisey and be invited formally by CANEJ.

16. Circuit books – update - Bob Carswell – no report

17. Hugh Wood - RPSC relationship - Ed Kroft

Garfield Portch has resolved the situation with Hugh Wood insuring Canadian clients.

18. RPSC Research Foundation - Ed Kroft

The RPSC Foundation is currently inactive. A donation may be pending – Ed will follow up.

19. Composition of Committees – committee members have been updated on the website.

20. Volunteers program and nominations –

Ed solicited nominations for the volunteer program the upcoming year.

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

There is an ongoing discussion regarding promoting the RPSC to outside organizations such as at the Zoomer conference in Toronto. Sam will take the RPSC banner and copies of the TPC to the Zoomer conference.

22. Social Media Committee - Sam Chiu - deferred

23. International Committee update - David McLaughlin - deferred

24. Audio Visual programs - update - George Pepall – (submitted post meeting) –

The Multi-Media programs available to chapters on the website now number nine, with the most recent being George Pepall's postcard Powerpoint called A Trip Back to Temagami. This chapter benefit of programs for chapter meetings needs more programs. Please consider submitting one of your own presentations, or encouraging others to make submissions of presentations that you see at meetings. They can be submitted for the website through webmaster Robin Harris.

25. Other business – deferred

Rob Timberg will include a form for nomination for directors in the next TPC.

Meeting ended 6.08 PDT/9.08 EDT.