

RPSC Board Meeting – January 5, 2023

Board Member	Present	Regrets	Non-Voting	Present	Regrets
Sam Chiu	x		Robin Harris	x	
John Hall	x		Lee Ann Stewart	x	
Steve Johnson		x	Ed Kroft	x	
Peter MacDonald	x				
David McLaughlin	x				
Robert Pinet	x				
Gregg Redner	x		Guests		
John Sharp	x		Michelle Cartier	x	
Jane Sodero	x		Jeff Slein	x	
Grégoire Teyssier	x		Jesse Robitaille	x	
Joe Trauzzi	x		Chris McFetridge	x	
Joel Weiner	x		Phil Visser	x	
Mike Walsh	x		Mario Chevrette	x	

- Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. The minutes were taken by Jane Sodero.
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2022 Board Meeting
Motion: To adopt the minutes from the December 4, 2022 Board Meeting. Moved by Peter MacDonald; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.
Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Ken Lemke.
Reading of the Land Acknowledgement.
- Sam Chiu introduced Michelle Cartier, Jeff Slein, Jesse Robitaille, Chris McFetridge, Phil Visser and Mario Chevrette who will be standing for a place on the Board of Directors at the next AGM on June 11th.
- Election of Vice-President
 Due to the passing of Ken Lemke, the Vice-President role is vacant.
Motion: To appoint Gregg Redner as Vice-President for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term. Moved by Mike Walsh; seconded by John Sharp. Motion passed.
- Succession Planning - Lee Ann Stewart, Sam Chiu
 There was a discussion of the process of selecting Officers to be appointed at the AGM. At this time six people have offered to replace the six directors stepping down.
- Update from National Office, Membership – Lee Ann Stewart
 Lee Ann Stewart reported she is following up with the last few unpaid memberships. She said that there are 50 new members and one new chapter as well as several chapters have reactivated. She noted that a number of donations have been received since September, ranging from \$15 to several hundred dollars.
- Financial, 2023 Budget, Grants – John Sharp

John Sharp circulated financial reports prior to the meeting. He noted that membership revenue continues to decline. Lee Ann Stewart noted that many people are switching to digital membership.

Motion: To accept the financial statements. Moved by John Sharp; seconded by Gregg Redner. Motion passed.

8. Sale of Let's Talk Exhibiting (English Edition), TCP Production, Newsletter – Mike Walsh
Mike Walsh reported that 137 copies of 300 have been sold. David McLaughlin suggested the book be entered in the FIAF literature competition.
9. Let's Talk Exhibiting (French Edition) – Grégoire Teyssier
Grégoire Teyssier is expecting the last galley in about one week. It will be reviewed by Grégoire and David Piercey. The book could be launched at Orapex. At this time, 200 copies will be printed.
10. Francophilately Committee – Grégoire Teyssier
Grégoire Teyssier reported that there has been a focus on the translation of Piercey's exhibiting book. The translation of the website is the next big project.
11. TCP and Website – Robin Harris
Robin Harris reported that the March/April Canadian Philatelist has been sent to Trajan. He reiterated that he needs more articles for future issues.
Robin Harris asked about posting Piercey's exhibiting articles on the website. There was some discussion about taking away books sales if articles are on the website.
12. Royal 2023/London – Gregg Redner
Gregg Redner reported that plans are well underway. The dealers' tables have been sold out. The theme of the show is the RCMP.
13. Judging/Exhibiting/Orapex - Joel Weiner
Joel Weiner reported that Orapex is asking for the RPSC to have an ad in the Orapex show program.
Motion: To place an ad in National level show program not to exceed \$150 per show in 2023. Moved by: Peter MacDonald; seconded by David McLaughlin. Motion passed.
It was suggested that there should be a committee to address how the RPSC will support national level shows.
14. Stamp Talks/Panels; Social Media; #Extreme Philately – Jane Sodero
Jane Sodero reported that with Lisa Tam's able assistance the Talks and Panels are generally set for the upcoming year.
Our Facebook page was recently changed to a new format which allows the team to share the activities of Chapters more easily so this should help drive interest in both The RPSC and the chapters.
Lisa Tam has made a proposal for a social media event. Peter will ask the RPSC Foundation for the sponsorship of this promotional event.

15. FIP and International Shows – David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin outlined some upcoming international shows including Thailand, IBRA, Euro-Phil and Boston 2026.

CAPE will pay FIP and FIAF fees for 2023. In addition, 2 computers and a Point of sales terminal from CAPEX will be given to the RPSC. Grégoire Teyssier has joined the board of CAPE.

16. Conventions – Joe Trauzzi

No Report.

17. Publishing – Joe Trauzzi

Joe Trauzzi circulated a report prior to the meeting. The main question was whether this would be of interest to the membership. It was suggested that this could be a question for another survey.

18. Chapter Relations Study Group – Gregg Redner

Gregg Redner sent a survey to the RPSC chapter members. He heard back from around 40 representing over 1000 philatelists. The group will review the feedback from the survey to find areas for improvement.

19. Survey Results – Jeff Slein

Jeff Slein presented the preliminary results of the survey.

Sam Chiu proposed that the Member Services committee reorganize to address any recommendations from the survey results.

20. Donor Recognition

Sam Chiu proposed that a committee be struck address donor recognition and promotion. Gregg Redner volunteered to chair the committee.

21. Google Non-Profit

Peter MacDonald and Jeff Slein will look into the Google non-profit status with Lisa Tam.

22. Ken Lemke Tribute

It was suggested that the RPSC Foundation be approached about this matter. Jane Sodero will put it on the agenda for a future meeting.

23. Other Business

The AGM is scheduled for June 11, 2023. Joe Trauzzi will run the ZOOM meeting

24. Adjournment

Next Meeting – April 2, 2023

AGM – June 11, 2023 – reports to Lee Ann Stewart