

RPSC Board Meeting – November 28, 2021

Board	Present	Regrets	Non-Voting	Present	Regrets
Sam Chiu	X		Robin Harris	X	
Stéphane Cloutier	X		Ingo Nessel	X	
John Hall	X		Garfield Portch	X	
Steve Johnson	X		George Pepall	X	
Ed Kroft	X		Lee Ann Stewart	X	
Ken Lemke	X		Charles Verge		X
David McLaughlin	X				
Robert Pinet	X				
John Sharp	X				
Jane Sodero	X				
Grégoire Tessyier		X			
Joe Trauzzi	X				
Joel Weiner		X			
Mike Walsh	X				

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. Jane Sodero to act as secretary.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2021 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes.

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the September 19, 2021 board meeting. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Ken Lemke. Motion passed.

3. Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees - Lee Ann Stewart

It was reported that renewal notices for next year have gone out. E-transfer is working quite well for payment of fees. Insurance renewals are on the rise as more clubs start to meet in person again. There are still a lot of questions about the digital vs hard copy of TCP but more people are taking advantage of the on-line journal.

Insurance administration fees have gone up which has led to questions from members which Garfield Portch has been fielding. The administration fees have increased but this enables the insurance premiums to remain constant. George Pepall is working with Garfield Portch and Hugh Wood Insurance to produce a brochure explaining the advantages of the insurance program.

4. Royal 2021 Postmortem - Steve Johnson

Royal 2021 Royale in its online format was a success. There were 72 exhibits consisting of 164 individual frames. Entries came from all over the world.

Since late October, there have been 1079 unique visitors to the show website which will remain online for several more weeks.

The show organizers have received a lot of positive feedback. Steve Johnson noted that judging went well and exhibitors were happy with comments from the judges. He feels this demonstrates that there is still an appetite for virtual exhibiting.

Steve Johnson thanked Joe Trauzzi and Lee Ann Stewart for organizing and moderating the stamp talks.

Ed Kroft, on behalf of the Board, thanked Steve Johnson, John Sheffield and their team for the huge amount of work they did to put the show together.

Steve Johnson said it was a big success but definitely was hard work for the behind-the-scenes people and for the judges.

5. Financial Update, Grants - John Sharp

John Sharp reported that we are in a surplus situation at this time but that is mainly due to us not planning on getting the federal publication subsidy. The application for the subsidy is coming due but we are expecting less funding. We did get the subsidy this year because there was a reprieve this year due to COVID and the federal election.

The question of whether we should re-visit the decision to change to the partially digital publication of TCP was raised. The general feeling was that we shouldn't be change back too quickly as we still don't know how the subsidy will change in the future. Mike Walsh noted that printing costs are increasing as a result of supply issues which affects both paper and mailing costs.

6. Update on TCP and Website - Robin Harris

The Nov/Dec issue was available on-line on November 10th. Hard copies were mailed out on the following Monday. The next issue has been sent to print.

The extra security package has been added to the website as discussed at the last meeting.

7. Virtual Meetings for RPSC/Stamp Talks - Joe Trauzzi and Ed Kroft

Joe Trauzzi is looking for an assistant who can provide back-up and perhaps take over in time.

Ken Lemke and Joe Trauzzi are working on a slate of talks and panels for 2022.

Garfield Portch expressed his thanks on behalf of the board to Joe Trauzzi for pulling together and hosting all the talks and panels.

Joe Trauzzi asked that a blurb be put in the next newsletter asking for volunteers for the Zoom meetings.

The Board considered a new Sparks Auctions sponsorship agreement for the Zoom presentations and panels. The new agreement includes an increase in the funding for 2022 and 2023. The increase in funding is to help the RPSC promote itself at CAPEX22. There was a discussion about asking for reciprocal advertising in auction catalogues and their website. There were concerns about other companies asking for the same reciprocal agreement.

Motion: To approve the contract subject to amendments made by Ed Kroft in discussions with Sparks Auctions. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by: Robert Pinet. Motion passed. Stephane Cloutier abstained.

Ed Kroft will approach the other auction houses about similar sponsorship opportunities.

8. CAPEX 22 - RPSC responsibilities - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft reviewed some of the plans in place for CAPEX22. The RPSC AGM and Fellows meeting have been scheduled. Time slots are available for presentations in both English and French.

Darin Cherniwchan has volunteered to be in charge of the RPSC booth. He wants to know his budget and whether it will cover the production of an RPSC sponsored show cover. Ed Kroft indicated that the intention is that the budget should come out of the Sparks Auctions funds.

Motion: To allocate a budget of \$2000 for draping, signage and promotional items for a booth promoting the RPSC at CAPEX22. Moved by Ken Lemke, seconded by John Sharp. Motion passed.

Motion: To approve a promotion of 50% off e-membership for first time RPSC members who sign up at CAPEX22. Moved by Ken Lemke, seconded by Robert Pinet. Motion passed with the acknowledgement of board members who sit on the CAPEX22 organizing committee.

9. Update on Francophilately Committee - Grégoire Tessyier

It was reported that articles in French will appear in upcoming issues of TCP.

10. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Sodero

Jane Sodero reported that things are being posted on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook in both French and English.

11. Update on CAPEX 22 and FIP matters - David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin will be attending the FIP – FIAF meetings in Argentina next week. He is hoping that they will agree to hold the next assembly at CAPEX22.

He also reported on other upcoming international shows including the Emirates show in January and London22 in February

With respect to CAPEX22, the venue is in place and the bourse is filled. At this time, 24 societies are participating and there is to be a team competition sponsored by AAPE. Sponsorships have been secured from both APS and BNAPS. Exhibit targets will be met with 84 exhibits from Canada alone as of today and more exhibits promised.

Ed Kroft thanked to David and the show committee for all their hard work.

12. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

December 1 is the deadline for the next issue.

13. Judging - Joel Weiner

Report circulated.

14. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Mike Walsh

Nothing to report

15. Update from the Greene Foundation - Garfield Portch

The VGG open again. Researchers can visit by appointment only with proof of vaccination and with masking and social distancing. Thanks to both LeeAnn Stewart and Willow, librarian at the VGG for their work and research over the shutdown and beyond.

16. Membership Benefits - George Pepall

The committee is promoting certain elements of the member benefits through articles and brochures which can be distributed at CAPEX22 and other shows.

17. Volunteers Programme - Ed Kroft

The AGM will be held at noon on June 12th. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible.

18. Directors for 2022/2023 and Succession - Ed Kroft

There will be two vacancies for June. Ed Kroft's term ends in June so thought must be given to a successor.

19. Other Business

No other business.

Next meeting: TBD