

## RPSC Board Meeting – September 19, 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 7:32 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. Jane Sodero to act as secretary.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2021 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes.

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the May 2, 2021 board meeting. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by John Hall. Motion passed.**

3. Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees - Lee Ann Stewart  
It was reported that the volunteer certificates have all been mailed. A recent article in Canadian Stamp News about insurance has prompted several calls about insurance for clubs. The CRA has been given an updated list of board members.

Lee Ann Stewart asked for clarification about the format of The Canadian Philatelist for 2022 so that she can give new and renewing members the correct information.

4. Royal 2021 Update - Steve Johnson

Royal 2021 Royale has attracted 72 exhibits most of which are single frames. Many of the exhibitors are from outside Canada.

Six stamp talks are scheduled as well as two judging seminars. These will need to be advertised on Facebook and other social media.

The Judge's feedback session is scheduled for Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the formal talks and seminars, some social time is scheduled with ability to have break-out rooms.

Overall, the organization is going smoothly. A sponsor is needed for the single frame grand award.

**Motion: For The RPSC to sponsor a single frame grand award for Royal\*2021\*Royale up to \$100. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Mike Walsh. Motion passed.**

5. Financial Update, Grants - John Sharp

John Sharp reported that the federal TPC grant for this year remained the same as previous years. He did note that this could change for next year.

There was some discussion of the four hard copies and two digital copies of TCP. The recommendation was that the best course of action from a financial standpoint was to continue with the four plus two in anticipation of a reduction in the grant. The slight surplus would give the RPSC some options for other programs in the future.

**Motion: To continue with four hard copies and two digital copies of TCP for 2022. Moved by John Sharp; seconded by Ken Lemke. Motion passed.**

5a. Phila Print Contract

There was clarification of certain aspects of the contract including the cost per issue.

**Motion: To adopt the Philaprint contract as presented to the Board. Moved by John Sharp; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.**

6. Update on TCP and Website - Robin Harris

The Sept/Oct issue of TCP should be in mailboxes shortly. Robin Harris reported that he needs articles. One suggestion is to approach members directly based on collecting interests.

Based on the success of the joint hockey issue, the American Philatelist editor, Gary Loew, has suggested more cooperation between APS and RPSC in their publications.

With respect to the website, the videos from panels and presentations are creating a great resource for collectors.

It has been suggested that website security (anti-spam) should be upgraded. Robin Harris will investigate this further.

The full report from Robin Harris is attached to these minutes.

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

The stamp talks are popular with the last few talks drawing up to 90 participants. A host still has not been found for the French talks – suggestions are welcome.

For the coming year, Joe Trauzzi is looking for help with the Stamp Panels. They aren't as popular as the talks but still get a fair amount of interest.

There was an indication that Sparks Auctions might be interested in continuing as sponsors.

Board members asked if the costs of the Zoom license could fall under the RPSC Foundation. This is a question for the Foundation board.

The suggestion was made that different videos available for free for non-members on a rotational basis. Jane Soderro could promote this through the Facebook page.

8. CAPEX 22 - RPSC responsibilities-Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft and David McLaughlin to talk off-line. Ed Kroft will recirculate the list

9. Update on Francophilately Committee - Grégoire Tessyier

Grégoire Tessyier said that the priority of the committee is to translate the RPSC website but there was no progress this summer. He will be looking to involve the Fédération québécoise de philatélie.

George Pepall reported that he has made contact with the Fédération Française des Associations Philatéliques (FFAP) about sharing articles in the respective journals.

10. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Sodero

Jane Sodero reported that Facebook page continues to get a lot of traffic. The Twitter and Instagram accounts have been idle after losing the volunteer but can be revitalised at any time with the right volunteer, preferably someone who is bilingual.

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

David McLaughlin shared that the bourse is pretty well sold out and the dealers are helping with show promotion. He attended the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Chicago in August and received a good reception. The Maresch Auction will be of the Fred Fawn collection. To date, about 120 exhibit entries have been completed with more daily.

From an FIP perspective, shows are continuing with several deadlines coming up in the next few months.

12. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

There was a summer hiatus but the newsletter was back with the September issue. He is preparing the October issue with a deadline of Sunday, Sept. 26.

13. Judging and Payments to Judges in Virtual Exhibitions - Joel Weiner

To date, The RPSC has not been offering an honorarium for judges for the Canadian shows although the US shows have been offering one.

**Motion: That The RPSC provide compensation for the Jury of Royal\*2021\*Royale Ken Lemke; seconded by David McLaughlin Abstentions: Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu, Grégoire Tessyier, Steve Johnson. Motion carried.**

**Motion: That an honorarium of \$125 be offered to judges at National Virtual shows designated by The RPSC. Moved by Ken Lemke. Seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Abstentions: Jane Sodero, Ed Kroft, Joel Weiner, Grégoire Tessyier, David McLaughlin, Stéphane Cloutier, Robert Pinet, Sam Chiu, John Hall, Steve Johnson. Motion carried.**

Joel Weiner reiterated that he is always looking for new judges

14. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Mike Walsh

Nothing to report

15. Update from the Greene Foundation - Garfield Portch

The VGG still closed but they will reassess once the vaccine passport system is in place. At that point it may open for researchers but not for meetings.

16. Membership Benefits - George Pepall

New members are being added at a rate of 100 to 110 per year.

The committee plans to have a detailed writeup of each of the nine benefits listed on Page 4 of TCP written up in detail and published. The sales circuit has been done, and Garfield is doing insurance.

The Membership Committee have committed to be present at CAPEX22 and help in any way we can.

It was noted that Lee Ann Stewart gives several warnings before striking people off for non-payment. Sometimes, only once they are cut off, they realize and decide to pay their dues.

17. Volunteers Programme - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft reminded Board members to send nominations to Lee Ann Stewart for the 2022 awards.

18. Directors for 2022/2023 - Ed Kroft

It was noted that if we want to extend our tenure on the board, current Board members must reapply. Ed Kroft's term as president will be finished after June 2022. Lee Ann Stewart will circulate a list of who is due for renewal or stepping down.

19. Other Business

The Board members thank the organizers of the virtual Royal\*2021\*Royale – John Sheffield and Steve Johnson.

There was a brief discussion about COVID protocols for National Shows and a policy from The RPSC for RPSC sponsored shows. Jane Sodero suggested that it should be broadly worded so as to cover all jurisdictions and the ever-changing requirements.

No other business.

Next meeting: November 21, 2021