

RPSC Board Meeting – September 13, 2020

	Present	Regrets
David McLaughlin	x	
Ed Kroft	x	
Garfield Portch	x	
George Pepall (non-voting)	x	
Grégoire Teyssier		
Hugo Deshayé	x	
Ingo Nessel		x
Jane Soderó	x	
Joe Trauzzi	x	
Joel Weiner	x	
John Hall	x	
John Sharp (non-voting)	x	
Ken Lemke	x	
Lee Ann Stewart	x	
Mike Walsh	x	
Robert Pinet	x	
Robin Harris (non-voting)	x	
Sam Chiu	x	
Stéphane Cloutier		x
Steve Johnson	x	
Stuart Keeley (non-voting)	x	

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm AT, quorum having been met.

The Board sends their condolences to Michèle Cartier on the death of her husband, Denis. The Board also thanked Michèle Cartier for her time serving on the Board.

2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2020 Board Meeting – Jane Soderó circulated.

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the June 1, 2020 board meeting with minor amendments. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Ken Lemke. Passed.

3. 2020 AGM and related preparation (Zoom meeting notices, publication of financial statements, reports) - December 9 - Ed Kroft

The AGM of the RPSC will be held December 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern via Zoom (provided by the West Toronto Stamp Club). The link for the meeting will be sent out by Lee Ann Stewart. Further information will be circulated to the Directors.

There will be no in-person meeting held due to various COVID restrictions. Notice of the AGM for RPSC members will be in the next issue of The Canadian Philatelist.

Reports of various offices including financial report will be posted on the website by the beginning of November.

Nominations for new directors for next year are due by the end of December 2020.

4. Welcome to John Sharp - Treasurer in waiting - Ed Kroft

The Board welcomed John Sharp to the meeting as he takes over as treasurer from Stuart Keeley

5. Welcome to Ken Lemke and other new /returning directors - Ed Kroft

The Board welcomed Ken Lemke as he takes over the remainder of Michèle Cartier's term.

Action Item – As Ken Lemke is completing the term of Michèle Cartier, he wishes to confirm the end date of the current term.

6. Update on TCP and the Website - Reports from Robin Harris

The next issue of TCP will be sent to printer on Monday, September 14. The Nov/Dec issue is ready to go with a Christmas theme. Michael Madesker would like to see the 30th anniversary of the bilingual masthead on TCP acknowledged in January 2021.

7. Financial Update and Philaprint Grant status - Stuart Keeley and Mike Walsh - material to be circulated by Stuart Keeley

Stuart Keeley provided a financial update and discussed the shortfall between revenue and expenditure. Critical issues in addition to the cost of the TCP include: seriously declining membership numbers and few younger dealers.

A discussion about various options ensued – from a smaller or shorter journal to converting to either a partial or complete e-journal. It was noted that converting to an e-journal will mean the loss of the Philaprint grant. Board members agreed that some sort of change must happen. Some members want to move to an e-journal and see support for that option while others wondered whether members expect or prefer a hard copy. Other societies have moved to an e-journal which has significantly cut expenses and the membership is satisfied.

Ed Kroft pointed out that if a change is to be made to either the delivery method or the number of issues per year that decision should be made before the AGM and dues renewal.

There was a discussion about other revenue options – advertising, circuit books, grants from the VGG and BNAPS for youth activities and articles.

Action Item - A committee comprised of John Sharp (chair), Ken Lemke, Mike Walsh, David McLaughlin, Steve Johnson and Stuart Keeley will look at TCP issue and report back to the Board before Thanksgiving.

8. Update from National Office - Lee Ann Stewart

Lee Ann Stewart reported that things are running smoothly at the office. There have been 19 new members added since June 1. She noted that the volunteer recognition program is very successful and that certificates will go out by the end of September. She has had a number of membership enquiries from Americans as well as a gift membership request. She suggested that gift membership might be something to consider.

Ed Kroft shared that a number of emails have come from a “president @ rpsc” type address looking for money. He confirmed that these are scams and urged Board members to be aware.

9. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Sodero

The Social Media committee met in mid-July. Since that time, posts have been more regular and there has been an increase in the reach of the page. More and different types of posts will be added in the next few months.

Action Item – Jane Sodero asked Mike Walsh for a graphic to promote gift memberships

10. Virtual Stamp Exhibition in Canada - David McLaughlin (report circulated)

There is a demand for virtual shows as pandemic continues. David McLaughlin noted that some other countries are allowing exhibits to qualify for international shows through virtual shows.

The Committee is looking for a host club for a virtual show. Joel Weiner to work out the judging and accreditation of the show. It cannot be a WSP accredited show at this time due to CANEJ requirements.

Joel Weiner pointed out that to have a show in the winter a prospectus, entry form and a slate of judges need to be ready by the end of November. David McLaughlin said he was trying to avoid the dates of the Edmonton Spring National Show, in case that show can go ahead as usual. Steve Johnson suggested looking at working with CANPEX organizers.

David McLaughlin suggested a single frame exhibition and then perhaps look at a multi-frame exhibition for later in the year.

Motion – To continue to explore the prospect of a holding a virtual show and approach a club to host the virtual show. Moved by Joe Trauzzi; seconded by Steve Johnson. Passed.

Action Item - A report back to the board by Thanksgiving – Joel Weiner and Steve Johnson to be added to the committee.

11. Charitable Application status and status of strategic plan implementation - Ed Kroft

The RPSC's application to CRA was returned with the comment that without more a significant education component, the RPSC does not meet the requirements for tax exempt status. Ed Kroft asked if the Board wants to continue to pursue this goal or withdraw the application.

The overwhelming reaction was that, as this time, the RPSC cannot fulfill the education component. In the future, if the Society increases its role in education of new/returning and youth collectors, there is the option to reapply. The RPSC Foundation has tax exempt status so board members felt that there should be a focus on the Foundation.

Motion – To withdraw the application to CRA for tax-exempt status and, if deemed appropriate, consider reapplying in the future. Moved by Joe Trauzzi; seconded by David McLaughlin. Passed.

12. FIP update - David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin reported the following updates to his previously circulated report. Indonesia 2020 has officially been postponed to an as yet unspecified date in 2022.

IBRA 2021 in Essen Germany which was earlier postponed to 2023 has now announced the

new dates as May 25-28, 2023. The quota of 8 exhibits that RPSC was invited to submit to the FAEF EXPO 2020 virtual exhibition in Argentina has been filled.

13. Update on CAPEX 22 – David McLaughlin

With 21 months until the show, David McLaughlin had no new updates. An organizing committee meeting is scheduled.

14. Update on Royal 2021 - Ed Kroft

Royal 2021 Royale is still going ahead at this time. Ed Kroft wants to Board to be mindful that the organizing committee has deadlines from the Municipality and event venues in March 2021. We will need to keep an eye on this as COVID situation evolves.

15. Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee - George Pepall

Tabled to the next meeting. It was noted that Ken Lemke will be replacing Sam Chiu on the committee.

16. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

A newsletter should be sent out in the next week and another in October. Mike Walsh is looking for submissions from Board members.

17. Judging - Joel Weiner

Tabled

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

Tabled

19. Report from VGG - David McLaughlin

Tabled

20. APS Partnership on TCP and AP - Hockey Issue - Ed Kroft - July 28 email

Robin Harris will be the guest editor for an issue of the American Philatelist with a focus on hockey.

21. Thirtieth Anniversary of TCP Bilingual Masthead - Sam Chiu

Covered under item #6.

22. Relationship with Other Philatelic Societies - Ed Kroft, David McLaughlin

Tabled

23. RPSC Youth Support - Ken Lemke

BNAPS has given the Royal Foundation funds in the past to support youth philately. BNAPS would like to hear from the Royal Foundation about how money is used.

Action Item – Ed Kroft will speak to the appropriate person at the RPSC Foundation to ensure an acknowledgement of the donation is sent to BNAPS along with information about how the donation is used.

24. Virtual Meetings for RPSC - volunteers - Ed Kroft and Sam Chiu

Joe Trauzzi brought forward a proposal for a speaker's series. He suggested looking for sponsors to cover the cost of a Zoom account. There was some discussion about whether meetings/webinars should be open to everyone or just to RPSC members. One suggestion was to have them open to everyone but that the recorded videos would be posted to the RPSC website for members only. Ken Lemke offered to pay for the Zoom account. He also asked that topics include information for new collectors. David McLaughlin suggested trying to target APS members who collect Canada as a significant number of APS members list Canada as one of their collecting interests.

Motion – To support Joe Trauzzi's development of virtual programming for the RPSC. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Sam Chiu. Passed.

25. Committee to update corporate constitution-Ed Kroft

Tabled

26. Other business

Tabled

Motion – To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Hugo Deshayé. Passed.

Next meeting to be held in October