

**Minutes of November 24, 2019**  
**RPSC Board of Directors Meeting (Teleconference)**

**Present:**

Michele Cartier	Stuart Keeley
Sam Chiu	David McLaughlin
Stephane Cloutier	Robert Pinet
Hugo Deshaye	Mike Walsh
John Hall	Joel Weiner
Ed Kroft	

**Regrets:**

George Pepall  
Arlene Sullivan  
Jim Taylor

**1. Call to Order and Quorum**

Ed Kroft called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

**2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2019**

***Motion to Approve: moved by Sam Chiu. Seconded: John Hall. Approved.***

**3. Membership and Website**

Membership: Discussion around question of allowing Honourary Life Members to receive hard copies of *The Canadian Philatelist* (TCP). Life Members and members of 50 Year Club now receive hard copies.

***Motion to not provide hard copies to Honourary Life Members: moved by Michele Cartier. Seconded: Joel Weiner. Against: Sam Chiu. Carried.***

Lee Anne Stewart to update letter to Honourary Life Members and send out. There is a need to get e-mail addresses from these members, as RPSC only has one-third.

Website: Ed Kroft relayed information from Robin Harris. Website has been moved to new, cheaper site. Blog is functioning again after having been hacked a few times. Robin Harris will monitor. He requests funds (approximately \$275 CDN) a year and approval to install new firewall and vulnerability software.

***Motion to approve funding and installation: moved by Joel Weiner. Seconded: Sam Chiu. Carried.***

Robin Harris commented on the fact that he has been editor for one year. He thanked Trajan for layout. Need letters to the editor. Waiting for Royale 2020 Royal documents and volunteer information to get out next TCP.

LeeAnn Stewart to follow up with Rob Lunn regarding registration and promotion of Royal 2020.

#### **4. Financial Update**

Stuart Keeley explained that the TCP is completely paid and RPSC is awaiting \$1,000 from Royal 2019.

RPSC incurred \$145 bill for printing of three handouts for Zoomer Show. Mike Walsh produced colour handout for free. Only five clubs plus North Toronto Stamp Club responded to request for information to be listed on handouts.

***Motion to provide \$145 for printing expenses: moved by David McLaughlin. Seconded: Robert Pinet. Carried.***

#### **5. Charitable Status Application**

Ed Kroft finalized application and sent it off for approval in early November. No acknowledgement yet. Ed to follow-up.

#### **6. Philaprint Grant**

Government has not announced 2020-2021 deadline to apply for grant.

**Action item:** Ingo Nessel letter of October 2, 2019. Trajan and Stuart Keeley and Mike Walsh to separate all production costs from printing costs. Board thanks Stuart and Mike for their assistance.

Grant may drop from \$14 K to \$10 K in 2020-2021, according to Stuart Keeley.

## **7. RPSC Foundation**

RPSC discussed Foundation's offer to pay up to \$3,000 (\$500 for six) for youth articles in TCP. RPSC agreed to this. Payment might be deferred to 2020. Stuart Keeley and Garfield Portch to discuss.

## **8. Nominations for Directors**

Those Directors whose terms are ending in June and wish to stand again in June 2020 must send in their Nomination Forms soon.

Bob Carswell and David Lank resigned. The Board will miss their participation and thanks both for their contributions to the RPSC.

Joe Trauzzi and Steve Johnson are to be invited to next Directors' meeting, with Board approval. Both have received positive comments from other Board members.

***Motion to invite Joe Trauzzi and Steve Johnson to fill current vacancies and serve as Directors: moved by Mike Walsh. Seconded: Sam Chiu. Carried.***

LeeAnn Stewart to remind current Directors and to distribute Nomination Forms as needed.

## **9. Vincent Graves Green (VGG) Board Meeting**

Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu and David McLaughlin attended VGG Board Meeting. Ted Nixon has been replaced by Garfield Portch as Chair of the Board. Attendees discussed possibility of VGG donating funds to RPSC, possible for Academy for Canadian Judges. Ted Nixon to stay on Expertizing Committee.

## **10. Toronto Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (TAPE) Meeting**

Sam Chu and Ed Kroft stepped down as directors and will be replaced by Charles Verge and David McLaughlin. Name of organization to be changed to Canadian Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (CAPE). CAPEX 2022 will be funded and fundraising campaign launched shortly by CAPE. CAPE could also run seminars for judges.

## **11. International Committee**

There is a need for more Commissioners for future international shows. At present, Canada only has three – Charles Verge, Ed Kroft and David McLaughlin. This limits Canada's involvement.

## **12. Newsletter**

Mike Walsh reported that the President's Column is popular. He thanked Sam Chiu and George Pepall for being regular contributors. Directors were urged to submit in order to keep people abreast of what is going on philatelically across Canada.

Michele Cartier expressed willingness to translate articles from French to English. Robert Pinet also volunteered.

Michele stressed importance of publishing research from Quebec philatelists in French in Newsletter.

## **13. RPSC Foundation**

Robert Pinet has been appointed as a director to the Foundation Board. BNAPS has expressed interest in making donation for Youth Philately.

## **14. Updates on Royal 2020 and Royal 2021**

Royal 2020 Jury Panel will include Jim Taylor (Head Judge), Ian McMann, Tim Bartsche, Jane Sodero and Gary Steele.

Board discussed Peterborough Organizing Committee proposal for Royal 2021, including need for Rod Paige to contact Peterborough Committee, need for pro-forma Budget Form to be submitted with more details.

Sam Chiu has summarized financial reports for past 10 years. Should be distributed by January 2020.

Need for Organizing Committees to submit deliverables. Approval of Budget deferred pending feedback from David McLaughlin and Rod Paige.

***Motion to approve Peterborough as site of Royal 2021 proposed by Doug McLaughlin.***

***Seconded: Sam Chiu. Carried.***

## **15. Royal 2022**

Sam Chiu to discuss proposal to host joint BNAPS- Royal show in Calgary in 2022.

## **16. FIP Seminar**

FIP Seminar in Toronto was very successful. Board thanks VGG for its participation.

**17. Judging**

Nothing to report, except Royal 2020 judging panel.

**18. CSDA Liaison**

Nothing to report.

**19. Volunteers and Nominations**

Program honouring volunteers was very successful last year. LeeAnn sent out pins and certificates to honourees who were not in attendance.

RPSC is aiming to distribute pins and certificates and have announcement in TCP for Royal 2020.

**20. Membership Recruitment**

Nothing to report.

**21. Social Media Committee**

Sam Chiu informed Board that Leon Matthys is posting a lot on our website and not spending anything. RPSC has neither an Instagram account nor Twitter feed.

**22. Audio Visual Program**

Report deferred.

**23. Other Business**

Insurance coverage for RPSC chapters increased from \$2 Million to \$5 Million on November 15, 2019.

**24. Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: proposed by Sam Chiu.***

Next meeting January 2020.