

RPSC Executive Committee Meeting
April 8, 2017
11:15 am – 2:41 pm
Vincent G. Greene Foundation

1. *Welcome and Overview of the Meeting*

Present: George Pepall, Rod Paige, Rob Timberg, Garfield Portch

Regrets: David Oberholtzer

2. *Amendment and Approval of Agenda as Distributed*

Motion moved by Rod Paige; seconded by Robert Pinet. Carried.

3. *Approval of Records of Decisions*

- January 25/2016 - missing

- July 18/2016 – Rob Timberg to provide to Robin Harris for RPSC web page after final editing

- August 19/2016 - Robert Pinet to provide to Robin Harris for RPSC web page and Margaret Schulzke

- October 16/2016 – Robert Pinet to complete rough draft

- December 9/2016 – Already posted on RPSC webpage

4. *Interim Financial Report*

Provided by David Oberholtzer

Motion to accept report: moved: Rod Paige; seconded: Robert Pinet. Carried.

5. *Membership Report*

Provided by David Oberholtzer

- Consistency of membership noted, along with bringing in new members – 2015-2017.

- Noted number of new members

- Discussion re: Multiple Year Memberships. At present, members may renew for up to three years. Rob Timberg to mention this in his next National Office column in *The Canadian Philatelist*.

- At present, 138 members have not renewed – Garfield Portch to e-mail each member individually.

Motion to accept report: moved: Robert Pinet ; seconded, Rod Paige. Carried.

6. *Royal 2016 Financials*

Provided by David Oberholtzer

Motion to accept report: Moved: Rod Paige; Seconded: Robert Pinet. Carried.

7. *Updating Lists on Website: judges, audio-visual programs*

Rod Paige talked with Rick Day. Good idea for CSDA to be responsible for stolen collections / problems within community. Link to CSDA website will be added to RPSC website. Would also provide access to a long-term listing (i.e., a record).

Robin Harris needs okay from Executive Committee to make changes to website.

Rod Paige to contact Robin Harris to link Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association (CSDA) website (Roy Lingen is CSDA website manager.)

Judges List out of date. George to contact David Piercey.

8. *The Canadian Philatelist (TCP) Issues:*

- More articles have been appearing in French.
- Garfield Portch to update five audio-visual programs in English to website. (French to follow.)
- Plan is to continue to publish articles in one language in Journal and post translation on RPSC website. This would move people to visit our website. One language in article in journal; translated other language on website.
- Our New Editor: Herb Colling
- Board to provide Herb Colling with 20 copies of next issue of *TCP* for distribution in Windsor for sale to public. Garfield Portch to follow up with Herb.

9. *RPSC Tables*

- Boucherville: May 26-28 (ROYALE) – Rod Paige will man it in Boucherville. Volunteers needed in two-hour shifts.
- Hamilton: July 22-23 (PHSC Symposium) – Rod Paige and George Pepall to volunteer for table duty. Robert Timberg to make call for volunteers in his TCP column.
- London: October 14-15 (CANPEX) – Rob Timberg to make call for volunteers in his TCP column.

10. *Role of Directors*

- There was a discussion about the problems that can arise when members, especially directors or officers of The RPSC, speak as if their opinions represent the position of the Society.

After amendment by our legal counsel, the following message was subsequently approved. Moved by Rod Paige; seconded by David Oberholtzer. Carried.

"As part of our governance work, I am writing to remind all directors and/or officers of The RPSC to remember to refrain from expressing personal opinions about matters in circumstances in which it may be reasonable for others to conclude that these personal opinions represent the official position of The RPSC. Consequently, should you wish to express personal views that might be perceived to be those of The RPSC (but have not been endorsed by The RPSC), then please caveat your remarks by first stating that these are your own personal views and not those of The RPSC."

11. *RPSC Bling (Pins, Note Cards)*

Notes to be printed with new logo and on less shiny paper. Garfield Portch to approach colleague regarding manufacture of a couple of hundred new RPSC membership pins.

12. Regular Newsletter

It has been suggested by Ed Kroft that the RPSC consider communicating regularly through a regular online newsletter. While Executive Committee appreciates the suggestion, Society lacks the specialized human resources to accomplish this on a regular basis.

13. Facebook Presence

Rob Timberg advised that Jesse Robitaille and Ingo Nessel have offered to help with the development of a Facebook page for the Society.

14. Blog

Re Peter Kritz suggestion, RPSC regrets lack of time and human resources to do this.

15. Lloyd Field Recruitment Project

Regarding his report, Lloyd Field will be elected Director at the coming AGM. The board will be asked to appoint him to run the project (Lloyd also wishes to volunteer for the Youth Initiative).

16. Youth Initiative

- Stuart Keeley + Jacques Poitras + Peter Butler
 - George Pepall to approach RPSC Foundation to buy 500 copies (@ \$2.50 each) of new “My Treasure Chest” stamp book for children (and other beginners). This is the English version of a French booklet, “Mon propre coffre”.
 - Will be made available to adults at RPSC Youth Tables, to be distributed to interested children.
 - It will also be distributed through RPSC Directors to shows in their regions.
- Motion to approve moved by Robert Pinet; Seconded by Rod Paige. Carried.

17. World Letter Writing Day

World Letter Writing day is September 1, 2017.

<http://worldletterwritingday.businesscatalyst.com>

This day is to be mentioned in Rob Timberg’s National Office column in *TCP*.

18. RPSC elections in Boucherville (Royal 2017 Royale)

- Shortage of Directors?
- Costs of Attending?
- Two directors standing for reelection - Stuart Keeley and Robert Lunn; three are standing for the first time – Lloyd Field, Kitchener; Sam Chiu, Toronto; Martin Schofield, Saskatoon.
- Five directors are leaving the Board at Boucherville: George Pepall, Rod Paige, David Oberholtzer, Marilyn Melancon, Francois Brisse.
- Discussion of others who might be interested in joining the board.
- George has sent a “Bienvenue du president” to the Boucherville program.
- Charles Verge has agreed to say the “thank yous” to the departing directors at the AGM.

19. Possible Royal 2019 (and following years) Royale locations

- Rod Paige has approached:
 - Victoria / Vernon, BC / PIPEX
 - Vancouver
 - Calgary
 - Fredericton
 - Ottawa
 - Toronto

20. Royal 2018 Royale

- An advertisement for the St. Catharines Royal (2018) Royale will go into the Boucherville program.

21. Future Planning for RPSC Conventions (Royals):

- Further to Stuart Keeley's email of March 29, 2017, idea is for directors in each area to take on the job of encouraging local clubs to host Royals. Possibility of nominating a "point person"; need for rotation of settings.
- This needs to be discussed at next Board meeting.

22. Adjournment

Motion moved by Robert Pinet, seconded by Rod Paige. Carried (2:41 pm)