

Minutes RPSC Board Meeting

February 25, 2024

1. Meeting opened at 6:30

Present

Gregg Redner, John Sharp, Chris McFetridge, Joel Weiner, Phil Visser, Jeff Slein, Selene Tang, Sam Chiu, Mario Chevrette, Jane Sodero, Peter Macdonald

Ex Officio: Robin Harris, Lee Ann Stewart

Meeting agenda adopted as presented without additions. Mario moved acceptance.

2. Minutes of the April meetings accepted as presented (were not available at time of the November meeting). The November minutes were accepted as amended. Moved by Joel Weiner seconded by Mario Chevrette.
3. Communications:
 - a. Orapex donation of \$150 approved
 - b. David McLaughlin has resigned as the International Exhibition Liaison contact. Recommended to approach Ed Kroft on serving in this function.
 - c. Young Collectors/Lloyd Field Stamp Academy. An application is being developed for membership. Other initiatives are a virtual album. At present six people members and is starting to build. Jeff and Selene to be board representatives.
4. Treasurers Report. We are in a good cash flow situation, however, the budget calls for a \$10,000 deficit. A question was raised if the RPSC would participate with the Boston 2026 as part of "Team Canada" Table. Motion by John Sharp:
 - a. RPSC join Team Canada at Boston 2026. There is a potential cost of US \$12,500. Approved
 - b. Financial Statement presented by John. Motion to approve as presented made by John Sharp and Seconded by Jane Sodero to accept the December Financial Statement.
5. Committee Reports: As presented.
6. New Business
 - a. RPSC Foundation: Jane Sodero has joined the board.

- b. International Exhibit Liaison: A Canadian exhibit was disqualified by the CBSA at the US border. Problem is being worked on, but the CBSA process hasn't changed.
 - c. Exhibiting: Joel presented his report as circulated
 - d. CAAP: No board meeting since the November RPSC meeting.
 - e. A matter was raised about the Paywall for researching past editions of The Canadian Philatelist on the website. It is presently 8 years. With some discussion it was agreed that the period be set at 3 years. These adjustments were made immediately by Robin Harris, Thank you Robin for the quick response!
 - f. A discussion arose on the membership renewal date. The hope was that a different time of year might attract more members. The renewal date is tied into the financial year end and would become an accounting nightmare for the Treasurer. Decided to leave the renewal date unchanged.
7. Committee Restructuring: Gregg reported some preliminary ideas but will report back at the next meeting. A plan is in place to host Zoom Exhibiting Classes in the upcoming months.
8. Board Elections 2024: With Jane Sodero's resignation as Vice President, Peter Macdonald has agreed to accept that position. Nomination for New Board Members are Bruce Pollock, Alan Hills and Dianne Earl. Retiring Board members are Jane Sodero, Joel Weiner, Gregoire Teyssier
9. Other Business: Due to the passing of the Chair, the Edmonton Club has withdrawn their application to host The Royal in 2024. Fredericton has agreed to fill in for this year.
10. Adjournment: Meeting closed at 7:45