

**RPSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
VGG Office**

**Present: George Pepall, Rod Paige, David Oberholtzer, Garfield Portch,
Robert Timberg , Robert Pinet**

Meeting began at 4:15 pm

1. Welcome and overview of the meeting (GFP); appointment of the Secretary (All)

Thanks to Rob T for revision of agenda . Approval of Robert P as meeting secretary.

2. Agenda: review, amendment as necessary, approval (All)

Motion to approve agenda. Moved by Rod P. Seconded by David O. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Record of Decisions for February 10, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. (All)

Motion to table. Moved by Robert P. Seconded by Rod P. Tabled.

4. Financial Update (DO)

Year on budget. Shortfall in revenue due to lower donations and other income (including US dollar account).

Journal costs in line with 2014 numbers. Advertising costs slightly down.

2014 Statement – down \$7,000 due to expenditures on professional fees.

Draft 2015 budget will show excess of revenue over expenses of \$8,000.

Again this year, RPSC received grant from Heritage Canada.

5. Membership Update (DO)

Total membership to date is 1,591. Up 68 new members and down 127 since last year. RPSC also dropped two Chapters. Now have 77.

Adoption moved by David O. Seconded by Rod P. Motion carried.

6. Informal Survey of ex-Members (RT)

Response rate has been 5%. From people who have responded, two main reasons given for dropping RPSC membership are health and that they cannot financially participate in the hobby generally. Rob T. to pursue and keep Executive Committee informed of future findings.

7. Trademark Protection (RT)

RPSC registered CAPEX, but not STAMPEX.

Can we register name? Company called STAMPEX dissolved in 1992 or 1993. We do not know where its assets went. It would cost to do online research.

Do we need the name? Use of STAMPEX was given to GTAPA shows by Michael Madesker from 2003 to 2006. Is it rested in GTAPA? Or was STAMPEX absorbed by TAPE?

Decision of Executive is to continue with status quo.

8. Status of Unification of RPSC Foundation and CAPE (GFP)

Both RPSC Foundation and TAPE are charitable. Choice is to either create a new charitable organization or merge both into TAPE.

TAPE's mandate supports youth philately, philatelic research and stamp exhibitions. But could be used as a fundraising tool.

Could we launch a fundraiser to buy frames after NY 2016?

Executive Committee will discuss status with Ted Nixon.

9. TCP (All)

Approval of guidelines for authors:

Issue of eligibility of writers and commissioning articles.

Motion to end idea of paid commissions: "As a matter of general policy, TCP will not commission articles but may reimburse for expenses in particular cases. Moved by David O. Seconded by Rod P. Motion carried.

Editor's computer problems:

David O will continue to provide back-up computer to editor.

Articles translated for website:

Executive Committee supports notion of translating articles for website.

Rod P. moved that \$2,000 be set aside to pay for the translation of six articles, as chosen by TCP Editorial Board. Seconded by David O. Motion carried.

10. Geldert Committee Report and TCP (GP)

A solid Editorial Committee is now in place: Kevin O'Reilly, Ed Kroft, Charles Verge

11. Communications (RT)

Canadian Stamp News:

RobT. has been feeding the *Canadian Stamp News* information and articles.

Website services:

Rob T. can start working on a Facebook page for RPSC. Will get feedback from Directors.

George P. will discuss website service with Robin Harris.

12. David Piercey articles on exhibiting in TCP (RT)

Idea is to publish on RPSC website and later publish as a booklet

13. Older video presentations and creating new ones (GP)

Older video presentations have been difficult to transfer to PowerPoint or CD. Garfield P. will contact Marilyn Melanson in Nova Scotia to ship. RPSC will assume costs.

14. Need for a survey of directors and officers (RT)

Robert T. will investigate use of "Survey Monkey" for survey of directors and officers.

15. Halifax 2014 (All)

David O. has not seen any final financial statement. Robert T. to contact John Hall.

16. London 2015 (DO/All)

Financials not received yet. Rod P. to contact John Sheffield. Rob T. to also follow up.

17. Royal 2016. (DO/ All)

George P. reports that 12 dealers have already signed up. Rod P. will make further contact with other dealers.

KW will not be asking RPSC for start-up money.

20 rooms will be available at the Delta Hotel.

Frames are in London and will be accessible to KW committee.

18. RPSC Attendees at FILEX

Rod P. and George P. will be attending FILEX.

19. Boucherville 2017 (GP)

Boucherville 2017 will be 50th anniversary of FILEX. They will be using their own FILEX medals.

20. Future Conventions/Convention Guidelines (RP)

Discussion regarding Royal/Royale convention sites for 2018-2020.

Rod P. to review convention guidelines re: thanking of dealers.

21. New York 2015 update (GP)

Michael Deery has proposed chartering a bus to NY 2016. Executive Committee will decline offer.

RPSC to share table with BNAPS for 19 hours. Mention will be made in President's Column in TCP, seeking volunteers for two-hour shifts.

22. Request from J.J. Tillard for Grand Award Winners

Grand Award Winners already receive ruby pin or 10 Gold medals in three years.

23. Youth Philately/ Youth Ambassadors update (GP)

George P. continuing discussion with Yvon Latulippe on Youth Philately and will continue to promote in TCP.

24. Move of Sales Circuit from AB to BC update (GP)

Move will have no ill effects on sales circuit.

25. New Business (All)

APS Liaison

Peter Butler has requested to stop being our APS liaison. Executive Committee will approach Jim Taylor to see if he is interested in replacing Peter Butler.

George P. to seek clarity regarding sale of NY 2016 frames.

Volunteer positions

APS Liaison: Jim Taylor a possibility

Advertising manager: Jim Seplaki.

Put new Canada Post issues on RPSC website: Robin Harris and Ed Kroft

50-Year Membership Club: Margaret Schulzke

26. Next Meeting (All)

Next meeting will be held sometime in February 2016. Details to follow.

27. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn put forward by David O. Seconded by Rod P. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.