

RPSC Board Meeting – May 2, 2021

Board	<u>Present</u>	<u>Regrets</u>	Non-Voting	<u>Present</u>	<u>Regrets</u>
Sam Chiu	X		Robin Harris	X	
Stéphane Cloutier	X		Stuart Keeley	X	
Hugo Deshayé	X		Ingo Nessel	X	
John Hall	X		Garfield Portch	X	
Steve Johnson	X		George Pepall	X	
Ed Kroft	X		John Sharp	X	
Ken Lemke		X	Lee Ann Stewart	X	
David McLaughlin	X		Charles Verge	X	
Robert Pinet		X			
Jane Sodero	X				
Grégoire Tessyier	X				
Joe Trauzzi	X				
Joel Weiner	X				
Mike Walsh	X				

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. Jane Sodero to act as secretary.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2021 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes.

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the March 21, 2021 board meeting. Moved by Joe Trauzzi; seconded by Stéphane Cloutier. Motion passed.

3. Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees - Lee Ann Stewart
Lee Ann Stewart is in office one day a week but is able to work remotely the remainder of the time. She reported that there are 24 new members since last meeting. At the moment, she is focussing on chapter members who haven't renewed for this year. She has had several requests for extra copies of TCP Hockey issue.

In preparation for the AGM, several volunteer recognition nominations have come in. The link for the meeting is ready and she is putting together meeting package.

Action Item: Lee Ann Stewart is asking for committee heads for reports for the AGM.

4. Royal 2021 - Virtual Event and 2021 AGM - Ed Kroft, Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson spoke on behalf of the sub-committee. CANPEX is willing to hold the exhibiting end of a virtual Royal show from October 14 to 17, 2021. He anticipates being able to both both single and multi-frame exhibits with a limit of 80-85 exhibits – right now looking at about 55 multi-frame exhibits. Any meetings or seminars would be the responsibility of The RPSC.

There was a discussion of judging. Question of whether there would be an awards ceremony.

Motion: To hold a Virtual Royal/Royale in conjunction with CANPEX from October 14 to 17, 2021. Moved David McLaughlin; seconded by Sam Chiu. Motion passed.

Action Item: Lee Ann Stewart and Mike Walsh to prepare a press release for Virtual Royal Royale.

5. Financial Update, Grants - John Sharp

John Sharp circulated the financial statements prior to the meeting. He noted the cost of the digital-only TCP will be about \$1200-\$1500 per issue.

He mentioned a GIC which regularly rolls over and asked whether to leave it as it.

This question was referred to the finance committee which has been largely inactive.

Action Item: Lee Ann Stewart and John Sharp to determine if committee members are still interested in serving on the finance committee.

6. Update on TCP - Robin Harris

Robin Harris reports that the May TCP is at the printer. This is the joint hockey issue with the American Philatelist from the American Philatelic Society. The issue was made available on-line on Friday, April 30. The digital American Philatelist will be made available to RPSC members. He expressed his appreciation to all the contributors to this special issue.

7. Virtual Meetings for RPSC/Stamp Talks - Joe Trauzzi

Joe Trauzzi reported that the stamp talks and stamp panels have been running well and for the session there are already 62 people subscribed for the talk and 49 people subscribed for the panel. He also said that the Mail Chimp application is working very well.

He said that he still hasn't found someone to moderate and run the meetings in French but six French sessions are ready to be scheduled. Board members had several suggestions to follow up on.

Ed Kroft thanked Joe Trauzzi for putting together this initiative.

8. CAPEX 22 - RPSC responsibilities-Ed Kroft, Charles Verge

Charles Verge spoke about the role of The RPSC at previous CAPEX shows. Usually, the Royal AGM and the Fellows meeting were held at CAPEX. There were RPSC souvenirs (pins, certificates...) and a society table or lounge area. The CAPEXs also enabled promotion of The RPSC and saw an increase in membership around the events.

He specified that there was a coordinator who oversaw or organized the RPSC activities. The role of the RPSC coordinator is especially important since the CAPEX organizing committee members already have significant duties, none of which are to organize RPSC activities.

He noted that the FIAF assembly and lunch will be set later in the year and that the FIP technical commission seminars may be organized through David and Ingo.

His recommendation is to appoint a coordinator as has been done in other years. Ed Kroft asked for a volunteer.

9. Improvements to RPSC French Presence in Canada - Grégoire Tessyier

Grégoire Tessyier emphasized the need to promote The RPSC across Canada in French-speaking communities across Canada. He suggested starting with ensuring the RPSC website is fully bilingual.

He said that the inclusion of Francophones is a long-standing problem and the Board needs to formally recognize the issue. He suggested creating a small committee of Francophones to help with promotion of The RPSC in French-speaking communities. He noted that there may be a need for technical help with the translating the website, TCP, pamphlets and promotional materials. He hopes this will go towards meeting the needs and interest of more French-speaking philatelists. He also suggested that there could be connection made with philatelic federations in French-speaking countries.

Robin Harris thinks The RPSC used to have a French domain name. He said translation of website is fairly easily for static pages, a little more involved for the database and TCP pages.

Motion: The RPSC recognizes the need to improve and build the French presence of the Society. Moved David McLaughlin; seconded by Mike Walsh. Motion passed.

There was a discussion of potential committee members. Jane Soderro would like to see a representation on the committee from Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

It was noted that there is money in the budget for translation and initiatives to promote The RPSC in the French-speaking community.

10. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Soderro

Committee members continue to be active in posting to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Action Item: Robin Harris to add website url to the cover of TCP

Action Item: Robin Harris and other Board members to ensure that links to Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook are included on the website and in communications with Society members.

11. Update on CAPEX 22 and FIP matters - David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin gave an outline of what is going on in international shows. The Cape Town show has been postponed until next year. The Argentina show is scheduled for the fall. We have withdrawn from PhilaNippon due to the restrictions to exhibiting.

There are now five international shows taking place in 2022 but CAPEX 22 is unique with the single frames. CAPEX had a table a Virtual Stampex. The chat response wasn't as active as expected but it was still a valuable event. So far there has been a very good response from dealers. He noted that BNAPS and Trajan plus the three major Canadian auction houses are on board.

12. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

Mike Walsh asked that items for the next newsletter be submitted by May 6. He intends to send it out before the Stamp Talk on May 10.

Action Item: The deadline for the next newsletter is this May 6.

13. Judging - Joel Weiner

Joel Weiner reported that the US is beginning to host in-person shows.

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

Nothing to report

15. Report from VGG – David McLaughlin, Garfield Portch

Garfield Portch noted VGG is still shut down as per provincial regulations.

16. Membership Benefits - George Pepall

George Pepall said the membership benefits committee met. Among the topics discussed were: learning why people are hesitant to join The RPSC; creating a list of available webinars and presentations for RPSC Chapters.

He noted that committee members will be available to volunteer at CAPEX. He also said that Darin Cherniwchan is preparing an article for clubs preparing to return to in-person meetings.

17. Volunteers Programme - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft reminded Board Members that they have one month to send nominations to Lee Ann Stewart.

Action Item – Send Volunteer recognition nominations to Lee Ann Stewart.

18. Thanks to Hugo and Other Business

The Board thanked Hugo Deshayé for his service on the Board and looks forward to working with him on other projects in the future.

On behalf on the Board, Ingo Nessel thanked Ed Kroft for his leadership during this time.

No other business.

Next meeting: AGM