

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Directors and Officers Meeting
Friday, May 22, 2015
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Executive Board Room
London Convention Centre
London Ontario

Present: George Pepall, Marilyn Melanson, Rod Paige, Jim Taylor, David Oberholtzer, Robert Pinet, John Beddows, Jean Lafontaine. The following directors sent their apologies: David Piercy, Ernie Wlock, François Brisse, J.J. Danielski and Rob Lunn. Also in attendance at the meeting were the Webmaster, Robin Harris, the Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*, Anthony Shaman, the Executive Assistant, Margaret Shultke, an Officer, Garfield Portch and Peter Butler.

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

On motion, the President, George Pepall, took the Chair and Robert Pinet acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The President asked for **approval of the agenda**: Rod Paige so moved, seconded by Marilyn Melanson. Motion was carried.

George Pepall gave some highlights of his **The President's Report**, which included a call for collaboration at all levels of organized philately in Canada, the introduction of personal stories about stamp collecting by non-collectors in *The Canadian Philatelist*. Youth philately was also highlighted, especially the work of Yvan Latulippe, the Youth Commission, director François Brisse and the work of the Fédération Québécoise de Philatélie in bringing children to the hobby.

David Oberholtzer, the Treasurer, reviewed the **Financial Statements and Membership Report**. The motion to accept was moved by David Oberholtzer and seconded by Jim Taylor. Motion was carried.

Financial Statements revealed that total liabilities and equity was \$74,979 in FY 2014-15. There were also 1,147 dues paying members out of a total membership of 1,551.

There was also a discussion about the accommodation requirements for foreign judges at national stamp shows. Robert Pinet brought forward a motion that all foreign judges' expenses be covered by the RPSC, seconded by David Oberholtzer. Motion was defeated. The RPSC will assist in finding suitable accommodations for foreign judges at national stamp shows.

There was a brief discussion of the cost of medals, which has been underwritten by the Toronto Association for Philatelic Exhibiting (TAPE) for both ORAPEX and Edmonton national shows. The medals issue will be sent back to the Executive Committee to be resolved.

It was also resolved that dues notices will be mailed out to 25% of members who do not use the internet. The remaining 75% will receive email notices.

Garfield Portch reported on **public relations**. He stated that there were correspondences with 88 individuals in 2014, most of whom were not members of the RPSC. The largest number of enquiries (45) involved questions concerning evaluation and/or disposal of inherited stamp collections.

The Report from the Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* (TCP) included a discussion about the Requests from the RPSC Executive for the TCP (Meeting of February 10, 2015), which included comments about proactively seeking new writers, possibly introducing a themed issue of the TCP, the need for regular columnists to be members of the RPSC, and suggestions put forward in the comprehensive report of the Geldert Committee in 2014.

A motion was put forward by the President that membership on the Editorial Board be extended to selected members of the Vincent G. Green Foundation and TAPE. The motion was moved by Robert Pine, seconded by David Oberholtzer. Motion was carried.

Robin Harris presented the **Webmaster's Report** which included a table of RPSC website page views that revealed that half of all page views on our website dealt with Canada Post (including new stamp issues and new Scott numbers). The search capability for back issues of the TCP will be improved. The RPSC should also consider mobile-friendly adaptations of the website, for iPad and iPhone, for example.

In the discussions that followed, Jean Lafontaine informed the Board that the Fédération québécois de la philatélie used an email marketing service to good effect and suggested that the RPSC consider using one. This issue will be looked into more closely by Rob Timberg in the fall of 2015.

John Beddows then presented his **Dealer Liaison Report**. There has been a massive change among stamp dealers. Older dealers are increasing sales on the internet and cutting back on club shows.

Rod Paige presented his **Convention Report**. He stated that he plans to reduce the 61 page Convention Guidelines into a shorter format, possibly a two-page or FAQ format. Upcoming Royals will be taking place in Kitchener-Waterloo in 2016 and Boucherville Quebec in 2017.

David Piercey's **Regulations for RPSC-Accredited National Philatelic Shows and Exhibitions** was tabled by the President. Motion to accept was brought forward by Jim Taylor, seconded by Rod Paige. Motion was carried.

Garfield Portch presented a **plan by a Toronto-based group to present a national stamp show** in conjunction with a CSDA show. After debate, a motion was carried to table a decision until the next day, after the Annual General Meeting.

Jean Lafontaine presented a request by the Fédération québécoise de philatélie (FQP) to use RPSC approved national level judges at FILEX 2015, in Boucherville, Quebec, October 31-November 1, 2015. Boucherville is also scheduled to host a Royal in 2016. National shows would then alternate between

Boucherville and Halifax in the following years. Motion to approve was put forward by David Oberholtzer, seconded by Jim Taylor. Motion was carried.

The President tabled David Piercey's **Judging Report**, which included news about judging apprenticeships, reciprocity agreements between the RPSC and the Australian and New Zealand philatelic federations. Exhibits chairmen at each national show continue to report difficulty in recruiting judges and attracting exhibits.

Jim Taylor tabled the RPSC **International Liaison Report**. He highlighted the fact that J.J. Danielski will serve as Canadian Commissioner. Robert Pinet would serve as Assistant Commissioner if 150 frames (or 2400 pages) of Canadian exhibits are accepted by the organizing committee of NY2016.

Garfield Portch then presented on the RPSC **Multi-Media Program**. He reported that 28 slide programs were delivered by Marilyn Melanson following the Royal 2014 in Halifax. The RPSC Board of Directors at the meeting of August 20, 2014 consented to an allowance of \$500 to procure a scanner and to convert the slides to jpegs. Of the 38 programs, only 8 were recoverable. The RPSC continues to require multi-media presentations for its chapters. The Philatelic Specialists' Society of Canada is preparing a Power Point presentation on its activities and RPSC Directors were encouraged to also donate multi-media presentations.

A **motion of adjournment** was put forward at 4 pm.