

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (RPSC)

94th Annual Meeting of Members

Minutes

Sunday, June 12, 2022 12:00 pm Eastern Time

Held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W., Toronto, ON

1. Call to Order and Appointment of the Secretary

The President, Ed Kroft, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. EDT and appointed Peter MacDonald Secretary for the meeting. Approximately 40 members were present at the start of the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 93rd Annual Meeting of Members held Monday, June 14, 2021 6:00 pm Atlantic Time via ZOOM

Motion: Ingo Nessel moved to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes. Seconded Robert Pinet. Motion carried with one member abstaining.

3. Acknowledgement of Deceased Members (June 2021 – June 2022) and a Moment of Silence

The President read the names of RPSC members who died between June 2021 and June 2022 and called for a moment of silence.

- Anthony Chila, Athens, Ohio, USA
- Walter Foltz, Calgary, AB
- Robert Galbraith, Nepean, ON
- Robert Haslewood, Montreal, QC
- George MacManus FRPSC, Ottawa, ON
- Michael Madesker RDP, FRPSC, Thornhill, ON
- R.G. Norwood, Calgary, AB
- Madlyn Phillips, Fredericton, NB
- Jakob Treier, Amherstview, ON

4. President's Report

The President, Ed Kroft, asked attendees to refer to the formal President's Report published in the current RPSC newsletter and in the current Canadian Philatelist. Verbally, he expressed his profound personal thanks to the many volunteers who make the Society run as well as it does.

5. Volunteers Programme and Recipients

The President thanked the committee for their work in putting together the volunteer recognition programme. The honourees for 2022 are:

- Robert Zacharias, Winnipeg Philatelic Society
- Michael Zacharias, Winnipeg Philatelic Society
- Henny Uyl, Oxford Philatelic Society
- Olaf Poulsen, Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society
- Ian Robertson, West Toronto Stamp Club

- Simon Claughton, West Toronto Stamp Club
- Victoria Claughton, West Toronto Stamp Club
- Rob Timberg, West Toronto Stamp Club
- Denzil Fernandes, West Toronto Stamp Club
- Tom Balabanov, British Columbia Philatelic Society
- Michael Souza, British Columbia Philatelic Society
- Harold Burnett, Barrie District Stamp Club
- Richard Barnes, Edmonton Stamp Club
- John Harvey, Nova Scotia Stamp Club
- Dave Harvey, Nova Scotia Stamp Club
- Heather MacKenzie, Nova Scotia Stamp Club
- Bob Boehner, Nova Scotia Stamp Club
- Robert Amaron, North Toronto Stamp Club
- Leon Matthys North Toronto Stamp Club
- Ernie Nyitrai, North Toronto Stamp Club
- John Robertson, North Toronto Stamp Club
- Barb Scott, North Toronto Stamp Club
- John Wilson, North Toronto Stamp Club

6. Treasurer's Report and Membership Statistics/ Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021

RPSC Treasurer John Sharp presented the following report:

"I am pleased to present The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada financial report for the year ended December 31, 2021. A copy of the 2021 financial statements is available on the Royal website. Our membership fees collected was up slightly from 2020. Donations were up, but interest and other revenue was down for an overall increase in revenue of \$1,000.

Our costs to produce and mail The Canadian Philatelist (TCP) were greatly reduced this year due to producing two digital costs. This resulted in savings to both printing and mailing. Going into 2020, the Board of Directors had concerns about a reduction or elimination of the Federal Print Subsidy. We actually received an additional \$1,500 in 2021 over 2020. Unfortunately, the concern over the reduction and elimination of the subsidy continues, so we will continue with 2 digital issues in 2022. Advertising revenues remained constant with 2020.

Our other expenses for the year were constant with the prior year. Insurance was down due to a recovery of the prior year's expense.

Heading into 2022, the organization continues to be in a strong financial position with \$48,000 in cash, compared to \$47,000 at the end of last year. The 2021 surplus allowed us to increase our GIC investment by \$20,000.

Thanks to Robin Harris for maintaining our membership data base and issuing renewals for all who have email addresses and to Lee Ann Stewart for making deposits and all of the other duties related to membership, finances and keeping the office running smoothly."

Motion: Ken Lemke moved the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2021. Seconded by Doug Lingard. Motion carried.

It was noted that an appointment of an auditor was not required.

7. Directors' and Officers' Reports as Requested by the President

The Directors' and Officers' Reports will be posted to the RPSC website.

Verbally, the Editor of the Canadian Philatelist, Robin Harris, made a plea for articles.

The Chair of the Francization Committee, Gregoire Teyssier thanked the members profusely for their good work to date and he reported that the David Piercy book on Exhibiting (being launched at CAPEX) was nearly translated into French for publication once completed.

Membership Committee chair George Pepall was pleased to report that 40 new members were signed up during CAPEX (current at the time of the meeting).

Judging Committee chair Joel Weiner re-iterated the need for additional judges for future shows to be well-served.

Motion: Ken Lemke moved the adoption of the Directors' and Officers' Reports for 2021. Seconded by Doug Lingard. Motion carried.

8. Recognition of 2021 Geldert Medal Recipient

The President congratulated Sam Chiu on winning the Geldert Medal for his article in The Canadian Philatelist: "Adding New Knowledge: Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong". (Vol. 72, No. 6 November-December, 2021 p. 254-62).

9. Announcement of New RPSC 50-Year Club Members and Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships

For 2021, thirteen 50-Year-Club Members were recognized by the Society.

The new 50-Year-Club Members are:

- Leopold Beaudet FRPSC
- Thomas Burpee
- Reno DeHaan
- David Gashgarian
- Gerald Helders
- Virginia Jaehnig
- Graham Locke
- Harry Max
- Charles McGuire
- Brian Plain
- Kimmo Salonen
- William Windsor
- Roman Zrobok

10. Announcement of Retiring Board Members

President Ed Kroft thanked retiring Board member Ed Kroft and Stephane Cloutier, for their years of service and contribution to the Board.

11. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the New Directors

Rob Lunn presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following Board members were elected or re-elected to The RPSC Board for a two-year term.

- Steve Johnson (re-election)
- Ken Lemke (re-election)
- Peter MacDonald (election)
- Gregg Redner (election)
- Jane Sodero (re-election)
- Joe Trauzzi (re-election)
- Joel Weiner (re-election)

Motion: Ken Lemke moved to approve the report of the Nominating Committee and the people named be appointed as Directors to serve their terms beginning at the end of the current Annual General Meeting. Seconded Doug Lingard. Motion carried.

Following the election of Directors, Ed Kroft reported that Ken Lemke would serve as Vice-President, John Sharp as Treasurer and Jane Sodero as Secretary in the coming year.

12. Presentation of the President’s Medal

Ed Kroft expressed his thanks and awarded the President’s Medal to two members for their significant contributions to the Society and its members in the past year: David McLaughlin and Joe Trauzzi.

13. Presentation to Ed Kroft

On behalf of the membership, incoming RPSC President Sam Chiu expressed gratitude to outgoing President Ed Kroft for his years of service on the RPSC Board of Directors and specifically for his service as President during a period of tremendous challenges.

14. Other Business

14.1. Adoption of a one-signature policy

Motion: John Sharp moved and Ken Lemke seconded “That The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada adopt a one signature policy from cheques and banking documents, primarily to allow us to do digital banking.” The motion was approved unanimously.

14.2. Appointment of New Fellows of the Society

Charles Verge reported to those assembled that the Fellow had met to appoint to new Fellows. Their names would be released after they were notified.

15. Ratification of all Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Executive since last Annual Meeting

Motion: Les Selby moved and Steve Johnson seconded the ratification of all acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors since the last RPSC Annual Meeting. Approved unanimously.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. EDT on Sunday, June 12, 2022.