

## RPSC Board Meeting – June 1, 2020

**Attending:** Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Sam Chiu, Robert Pinet, George Pepall (non-voting), Joel Weiner, Stuart Keeley, John Hall, David McLaughlin, Stephane Cloutier, Mike Walsh, Lee Ann Stewart, Joe Trauzzi, Jane Sodero, Steve Johnson, Hugo Deshaye, Jim Taylor

**Regrets:** Robin Harris, Michèle Cartier (resigned), Grégoire Teyssier.

1. Meeting called to order at 4.01 PDT/7.01 EDT, quorum having been met.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2020 Board Meeting - Arlene Sullivan circulated. Moved to adopt by Robert Pinet, seconded Joe Trauzzi, approved and passed.

Robert Pinet will take over as secretary at 5.00 pm as Arlene has a previous engagement at that time.

3. 2020 AGM status and need to have an AGM, update on Replacements for Secretary and Treasurer - Ed Kroft

Ed informed the board that Michèle Cartier has regretfully resigned for personal reasons.

Corporations Canada will not allow deferral of the AGM to 2021. The meeting must be held by the end of 2020. The board discussed giving notice for the meeting by end of October or November 2020. Ed proposed holding the AGM at the Greene Foundation during a PSSC meeting, possibly in December 2020, so that there will be a quorum. David suggested that the meeting be held at CANPEX, but Ed is concerned about a second wave of COVID that might not allow any meetings at CANPEX.

Ed reviewed retirements from the board and electing new directors. He suggested that the board appoint Jane Sodero and Grégoire Teyssier as new directors, to be approved at the AGM if necessary.

Motion - That the board thank Michèle Cartier, Arlene Sullivan and Jim Taylor for their service to the board.

Moved David McLaughlin, seconded Sam Chiu, approved unanimously.

Motion – That Grégoire Teyssier and Jane Sodero be appointed as directors of the RPSC board as of June 1, 2020, and that their positions be confirmed by a vote at the AGM to be held at a later date.

Moved by Robert Pinet, seconded by John Hall, approved unanimously.

Motion – That the seven directors standing for another term be reappointed to their positions on the RPSC board, their appointments to be affirmed by the membership at the 2020 AGM to be held at a later date. Also moved that Jane Sodero be appointed as Secretary.

Moved by Joe Trauzzi, seconded Hugo Deshayé. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Stuart Keeley is stepping down as treasurer as of January 1, 2021. RPSC member John Sharp has volunteered to take on the position and will be invited to the next board meeting. Stuart will continue as advisor and to complete FY 2020 reporting.

Motion - To appoint John Sharp as RPSC treasurer as of Jan 1 2021. Moved Robert Pinet, seconded David McLaughlin. Approved unanimously.

#### 4. Update on TCP and the Website - Reports from Robin Harris.

Ed explained that Robin Harris had reported that most of the material for the July-August 2020 *Canadian Philatelist* has been submitted to Trajan for layout purposes, but that the number of articles that are awaiting publication is being depleted rapidly as there are not too many articles being submitted. Robin and the TCP We need more articles desperately!

The Board discussed how the RPSC can increase its online presence to attract new, and younger, members. A Committee was struck. ***Online Committee members include Joe Trauzzi, David McLaughlin, Joel Weiner and Robert Pinet.***

#### 5. Financial Update and Philaprint Grant status - Stuart Keeley and Mike Walsh-material to be circulated by Stuart – **Elimination of Hard Copy of TCP for Members.**

Various alternatives were offered to raising RPSC membership fees, including having only an online version of the TCP; reducing the number of its issues from six to four; and the possibility of the Society receiving money from tax-deductible contributions (the process for which is on hold at the Canada Revenue Agency).

Stuart stressed the need for the RPSC to develop a Business Plan. ***A Finance Committee was struck, made up of Stuart Keeley, John Hall, Mike Walsh and David McLaughlin.***

Mike Walsh and George Pepall discussed the need to prepare a questionnaire for RPSC members. This will enable the Society to gain demographic information and input about what members believe are the strengths, challenges and possible options open to the Society. ***Membership Questionnaire Committee members include Mike Powell, George Pepall, Jane Sodero and David McLaughlin.***

6. Update from National Office: Life Members, Memberships, Elimination of Hard Copy of TCP for Members, Applications for Membership and Donations - Lee Ann Stewart

Lee Ann Stewart stated that the National Office has processed 34 new memberships, a new Chapter, and 13 new e-members. 50 Life Members who had not responded to a request to decide whether they wanted to pay to receive a hard copy of the TCP were dropped from the membership roll. Since then, about six Life Members have contacted her with their decisions.

7. Possible benefits for members-virtual meetings-social media usage /Facebook site - Ed Kroft and Sam Chiu

Discussion on the benefits of the Society using social media included information from Jane about a feature that allows for simultaneous posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

***An Online Committee, including Jane Sodero and Robert Pinet, was struck*** and non-board members experienced in online posting -- including Michel Houde (Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada), Derwin Mak (North Toronto Stamp Club) and Peter Lim -- will be contacted to gain further information.

8. Charitable Application status and status of strategic plan implementation - Ed Kroft

The application is on hold as the Canada Revenue Agency deals with COVID-related activities.

#### 9. Volunteers program and nominations - Ed Kroft

The Board has continued to receive nominations of volunteers to be honoured. Ed informed the Board that Keith Spenser has nominate two volunteers from Edmonton; George mentioned nominating three members from the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society.

The President requested that all Volunteer honourees be listed in the next Newsletter.

#### 10. Ethics Committee composition - Ed Kroft

***Robert Pinet volunteered to join the Ethics Committee.***

#### 11. International update and update on CAPEX 22 - David McLaughlin

The following **Motions** were introduced:

##### **Proposed by David McLaughlin:**

" I move to approve the agreement between the Fédération Internationale de Philatelic (FIP) and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) for the FIP Recognition of the CAPEX 22 International One Frame Stamp Championship Exhibition being held June 9-12, 2022 in Toronto. This agreement is required between FIP and RPSC because RPSC is the Canadian federation holding membership in FIP, however, all of the RPSC obligations in this agreement will be undertaken by the Canadian Association of Philatelic Exhibitions-I'Association Canadienne des Expositions Philatéliques (CAPE- ACEP) as organizers of CAPEX 22. The payment of the financial obligations in this agreement, namely the re-imbusement of the FIP Liaison Officer for his travel and accommodation expenses per paragraph 2.3 and for the FIP Recognition fee of 5,000 CHF as per paragraph 3.1 will be made by CAPE-ACEP and recorded as expenses in the CAPE-ACEP books as these expenses are directly related to the operation of CAPEX 22."

**Seconded by Jim Taylor. Carried.**

**Proposed by David McLaughlin:**

"I move that RSPC submit an application for FIP sponsorship for the CAPEX 22 International One Frame Stamp Championship exhibition. This application is required to be made by RPSC on behalf of CAPEX 22 as RPSC is the FIP federation member for Canada. Any FIP sponsorship funds received as a result of the application will be transferred to CAPE-ACEP for the operation of CAPEX 22."

**Seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Carried.**

#### 12. FIP Update - David McLaughlin

A number of international FIP shows have been rescheduled because of COVID, including the South Africa (to October 2021), Yokohama (to August 2021), and St. Pierre and Miquelon (to the first week of July 2021).

#### 13. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

The Newsletter has received a 65 percent open rate and 1,100 emails. He asked Clubs to send their newsletters to him to include in our newsletter.

#### 14. Update on Royale 2021 Royal - Ed Kroft, David McLaughlin

The Peterborough Royale 2021 Royal Committee is seeking assurances that it will be able to cancel the Royal should a second wave of the COVID pandemic hit.

#### 15. Judging-Joel Weiner

The Champion of Champions 2019-2020 Show has been cancelled. A joint 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Show will be held in Chicago in August 2021.

Australia announced that Royalpex 2020 was rescheduled to 2021. This is an invitational show of all the "Royal" philatelic societies like RPSL, RPSC, and RPSNZ to be held in Newcastle Australia. RPSC did not participate in the last one in 2017 and was not planning to participate in 2020 as no one volunteered to be commissioner/judge. RPSC cannot provide any financial help. As we now have a new date, Joel Weiner will be circulating an email to our national judges to see if there is any new interest. He is also awaiting further details from Australia.

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

Steve Johnson announced that Canpex 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID.

17. Report from VGG, Relationship with Other Philatelic Societies - Ed Kroft, David McLaughlin

Lee Ann Stewart announced that the Sutherland Library is now open by appointment. Willow is at the VGG there three days a week and Lee Ann is there two days.

18. Membership Recruitment Committee, RPSC presence at events (lists of members, benefit sheet, TCP old issues) chapter liaison - George Pepall

Board members were asked to review an email of April 1, 2020, sent by George Pepall regarding the Membership recruitment Committee. George noted that the RPSC Brochure to be given to interested parties would include the following sections: Benefits of Membership; history; soft sell; Events; Photos; Contact Information.

David McLaughlin suggested that, free RPSC membership for the remainder of 2022 be included in the Admission Package of CAPEX 2022.

19. RPSC Seminars at RPSC National shows- Ed Kroft  
No report.

~~20. Charitable Application status and status of strategic plan implementation—Ed Kroft~~

21. Audio Visual programs-update - George Pepall

George has been taught how to turn pdf files into PowerPoint slides. He will be approaching Michel Houde and Bob Vogel of the PSSC about the possibility of their sharing PowerPoint presentations with the RPSC.

22. Committee to update corporate constitution - Ed Kroft

Ed explained the need to strike a Committee to update the RPSC's Corporate Constitution. David McLaughlin suggested that the Convention Guidelines also needed updating. ***A Corporate Documents Revision Committee made up of Ed Kroft, Jane Sodero and David McLaughlin was formed.***

23. Other business

Ed Kroft announced that Michel Cartier has withdrawn as Director. He thanked her for her service on behalf of the Board.

David McLaughlin brought forward the following Motion:

“The RPSC Board to appoint Ken Lemke to fill remainder of Michelle Cartier’s term as Director.”

Seconded: Sam Chiu. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:50/5.50 pm (EDT/PDT).