

RPSC Board Meeting – St. Catharines, Ont. ROYALE*ROYAL 2018

June 23, 2018

Attending: Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Stuart Keeley, Hugo Deshayé, Doug McAndless, George Pepall (non-voting member)

Regrets: Jim Taylor, Robert Pinet, Rob Lunn, Robert Timberg, Mike Walsh, Jean-Jacques Tillard, Sam Chiu, Garfield Portch, Lawrence Pinkney, Joel Weiner

Ed Kroft called the meeting to order at 7.50 am. Quorum of the members was met.

President's Report – Ed Kroft welcomed new board members Arlene Sullivan, Laurence Pinkney, Joel Weiner, and Jean-Jacques Tillard. As Robert Pinet has decided to step down Arlene Sullivan agreed to fill the Secretary position in the interim until the AGM, when she will stand for Secretary.

The board also discussed the nomination of Michelle Cartier to the Board to replace Lloyd Field, who is stepping down. It was agreed to bring the nomination forward at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report - Stuart Keeley distributed the Income Statement for the Society to the end of May 2018. Stuart reviewed the distribution of expenses and revenue through the year and noted that revenue is front-loaded due to payment of membership fees in December/January.

Stuart discussed the current relationship of the RPSC to Philaprint and the importance of the government subsidy for publication of The Canadian Philatelist. The subsidy has been awarded for 2018/19, but the agreement with Philaprint is in negotiation currently and the board discussed alternatives should the subsidy not be available in future. This included the option of members being able to select an electronic copy of the journal in future, which would be more cost effective.

Stuart also reviewed the situation with Life Members. Years ago many members took advantage of an offer by the RPSC to purchase life memberships. With very low interest rates currently, this has meant that a group of approximately 74 – 78 members are receiving their memberships for free, and the payment that they made is not covering costs. It is unclear what, if anything, might alleviate this situation.

Meeting with the Editor, TCP – Herb Colling joined the meeting to discuss the direction of The Canadian Philatelist, particularly as it relates to the mission of the RPSC as laid out in the recently formulated Strategic Plan. The Board asked Herb to talk about his philosophy around TCP and expressed the desire to work with Herb on a new plan for the publication.

According to the Strategic Plan TCP would be a journal, not a magazine. Board members suggested several possible changes including allowing writers their own voices, using articles from the archives, and including more articles in French. Board members will work with the Editor on changes to TCP to align it with the Strategic Plan.

ROYALE*ROYAL 2019 – the next Royal convention will be in Mississauga, Ontario in 2019. There is no location yet for 2020 but Edmonton or Vancouver have been suggested. Peterborough is a possibility for 2021, and discussions are ongoing for a possible joint BNAPS/Royal in Calgary in 2022. Edmonton may be a two day (Saturday/Sunday) show if it goes ahead.

CSDA - Hugo and Ed will be reviewing the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the CSDA at a board meeting at CANPEX.

Meeting adjourned at 9.20 AM.

