

RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes

September 30, 2018

Attending: Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Hugo Deshayé, Doug McAndless, Michèle Cartier, Jim Taylor, Mike Walsh, Sam Chiu, Rob Lunn, Joel Weiner, George Pepall (non-voting)

Regrets: Stuart Keeley, Robert Timberg, Jean Jacques Tillard, Garfield Portch, Lawrence Pinkney

1. Meeting called to order at 4.05 PDT/7.05 EDT, quorum having been met.

2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of April and June 2018 Board Meetings –

April 2018 minutes – Moved by Doug McAndless, seconded Jim Taylor, passed.

June 2018 minutes – Rob Lunn moved to adopt, seconded Doug McAndless, passed with one abstention and corrections. Arlene will circulate corrected June minutes after the September meeting.

3. Strategic plan update - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu - memo circulated to the board.

Ed requested that each board member join the committees that they are interested in, or specify strategic objectives they are participating in, by October 31, 2018. Ed will circulate member choices by email.

4. Financial Update (including Philaprint Grant) - Stuart Keeley - report circulated.

Jim Taylor moved to adopt the Financial Report, Doug McAndless seconded, approved.

Ed advised that the Philaprint grant of \$13k has been received for fiscal 18/19.

5. Individual dues and Electronic subscription for TCP - Sam Chiu.

Sam circulated a report showing Philaprint grant requirements and comparing other societies who do/do not offer electronic memberships. He discussed the necessity for a certain number of print memberships to receive the Philaprint grant.

The board discussed several options for e-memberships that would meet member needs and satisfy the requirements of the Philaprint grant, and how the costing of e-memberships would affect overall income for the society. Moved that e-membership will be offered at \$35 per year;

that the \$5 membership category will be eliminated; and that there will be the potential for a \$5 discount for new members through ads and promotions. Proposed by Jim Taylor, seconded Mike Walsh, passed with one abstention.

6. Membership dues processing - Stuart Keeley, Lawrence Pinkney, Sam Chiu.

The RPSC currently does not have the capacity to do online dues processing and will need to seek assistance with this as year end is approaching. Stuart has suggested that Robin Harris may be available to process online payments for a fee. Mike volunteered to assist and will discuss the situation with Sam, and will report to the board at the November meeting.

Ed reminded the board that Margaret will be retiring in the near future. Ed, Sam and Ted Nixon will be meeting to discuss and Ed will report to the board next meeting.

Jim noted that he has been working closely with Margaret on international matters. Ed requested that Jim compose a report on Margaret's duties re FIP matters and submit to him in the near future.

7. Vacancies on the RPSC Board - 2018-2020 - Ed Kroft – Carswell resume circulated.

Rob Timberg is stepping down from the board as soon as a replacement board member is appointed. Bob Carswell's resume was circulated to the board previously and he has been suggested as a replacement for Rob.

Sam moved that Bob Carswell be appointed to the board to replace Rob Timberg, and that regrets and thanks be extended to Rob Timberg for his service to the RPSC. Seconded by Michèle, and motion passed. Rob also acts as executive manager of the RPSC. Ed will talk to Rob and see if he is staying as manager.

John Hall, Halifax, has indicated that he will stand for the board in 2019. The board will revisit the by-laws and clarify the process for nominating and appointing directors to simplify the process and encourage board participation.

Appointment of executive manager and admin assistant will be agenda item at the next board meeting.

8. Membership Recruitment Committee and 11. RPSC presence at events - Doug McAndless, Sam Chiu.

Doug is planning to meet with the committee at CANPEX and will report back to the board.

The importance of including the Quebec clubs and shows in RPSC outreach was emphasized by Michèle. Ed encouraged Michèle to coordinate with Doug to work on finding Quebec members to participate in membership recruitment.

Hugo will report on the CSDA meeting and recruitment activities at the next board meeting.

9. Election for FIP president - Charles Verge, Sam Chiu.

David Mclaughlin, Charles Verge, and Sam Chiu will be representing Canada in Thailand to elect the new president of FIP. Sam moved that the RPSC support Bernie Beston for President of FIP. Jim Taylor seconded, approved.

10. Social Media Committee- update - Sam Chiu.

Sam noted that likes on the Facebook account have increased to 276+. Sam requested more content from members.

11. RPSC presence at events – see item 8.

12. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh.

Mike reported on a successful launch of the RPSC newsletter. He requested content from the committees and feedback from the board. Ed noted that the feedback he is hearing is excellent and that members appreciate the day to day contact. Sam will work with Mike on content. Michèle again offered to translate reports for the Newsletter. Board members discussed how and what they could contribute to the newsletter, and Ed asked for a contribution from each member by the end of the week.

13. International Committee and 16. Proposal for North America show - Jim Taylor, Sam Chiu.

Jim talked about the new initiative from FIP to host local shows. FIP provides \$5000 grants to local clubs so they can organize a FIP show (circulated).

Ed encouraged interested parties to submit a business proposal to the board at the next meeting for board consideration.

14. Update on Royal 2019, and proposals for 2021 (Peterborough) and 2022 (BNAPS) - Stuart Keeley, Mike Walsh, Ed Kroft.

Mike Walsh reported that Royal 2019 on plan but Thursday will be late setup as there is another event. The organizing committee is in discussion with APS to enhance their presence at the show and in future – more to follow.

2021 – Peterborough – Hugo will talk to Rod Paige for an update.

2022 – discussions with BNAPS ongoing.

15. Volunteers program - Garfield Portch, Rob Lunn.

Ed and Garfield have circulated the criteria for the Volunteer program. Rob would like to see 50% reduction in RPSC membership for non-RPSC members as an award change to an AAPE model of one year free and automatic membership.

Ed moved to adopt volunteer program as circulated, with the amendment that the RPSC membership be offered. Rob McAndless seconded, approved.

16. Proposal for North America show - See item 13.

24. Judging - Joel Weiner - report circulated.

Joel proposed that emeritus membership be granted to those judges requesting it. Moved by Joel, seconded by Rob, approved.

Royale*2019*Royal prospectus and application update – Joel noted that the documents have been updated to reflect recent RPSC board decisions, privacy legislation, and to coordinate with APS requirements. Updates eliminate conflicts with international exhibits at the national level; for instance if an exhibitor wins a grand in one year they are not eligible for a second award. Move to adopt updates by Joel, seconded by Sam, approved.

29. Next Board Meeting will be held November 4, 2018, time to be determined. Agenda items not canvassed in September will carry over to the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6.15 pm PST/9.15 pm EST.