

RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes

November 4, 2018

Attending: Ed Kroft, Stuart Keeley, Arlene Sullivan, Doug McAndless, Mike Walsh, Sam Chiu, Joel Weiner, George Pepall (non-voting), Bob Carswell, Garfield Portch (non-voting)

Regrets: Jim Taylor, Robert Timberg, Jean Jacques Tillard, Michelle Cartier, Hugo Deshayé, Rob Lunn

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

2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2018 –

Moved by Mike Walsh, seconded by Joel Weiner, passed with spelling correction.

3. Strategic plan update - Ed Kroft

Ed reviewed volunteers for strategic plan initiatives and encouraged all members to contribute.

4. Financial Update - Stuart Keeley – Financial Statement

Stuart reviewed the September 12, 2018 Financial Statement. The Board agreed that the old (pre-2018) medals will be written off.

5. Update on TCP Editor transition, advertising - Ed Kroft, Robin Harris, Sam Chiu

The board discussed the transition of the editorship of The Canadian Philatelist from Herb Colling to Robin Harris. Herb's time as editor was acknowledged in the last edition of TCP, President's column. Mike Walsh let the board know that the dealer's market is slowing down and that this may affect advertising in TCP.

6. Individual membership dues and electronic subscription for TCP - Sam Chiu

Sam reported that the new dues and e-membership structure has been set up and is being advertised in the TCP and on the website.

7. Membership dues processing - Sam Chiu, Robin Harris

Robin has been approached to process dues for 18/19 and will review the system with Margaret.

8. Nominations for the RPSC Board 2018-2020 - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu

Ed reminded Board Members whose term is coming up that they can stand for re-election by submitting a nomination form by December 12. Stuart indicated that he would stay on as

Treasurer but no longer wishes to be on the Board, which should be possible under current bylaws. Doug McAndless is also not intending to submit a nomination form.

10. Membership Recruitment Committee - Doug McAndless

13. RPSC presence at events (lists of members, benefit sheet, TCP old issues) - Sam Chiu

While the membership committee was unable to meet at CANPEX, Doug noted that the table at CANPEX was very busy and that one returning and two new members signed up. Many attendees remarked on the RPSC having a presence at the show. George talked about the necessity for the Royal to have a presence across Canada and noted that the RPSC banner, copies of the TCP, etc. can be supplied for any show.

9. Suggested changes to the RPSC Bylaws – Ed Kroft

Ed discussed the elimination of the 6/10 rule (member can only be on the board for total of 6 years out of ten) and the necessity for the addition of a formal rule to fill vacancies instead of the current informal practise. Bob pointed out that in the Constitution, bylaws can apparently be changed by the board alone, but the board agreed that any bylaw changes should be brought to the annual general meeting in 2019.

George said that the 6/10 bylaw was brought in so that the appearance of the board being an “old boys’ club” could be combated. Doug reiterated that the Royal needs new blood and that this bylaw encourages new, younger people to come on to the board.

Stuart suggested that if we need to fill a vacancy that the person fill the role but then be nominated to run at the AGM for the next term. This is the current practice but should be formalized in the bylaws. The member could also be affirmed at the next AGM if the term is for the following year, and Arlene suggested that a bio and picture could be run in the newsletter to inform the general membership when that person is appointed.

Stuart proposed and moved that the Board have the authority to appoint a member to the Board to fill a vacancy with an appropriate individual to be affirmed at the next AGM. Seconded by Sam, Passed. Ed and Bob will review the bylaws to formulate appropriate language.

George suggested that the “6/10” bylaw be changed to the “8/10” bylaw. Moved by Sam, seconded by Mike, passed with one objection.

11. Social Media Committee - update/Facebook - Sam Chiu

There are now 288 followers of the Facebook page. Sam and Ed encouraged members to send links to any article of interest (historical, individual covers and stamps) as there is outside interest in these posts.

12. Report on Meeting with VGG on October 23, 2018 about future staffing for RPSC - Ed Kroft and Sam Chiu

Margaret will be retiring in June 2019 and Ed would like to have Margaret acknowledged at the next Royal. He reviewed Margaret’s limited administrative role and indicated that if the Royal

needs more support it will need more money or more volunteers. At the meeting Rob Lunn suggested the possibility that Margaret's job could be combined with the Executive Manager role. Sam questioned the need for the Executive Manager role. He suggested that a coop student might be able to assist. Ed will bring the board more information as discussions progress.

14. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh, Ed Kroft

Mike would like to send the newsletter to non-members. The board endorsed this idea, as the newsletter could be an excellent first contact for new collectors. Mike also needs more translators, and more articles and information. Ed encouraged board members to write a brief article on their home stamp clubs for the newsletter. Ed also encouraged board members to reach out to possible translators for the newsletter.

15. International Committee – update - Jim Taylor, Sam Chiu

Jim being absent, Ed reported on the recent FIAF meeting in Indonesia. David McLaughlin was not installed as Treasurer of FIAF

16. Royal 2019, and proposals for Royal 2020, 2021, 2022 / BNAPS proposal - Mike Walsh, Ed Kroft, Rod Paige

There is still no commitment for 2020. Peterborough may be on board for 2021. As BNAPS has been set for Winnipeg in 2022, 2023 may be the next window for a joint RPSC/BNAPS show.

Royal 2019 Mississauga – Mike said the committee is waiting for hotel to confirm booking.

Ed noted that Edmonton may be a possibility for 2020, but Joel reported that the venue is problematic as the facility is only available Saturday and Sunday. Ed will touch base with Dave Piercey and Ed Dykstra.

17. Volunteers program - Garfield Portch, Rob Lunn

To date no chapter has suggested a volunteer to nominate for the Volunteers program. Mike suggested that the board propose volunteers for recognition, and Ed noted that this was not encouraged by the board last year. Board members will go back to their clubs and suggest volunteers.

18. Update on Proposal for North America show - Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor being absent, deferred to the next meeting.

19. Press Releases - Mike Walsh, Charles Verge

Ed talked about the importance of press releases and asked for assistance in getting press releases together. Mike noted that the process is not transparent in the RPSC.

20. Audio Visual programs – update - George Pepall

Robin was able to mount George's Power Point display on the RPSC website. George encouraged others to consider submitting their talks for adaptation for the AV Program.

21. VANPEX 2019 - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu

The VANPEX Committee has been formed, with dates September 27, 28, 29, 2019. Arlene has asked the committee to get in touch with Rod Paige of the exhibit committee for assistance. She will see if a table can be made available for the RPSC at the show.

22. Clarification regarding RPSC awards - Sam Chiu

Sam discussed some comments from a judge regarding RPSC award criteria. It was decided to monitor this but no action will be taken at this time.

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

Hugo and Mike are continuing to work with the CSDA on the Memorandum of Understanding. Mike and Hugo will continue to work on the long-range partnership and MOU with CSDA and will provide the business case document in due course.

24. Composition of Committees - any changes from lists last circulated. Deferred.

25. Expectations of RPSC directors - Ed Kroft

Ed encouraged all board members to attend meetings if at all possible, or give timely notification if they are not able to attend.

26. Judging - Joel Weiner

A draft prospectus has gone out to the clubs to use as a template for their shows. Joel has not been able to contact many of the regional judges (some of whom are not Royal members) and asked the board for direction. Ed suggested that Mike put a request into the newsletter to ask for contact information and more information on regional shows so Joel can add to his database.

27. Circuit books - update – deferred

28. Revisions for Philaprint contract - Ed Kroft - deferred

29. Other Business

The board discussed the report sent out on November 1 regarding frame insurance. Garfield Portch recommended that the RPSC self insure the frames. Moved by Bob, seconded Sam, approved.

Stephane Cloutier has indicated that he would like to join the board. Arlene moved that Stephane be invited to join the board, seconded by Sam, approved. Sam will talk to Stephane about submitting a photo and bio for publication in the newsletter.

30. Next Board Meeting - suggestions for dates in January 2019

A tentative date of January 13 was set. Ed will confirm with board members by e-mail.

Matters not canvassed will carry over.

Meeting ended 6.09 PDT/9.09 EDT.