The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada – La Société royale de philatélie du Canada
Minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting, June 23, 2018
held at the Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario

Board members attending: Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Hugo Deshaye, Joel Weiner, Rob Timberg, George Pepall, Stuart Keeley, Doug McAndless
Regrets: Jim Taylor, Robert Pineau, Sam Chiu, Rob Lunn, Robert Timberg, Mike Walsh, Jean-Jacques Tillard, Garfield Portch, Rob Lunn, Lawrence Pinkney
Meeting called to order at 10.03 am. 27 members attending in addition to the board members.
1. Arlene Sullivan was appointed as secretary of the Society.
2. Minutes of the 89th meeting of the society (May 27, 2017) were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Charles Verge, seconded by Ken McGee, approved.
3. Ed Kroft, President of the Society, read the roster of members deceased in the past year and a minute of silence was observed to honour them.
4. President’s Report - Ed Kroft assumed the presidency of the Society in September 2017. Under his leadership there have been regular board meetings and board duties have been formalized. Plans are underway to produce a vision statement and clear objectives to guide the Society with the goal of encouraging and promoting philately in Canada.
5. Treasurer’s Report – The Auditor’s report was distributed. Motion that the membership accept the Auditors report proposed by Stuart Keeley, seconded by Laurence Pinkney, passed unanimously.
Stuart reviewed the cost and history of life memberships. Possible changes to life memberships were discussed, including how this might affect the distribution of the Canadian Philatelist.
Stuart also discussed the reorganization of the Financial Statement to simplify the categories, and reviewed some changes to how payments were made.
The group acknowledged Stuart Keeley and David Oberholtzer for their contributions to financial health of the Society.
6. Directors’ and Officers’ Reports – Ed reviewed and acknowledged committee/ members head past and present. Committee reports will be available on the RPSC website.
7. Announcement of new RPSC 50 Year Club members – Ed gave a brief history of the 50 Year Club, which was inaugurated in 2003, and read the list of new members.
8. Presentation of Geldert Medal - Charles Verge reviewed the history of the Geldert Medal, which is awarded to the best article in the Canadian Philatelist for that year. This year the medal was awarded to Peter Moogk, Vancouver, for his article on Transatlantic Mail between France and Canada before 1760.
9. Retiring Board Members – Ed thanked retiring director Robert Pinet for his work with the Board
10. Report on the nominating committee and election of new directors – Four directors were acclaimed to the board, Arlene Sullivan, Lawrence Pinkney, Joel Weiner, and JJ Tillard.

11. Ratification of all Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Executive since the last Annual General Meeting - - George Pepall proposed the adoption of ratifications discussed since the last general meeting. Seconded by Ken Lemke, carried unanimously.
12. Other business – Stamp camp - Donors of materials for the kids stamp camps run by Mark Armstrong were thanked. The camp is a great way to promote youth collecting and Ed encouraged members to participate in these initiatives and promote them.
13. Joe Trauzzi reminded everyone about the next Royal/Royale to be held in Mississauga in 2019.
14. The business of the meeting being completed, Ken Lemke moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Joe Trauzzi, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10.50 am.