

Vernon Stamp Club (VSC) Minutes General Meeting

June 15, 2024

14:00 Meeting is called to order, Michael takes the floor

Old Business

- 1) Attendees asked whether there are any errors or omissions in previous minutes (posted on the website). No responses.
- 2) New Lotting Form was emailed to members. Dave was shepherding the effort, and feedback was forwarded to Dave. A revised form will be distributed shortly. Erik requested that the instructions be removed since everyone now knows how to fill it out and its just wasting space.
- 3) First donation was delivered to People Place. Mark attaches a letter to each cheque that request thanks be relayed to the board of directors. An insider at People Place indicated that the board was unaware of the payment. Mark will attempt to offer thanks directly.
- 4) Website is now updated with scheduled meetings to the end of the year. Currently we are coordinating with the OSC (previously known as the OMPA) to finalize next years schedule.
- 5) Lyle is training two volunteers on the People Place entry door procedures. Although Lyle is good with regular meetings, we'll need alternates to help man the door during the OSC shared events. Thanks to Bob and Gary for volunteering. We could use a third volunteer if one is out there.

New Business

- 1) Welcome to all attendees. Total membership is up to 40. Today's attendance was 27. We had one non-member visitor, Frank Webster.
- 2) Mark, as president of the OSC, is given the floor to remind everyone about the OSC logo contest. The OSC is looking for members in the Okanagan to submit contest entries. So far there have been 0 entries. The prize for first place is a \$25 credit to spend at one of the OSC dealer's tables. The contest ends July 31, 2024 and we encourage members to showcase their right brain capabilities.
- 3) In the fall of 2025, the Vernon club is marking it's 50th anniversary of existence. Michael asks Roy to participate in a discussion about the formation of the club in the Vernon Library in August of 1975. Roy was a founding member. Starting that September, the first meetings were held in a school classroom in Vernon and then moved to the Tea Room at Pleasant Valley. A little over 10 years ago the meetings moved to the People Place,

where we are now. With membership support we would like to make the September 2025 meeting a very special event. Initial planning has started but the exec feels that it deserves a dedicated organization committee. We are thinking the committee would be comprised of 4-5 volunteers from our club. Please consider being contributor to this special day. We'll be asking for volunteers in the fall. As part of the preliminary planning, we have reserved all three meeting rooms in the People Place and early budgeting suggests we'll need member support to spend \$200-300 of the club's money. There is also a proposal to offer a set meal, possibly a BBQ, if we can get People Place to endorse. Not an OSC event but thoughts are that we would invite stamp collectors from across the Okanagan. Intentions are that we would advertise in local news providers and see if we can encourage them to write a story. For now, think about whether you can volunteer and mark the date in your calendar, Sept. 20, 2025.

- 4) Members are reminded to provide the VSC member number when using the Co-op branded retail stores and gas bars. Rebates to the club will help us survive. Roy adds that money spent at the liquor stores and inside the gas bar convenience outlets also qualify for the program.
- 5) Question to the membership... does anyone need a new name tag / bidder card?
- 6) Opening the floor generated no further issues from the members.
- 7) The next Vernon Stamp Club meeting is in the last week of July (Sat. July 27, 2024).

14:20 Meeting Adjourned