

## **Vernon Stamp Club Meeting – April 19, 2025**

**Call to order: 14:00**

### **Welcome & introduction of any new members.**

Two new members were enrolled: Sebastien and Gail. Total attendance for the meeting was 19 members and 10 visitors.

Birthday wishes to Lyle D, Dave E, Laura H and Serge R. Thanks to Mark for leading off the musical portion of the celebration

### **General Business**

Motion to approve previous minutes (March 15 meeting). No issues, approved. Reminder to everyone that minutes are posted on the website.

Congrats to D.J. for winning the 50:50 draw, again.

### **50th Anniversary**

Cake Design. Michael reminded everyone about the cake design contest and shared an example. Any further submissions should be ready for peer review at our May meeting, with the final design chosen by majority vote at the June meeting.

Display Frames. Barrie replaced the glass on one of the frames (actual cost to the club was \$42). Mark may have a lead on plexiglass to use in future replacements, that should be less expensive. Barrie and Mark will discuss whether plexiglass will be a suitable option. There have been 13 display frames handed out and thus there is one left for the member that asks first.

### **Meeting Room**

We have recently been provided a draft of the room rental price list that we suspect will be instituted soon. We have been donating \$100 per quarter to the People Place to avoid being held to standard room rental rates in the past. Now that we've been alerted of the standard rate increase, the Executive is suggesting we donate \$150 three times this year, on top of the OMPA/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary charge (which is mostly funded by the OMPA), to hopefully stave off the increase a little longer. We asked the membership to vote on this expense, a \$50 increase in our previous budget, and received unanimous approval.

### **Peripheral Auctions**

The Executive would like to try the silent auction table idea once more. This time it would be maintained by each seller and used for items of higher value. The items will be in place prior to the regular auction and the club administration support would be limited to announcing the auction's conclusion.

The Executive is floating another idea for fundraising using an unmanned table for member donations. The members would offer \$1 lots of their excess material, rather than entering them in the auction, and buyers would drop a loonie in a jar for each lot they took. Names like "Dollar Daze" and "Lotsa Loonie Lots" have been tossed around (are there any more ideas?). As the club would receive the proceeds, it would offer two significant advantages: it would reduce the number of lots in the auction and it would raise funds to cover club expenses ( in our ongoing effort to keep the membership dues down ).

### **Auction Management**

Mark has requested some assistance from our auction bidders to ensure accuracy in transaction settlement. Please follow DJ's lead (among others) who proudly raises their bidder number high so Mark can visually confirm the successful bidder.

### **Next Meeting(s)**

Penticton will be hosting the next OMPA/OSC event next month in Summerland (Saturday, May 24). The next Vernon Stamp Club meeting will be held Saturday, May 17.

### **Auction Extension**

The meeting was extended in order to auction the material that was recently donated to the club. The donations were divided into 46 lots which were auctioned off at the end of the regular auction.

### **Open to the Membership**

Erik announced that he is willing to swap stamps for 102 cards.

Barrie proposed that the minimum bid for the auction should be raised to \$5 and that submitters are charged a \$1 fee for items that go unsold. Barrie suggests that this will increase the quality of the auction items.

Darlene offered to also accept unwanted stamp material which she would donate to her church.

### **Final Thoughts**

A last item is our continuing commitment to recycling. Darlene appreciates the clean, empty egg cartons which can be reused. While Barrie appreciates those binders and sleeves which then can be replenished for future auction table items.

Barrie's Byte's for this meeting will be held between the member portion of the auction and the gifts to the club portion so that we can ensure the correctness of the recording as well as giving the auctioneer time to recharge his batteries.

Is everyone continuing to make use of the Co-Op Gasbar & the Liquor Store near WalMart, providing the club's member number #22291 for gas or beverage purchases?

**Adjourn Meeting: 14:20**