

## Vernon Stamp Club Regular Meeting – November 15, 2025

The formal part of the meeting was preceded by informal member interactions and dealer table exploration.

**Call to order: 14:00**

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

We have 1 new member this month, Garry M. (Total membership is now 54).

Attendance for the meeting was 26 members and 2 visitors.

### **General Business**

Birthday wishes were extended to Doug K, Bill S, Michael F, and Bastien D.

Thank you to Lyle, Serge and Bob for manning the door.

Congrats to Darlene S. for winning the door prize ( Reflections of Canada posters ).

Congrats to Michael and Gary for winning the 50:50 draw ( \$44.50 split between them ).

Thank-you to Roy, Mark and Carol for running the auction.

Thank-you to Barrie for his perplexing magic trick. Looking forward to next months.

We had 5 dealers in attendance. Thanks to Erik A, Doug K, Barrie L, David B and Roy H. for setting up shop.

**December Meeting Food.** Members were asked whether the December meeting format / Christmas party should be catered or a potluck? Consensus was potluck. Members were asked to bring fewer sugary items.

**Donations.** After reviewing the donation-to-the-club sales table, it was determined that this technique has not worked effectively. Therefore, the balance of unsold items offered at two previous meetings are now batched by region (per emailed spreadsheet) and offered in today's auction.

**Donation Backlog.** Special auctions will be organized to clear the backlog of donated material. The auctions will replace the regular meeting and will consist solely of auction proceedings (viewing and live auction, no dealer tables). We expect 100 lots available to bid with a number containing premium items . The first special auction will take place in either March or April of 2026.

**Regional Membership Directory.** The Okanagan Stamp Clubs (formerly OMPA) was asking whether the Vernon membership wish to participate in the creation of a valley-wide stamp collector's directory? Michael clarified that members who'd rather not be listed can opt out. And for privacy reasons, the directory would not be distributed electronically. Penticton has already responded positively. Kamloops will be asked at their next meeting. Vernon members in attendance were a unanimous yes. Roy re-iterated that directories should only go to members.

**Dollar Table.** Please take your donations home with you if they remain unloved as it should not be the responsibility of the People Place to provide disposal. Brenda has offered to collect leftover items and donate them to her church, which will use them to raise money for cancer dressings.

**Lost Badges.** How can we reduce the issuing of temporary bidding numbers? Auction managers will maintain a duplicate set of bidding numbers to loan-out to members that forget to bring theirs. Members will be loaned the same number they were originally assigned.

**Commemorative Pins.** Mark continues to investigate the purchase/design for your 50th anniversary pins. The preliminary estimate is 100 for \$350 (equating to \$3.50 per pin). The intention is to sell the pins at \$5.00 each and use the "profit" to allow us to gift pins to club donors. Mark is experimenting with pin designs. His first efforts were shown to the membership. Members responded positively to the designs and were encouraged to offer their own candidates or recommend improvements to those on the table. The black and gold colouring was well received. Mark will prepare actual size (loonie size), actual colour proofs for the next meeting and the membership will be asked to vote on their favourite.

**Dividends.** Members were reminded that using the Co-Op Gasbar & Co-Op Liquor Store (near WalMart) and quoting member no. 22291 for gas or beverage purchases will earn dividends for the club.

### **Next Meetings**

Our next meeting will be the second Saturday of the month, December 13.

OMPA have a meeting scheduled for next Saturday, November 22. Kelowna will be hosting the meeting at the Trinity Church (at the corner of Springfield and Cooper roads in Kelowna). Set-up crews will arrive 09:00. Doors will open at 10:00. Erik's company will provide catering. Michael and Mark strongly encourage everyone attend, to support our Kelowna brethren.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in January. Executive positions are coming open, so please consider serving on behalf of your fellow members.

### **Floor Open to Membership**

Gord (our membership manager) reminds everyone the annual dues are coming soon. The 2026 rate will be \$12 and will be due at the January meeting. Michael added that you can prepay for 2026 at the December meeting. Gord will also be verifying member details, including collecting preferences, as part of the renewal process. That will also be the first opportunity to opt out of a listing in the Vernon (and/or regional) membership directory.

Mark indicates that the OMPA dues will not be collected until January.

No further topics were brought to the floor.

**Adjourn Meeting: 14:30**

The formal part of the meeting was followed immediately by the auction.