

VERNON STAMP CLUB
Annual General Meeting
January 10, 2026



Meeting called to order at 1:22 PM

Attendees: 28 members 5 visitors

1. **MOTION:** To elect a chairperson for this meeting. Michael Fitt appointed by acclamation
2. **MOTION** To elect Recording Secretary for this meeting. Mark Oakley appointed by acclamation
3. **MOTION** To accept the agenda distributed by email to the membership.
PASSED: Unanimously
4. **MOTION:** To approve minutes of previous AGM on January 17, 2025 as posted on the website
PASSED: Unanimously

5. President's Report by Michael Fitt

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions this year to our club. Without your support the celebration of our 50th anniversary would not have been so profound. It has resulted in an overflow of donations as well as another increase in membership from thirty-three to fifty members over the past year. Unfortunately, we have lost two members this year long before their time should have been up and two are stepping away due to health concerns. We will not comment on their names as that is their prerogative, but they will all missed.

Of the Executive you elected two years ago, only two members are wishing to continue putting their hat in the ring. That being said at least two club members will have to put

their hands up for the Executive to continue. One reason is that our cheques require two signatures, so we cannot survive if one of only two became incapacitated.

Mark Oakley your Treasurer has kept our train on track with his consistency and persistency. Now he needs to concentrate his efforts on directing the Okanagan Stamp Club's future. But he has agreed to continuing his support for the Vernon club through maintaining our presence on the Valley Wide website. This has been a bonus for us in terms of enhancing public communication which provides us with inquiries often that result in donations-to-our-club. He will be providing a report after this one on our increasingly rosy financial situation which has provided us with the funds to celebrate and encourage the pursuits associated with our hobby as well as an update on the celebratory pins which he has championed.

Barrie Lockton has assisted us through being a liaison to the executive with the Okanagan Stamp Club as well as his relationship with the Kamloops club which has helped bolster our membership. We should always acknowledge the legacy of **Barrie's Bytes** as method of increasing the enjoyment of our hobby.

Roy Heinrichs has once again had another outstanding auctioneering year. He has wrestled as we all do with our changes as we age and has successfully overcome those issues.

Gord Sluggett has stepped in to help manage our membership roster and welcome our new members to the fold while making their wallets a little lighter. He has agreed to continue as coming up is Mark's next great project, the valley wide directory which Gord will be coordinating our data on behalf of the Vernon Club.

I would be remiss as if we did not shout out a great thank you to Carol Oakley for assisting both Roy and Mark in maintaining a tight auction control both input as well as outflow during the auction. Then for being the counting control to ensure the success of our 50/50 draw. Her talents at this will be tough to be duplicated.

Before I turn the podium over to Mark, I would like to mention that our desire to continue processing the donations has hit a bit of a roadblock. The cases are sitting at Mark's, and we need a new home for them as well as members who are willing to assess and prepare the items so the membership can entertain their disposal. The new council will need your assistance in determining a suitable site and process soon!

Thank you to members for their club contributions resulting in increasing membership and treasury.

6. Treasurer's Report

The financial statements were distributed to all members prior to the meeting and are appended to this report.

MOTION: To approve the financial statements as submitted.

Discussion: Erik inquired regarding the large amount of office expenses of \$1,052. Mark advised that the details for each expense were included in an annual synoptic journal with receipts for each expense. He reviewed the details of the expenses in that category. Erik was satisfied with the explanation.

PASSED: Unanimously

6 A. **MOTION:** To change the signing authorities at Vantage One Credit Union to the newly elected officers with any two required to sign withdrawals and any one to make deposits and make inquiries of the Credit Union on Banking information, activity, balances, and statements in writing, verbally or by telephone. Further, that the club subscribe for electronic banking to allow for electronic delivery of bank statements and banking information.

PASSED: Unanimously

6 B. **MOTION:** Mark Oakley to remain as a signing authority until such time as a secretary is appointed.

PASSED: Unanimously

7. Election of Officers for the coming term.

According to the club by-laws, all open executive positions would be coming up for a two-year term. The club's positions to be chosen in the following order of voting;

Secretary: Ken Erickson by acclamation

Treasurer: Darlene Smith by acclamation

Vice-President: Lyle Duffield by acclamation

President: Michael Fitt by acclamation

8. **MOTION:** To adjourn the AGM

PASSED: Unanimously

AGM was adjourned 1:42 pm

Mark Oakley

Recording Secretary

Vernon Stamp Club Regular Meeting

January 10, 2026

Regular meeting convened at 1:42 PM

Prior meeting minutes of December 13, 2025 were approved as published on the website.

50/50 draw of \$46 won by Randy

Door prize winners received wrapped stock books – vol 1 1976 Olympics collection, wrapped stock books x 2, won by DJ, Herb and Audrey

New members for December: Gary Turner, Gary Monk, Ryan Cournoyer, Doug Stewart,

New Members for January 2026 were Ernie Nahachewski, David Kermocier, Herb Bleuer

Birthdays for December and January were Erik Anderson, Wanda Fisher, Dave Giest, Edith Airey, Gord Sluggett, Tim Leins, Doug Stewart

We agreed to not sing happy birthday as a new initiative for 2026

Open to membership

DJ advised that Dave Giesse' birthday was in December. A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was led by Bill Scarrow.

Next meeting will be back to the regular start time of 12:30 PM

Next meeting is Valentines Day – Saturday February 14

Mark advised that the next Okanagan Stamp Club meeting would be January 24 with a start time of 10:00 AM in Summerland. It will also be the AGM and election of officers. All are invited.

Meeting was closed at 1:52 PM

Mark Oakley

Recording Secretary