Vernon Stamp Club Regular Meeting
April 11, 2026

Regular meeting convened at 1:40 PM

Draws were held for 2 door prizes and for the 50/50 draw for $43.50.

There were 29 members in attendance and 5 visitors.

On Barry's Bytes, Barry gave a brief history of the 'emoji' and how it came about and at the end pointed out the fact that Canada's first stamp the 3 pence beaver had a 'smiley face' emoji. Barry then gave an explanation of how to make the sorting of the small queens issue somewhat easier. He explained how to narrow down the various varieties of perforation, colour, paper and where printed (Montreal or Ottawa). Very informative.

Michael Fitt gave a brief overview of how the silent auction went and that the Club had proceeds of $1120.00

Then Michael explained that the remainder of the John Currie donation was the 'prestige' items taken from the collection – mostly Canadian and some British Stamps. These stamps were deemed to be of major value that they would go into a special prestige auction. There are 64 items to be auctioned off. The auction will take place at our regular June 13 meeting. The value of the items are based on what Mr. Currie paid for these items which were taken from his notes. It was stated the bidding for each item would start at 10% of the value placed on the lot. As a benefit to club members each member would be allowed a discount on any purchase up to 10% to a maximum of $10.00. Any items that do not receive a bid will go into the June OMPA meeting.

Barry has produced a scan of each lot and these will be posted on the website. In addition he will produce a catalogue of all lots with an estimated cost of $250. A motion was made and approved that the club would reimburse Barry for the costs to have this catalogue printed. Some catalogues will be given to the members of OMPA and the Kamloops stamp club.

Michael Fitt explained that OMPA was experiencing financial problems. It was not generating enough revenue to offset their expenses and because of our financial situation it was suggested that the Vernon Club donate $100 to OMPA as a one time financial aid. A motion was made and passed that the donation be made.

The auction was active with almost all items being sold.

Next meeting will be May 9, 2026

Ken Erickson
Recording Secretary