

Canada Post Heritage Club

Annual General Meeting

June 1 – 3, 2019

Regina, Saskatchewan

Day One

Welcome

J.P. Leguerrier welcomed everyone to the 30th Annual General Meeting and thanked Conway Crozier-Smith for hosting this year. There was a round table introduction of all in attendance.

J.P. requested that in the future, all newsletters be sent out to all chapters as well as their own membership.

Over the years there has been some amalgamations of chapters with more to follow in the years to come.

He also stated that there has just been a new benefit negotiated for our members with Collette Tours. Details and information will be on the web site in the near future.

Financial Reports – Nick Ronsky

Activity Report/Financial Reports – Copies of this were sent to all Presidents ahead of the AGM. Q & A:

Yvon Lemaire requested that all volunteer hours of any kind by our chapter membership be shown on the Activity Score Card as there are no longer the numerous opportunities available to work directly under the Canada Post umbrella. This was voted upon and passed.

Henry Masek noted that there is a discrepancy between the membership numbers showing up on the Activity Reports and the financial statements. He shared that in

his chapter some members pay years in advance and to keep the monies collected for dues straight, they have opened a separate bank account just for dues.

Nick Ronsky gave a handout to all chapter presidents of the Travel Expense and exactly what was covered by National and what is the president's responsibility. Nick stated that Seed money will be distributed giving \$1 per total membership in a chapter and \$3 for dues paying members. Nick stated that distributing Seed Money only to dues paying members should be considered in the future.

Yvon Lemaire proposed that Associate membership be included into the Seed money, as some chapters include on the reports as dues paying members when applicable. This was not agreed upon.

Activity Reports and Financial Reports were accepted.

Johnson Insurance – Shawn McCord

Shawn gave each chapter president a handout of information and a gift. Shawn McCord did a power point presentation of Johnson Insurance Home and Auto and Medoc Travel Insurance. Shawn is going to put together a 1 page Medoc enhancements sheet for everyone to give to their members. He will also be mailing out Medoc Kits for our members.

Home & Auto Queries – 1-800-563-0677

Medoc Queries – 1-866-606-3362

Constitution Amendment – Gary Fisher

Article 2, Section 4

Associate membership shall be granted to the spouse of any active or deceased Member showing interest in the Heritage Club on payments of Heritage Club Annual Dues. Each Chapter shall have the right to determine what administration status, rights and privileges it grants to its associate member, except for the position of President or delegate to the National meeting. Associate Members shall not be included in the total membership for seed money.

Discussion was held on how everyone records and views an Associate Membership as there are discrepancies between all chapters. It was stated that it is essential for all chapters to follow the same rules. Canada Post has already ruled regarding on this issue a few years' ago to include only the spouse of any active or deceased member. The Montreal chapters proposed that at the end of each year, the chapters send to Nick Ronsky their total membership numbers and their Associate memberships. Associate membership is the only term to be used.

The Constitutional changes were passed and accepted.

Scholarship – Eldred Holmes

Eldred Holmes gave an update on the new Heritage Club Scholarships that were rewarded this past year. 3 \$1000 scholarships were rewarded.

AGM Centralization – Henry Masek

Henry did a presentation and proposal to centralize the AGM each year for economical reasons to reduce costs at a National level. This was discussed at great length. It was stated that it was not fair to burden a few chapters each year with planning and organizing the AGM. J.P. Leguerrier stated that it can be viewed as a reward to travel with the Heritage Club to the AGM each year for the volunteering done all year long.

Bytown Proposal – Claude Bruneau

Claude Bruneau proposed that constitutional changes be introduced 1 month in advance from the AGM. Currently this is 2 months advanced notice. This was voted upon and passed.

Van Isle Proposal – Jim Sharpe

Jim Sharpe proposed that the National Executive Meetings to Ottawa be shortened and that only 2 National Executive Members be in attendance. Jim stated that this would be a way to cut costs. J.P. explained that they have already shortened the meeting to 2 days and went over the agenda and materials covered. Harold Onagi stated that each chapter is also asked to submit ideas, concerns, etc in advance of

the Ottawa Meetings. Chapters should use this as their opportunity to voice their concerns, and idea.

Membership Transfers – Gilles Labine

J.P. Leguerrier stated that the chapters automatically transfer memberships as requested by the members. This is not the case in Ville Marie chapter. Gilles stated they follow the rules of the constitution and only transfer membership if a member physically moves. J.P. stated the trend in modern times and all chapters is to transfer as requested. He requested that Ville Marie follow this process Constitutional change will be made next year.

Day Two

J.P. Leguerrier introduced and welcomed Lori Hennessey, Christine Blain, and Dayna Robinson from Canada Post Corporate Office. Lori Hennessey gave a presentation updating everyone on the past year in Canada Post and the plans for this coming year and years to follow to meet the needs and demands of our consumers. Lori also spoke of the value the Heritage Club holds to Canada Post and their appreciation of all that the Heritage Club contributes to Canada Post.

Community Foundation

Dayna Robinson, manager of Community Investment and Santa Letter Program. Dayna stated that the Community Foundation puts its focus into 3 areas:

1. Community
2. Education
3. Health

Dayna stated that the foundation provides to over 660 organizations and gives out \$1.5 million. She stated her appreciation to our Heritage Club members for their fundraising and for their volunteering. Dayna also said that there are volunteer opportunities each April to help process the grant applications for the Foundation and would welcome and appreciate the help. Dayna stated that she is able to provide Community Foundation Swag for our events and functions.

Santa Letter Program

Dayna Robinson and Fred Danells gave a presentation on our involvement with the Santa Letter Writing Program. Both Dayna and Fred stated their appreciation to the Heritage Club for this involvement in this valuable program. It was discussed that the volumes of letters were lower this past year due to the Mail Strike. Dayna stated that this coming year there will be a huge media play into our communities. Since 1982 when the program started there have been over 9000 volunteers and over 30 million letters answered. Fred Danells stated that the Heritage Club answered over 186, 000 letters and that the program started November 15, 2019.

Henry Masek discussed how his chapter sourced their own local letters in the London area, by reaching out to the Children's Museum, Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and the Boys and Girls Clubs. This was a huge success in London area.

Cindy Daoust told the presidents of a Secret Santa Program that Canada Post has to grant Christmas wishes to especially touching, funny or unique letters. Cindy asked to forward these letters to the local coordinator to forward to Dayna Robinson. This would be very helpful.

Pacific Postal Archives and Museum – Fred Danells

Fred Danells gave a presentation of the Pacific Postal Archives and Museum that he was instrumental in starting.

AGM 2020 – Marc Jacob

Marc Jacob stated that the AGM for 2020 in Quebec City will be held from May 30- June 1, 2020. The Chateau Laurier will be the venue at a cost of \$180 plus taxes. This is in historical Old Quebec City. The Kebec Chapter has negotiated the same rate of \$180 for the 3 days prior and 3 days after the AGM. This will be on availability only for the days prior and following, so book early. You can reserve your room using Reservation Code 29976 Heritage Club Quebec City.

The AGM in 2021 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Website – Gail Bourhill

Gail Bourhill thanked everyone for their continued support. Gail encouraged everyone to look at each other's web pages for ideas. Gail discussed some of the challenges that this past year held and it was decided that the Comments section on the website will be disabled.

Membership – Holly Perreault

Holly passed out a handout with the current and most up to date membership numbers for each chapter. It was decided that Holly will send out to each chapter their database that is on file so that we can merge and update at the National and Chapter levels to balance the numbers. Lloyd Rogowski asked if on the online application an area for cell phone number could be added. It was decided that Holly will mail out applications and membership cards every 2 weeks.

Elections

Positions up for election this year were 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The results are as follows:

1st Vice President – Eldred Holmes

3rd Vice President – Gary Fisher

Secretary/Treasurer – Nick Ronsky

Special Olympics

A wonderful presentation was given by the local Special Olympics organization in Regina. Each chapter was encouraged to look into the Special Olympics organization in their areas for opportunities to volunteer and fundraise for.

Meeting Adjourned