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Meetings: Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th, 1984

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510. Program for the Next Meeting -- Bob Vaison:

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The May 8th meeting of the NSSC will feature a talk by Marty Zelenietz on the "Postal History of Papua New Guinea". Those members who attended the 1984 Exhibition will know that Marty won a silver award for his ten-frame entry of "Stamps of Papua New Guinea, 1952-1983". Marty is well qualified on this subject so all members should try and attend for an interesting and informative evening.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again it is with great pleasure that I have the honor of submitting my second annual report to the membership.

In reviewing past newsletters and happenings I note I did not come out of the closet as a collector until the yearly auction of 1976, just over eight years ago. At that time I had heard of perfs, photogravure, lithography, etc., but as long as I had one of each type I was usually satisfied. Since I have become a member I have served as auctioneer, written several articles for the Newsletter, helped make frames, drank coffee, and have increased my friends and knowledge tremendously. Also of note when I received the May 76 issue of the Newsletter, postage was 6g and Claude Michaud had just became president of the club.

I have heard on several occasions lately, usually from strangers, "I don't join the club as they are not friendly, they don't collect my country, etc.,". To this I can only say "POPPYCOCK". I have found the membership to be co-operative and very enlightening and I am glad I joined.

Now back to last year. Again I had a very efficient

executive, and again there was no major startling changes made but mainly fine tuning. The 1984 Annual Exhibition is bigger and very likely will be better than ever. We have had to expand into four rooms and the senior frames alone will be over ninty. I believe there are at least several new exhibitors and this is a good sign in a healthy club. The 1983 exhibition hit the 100 frame mark and was also a success. The 1983 Christmas Cheer auction was fun for all who attended and everything sold. The February 1984 Catalogue Auction ran to 300 items and was well received.

Our membership is stable, our finances are quite good, the main sad points is the loss of valued members either due to moving away or death. The Newsletter is going along nicely with new items such as Phil-A-Telic, the monthly programs were again largely by our own members and there must still be more who can talk.

The Executive met montly either at my office or occasionally by telephone . The members of the 1984 Executive were ;

Dave Cooper -- President

Bob Vaison -- lst Vige-President, Program Director & Senior Exhibits Chairman

Ron Lewis -- 2nd Vice-President, Catalogue Auction Chairman & Banquet Chairman

Marilyn Murphy -- Recording Secretary & Junior Club leader C. Archie Thomas -- Treasurer, tight holder of purse strings - yes he can smile.

Hugh Rathbun -- Corresponding Secretary, Program/Advertising Chairman

George MacKenzie -- Newsletter Editor, Exhibition Chairman Les Sarkany -- Director, Club Table Chairman

Peter Ineson -- Auctioneer, Director

Ken MacDonald -- Past President

Marty Zelenietz -- Director for first part of season, then exiled to P.E.I.

Gary Coolen -- Third Director, Bourse Chairman Collins Baugild -- perennial young mainstay

Others who were involved on a continuing basis were Stan Dunfield, Auctioneer; Hilda Van Rooyen, Librarian; Ian Yeates, Coffee; and I hope I have not inadvertedly overlooked anyone.

The only casualty last year was the monthly trading sessions but these will be reorganized in a different format. One item I am proud of is that we have substantially increased our club's library with good sound reference books and I feel this is essential if we are to continue to attract and hold new members and develop better collectors, exhibitors, judges, etc., and continue to grow. as I have in the past five years.

Yours Sincerely,

David A. Cooper

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the length of the Treasurer's Report, it will not be entered in total in the Newsletter but will be condensed by the editor for obvious reasons. Total receipts drawn from the 1983 Annual Exhibition, membership dues, stamp auctions, donations, bank interest and newsletter advertising was \$ 9,602.70. Total expenses for the 1983 Annual Exhibition, newsletter postage, stationary stamp auctions, library books, bank service charge, and miscellaneous were \$ 8,744.34. The net profit for the past year is \$ 856.38. Our bank statement shows us with \$ 5,325.27 on hand as of March 31st, 1984.

513. 1984-85 NSSC Slate of Officers:

The slate of officers listed in item 506 of the last newsletter was accepted by the club membership in attendance at the April 10th meeting with the exception of the directors wherein a vote was taken to chose two directors out of four nominated. The directors chosen were Gary Coolen and Georgie Somers. A third director will be chosen by the Executive at a later date. The first meeting of the new Executive will be held on April 30th.

514. Membership:

The following have been accepted into the Nova Scotia Stamp Club;

794 Charles Carey 795 Clara Carey 796 Michael Hopper

The following applications for membership have been received:

D. Moore, Halifax, N.S. Mr Moore collects Canadian Plate Blocks.

Heather MacKenzie, 1333 South Park Street, Apt 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9. Heather collects Great Britain, literature on stamps & topicals in general.

Verna Powell, RR (1, Kennetcook, Hants CO., N.S. BON 1PO Verna collects Canada, Australia, Singapore & the USA.

The following resignation has been received;

441 Mona Stewart, Olds, Alberta

EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Total Attendance: Friday, April 13th 132
Saturday, April 14th 147
total 279

Court of Honor
Senior
Junior
Outside
Total

Court of Honor
4 frames from 1 member
86 frames from 17 members
18 frames from 10 juniors
29

4 frames from 1 member
86 frames from 10 juniors
116

Junior Auction:

The junior auction was held on Saturday morning, April 13th, with 16 juniors attending. A total of 66 lots were auctioned off with successful bidders putting \$ 23.57 in the junior club's fund.

Due to the reduction in attendance at this year's show, Canada Post's sales were very low, \$ 200.00 on Friday and \$ 600.00 on Saturday.

Dealers:

I discussed sales with all the dealers and with the exception of three, the rest seemed pleased with their sales and would return another year. The three dissenters were from out of town so had the additional expenses of lodgings to contend with.

Awards: Seniors

Gold:

J.J. MacDonald - Nova Scotia Postal Markings

Silver:

Dave Harvey - Forgeries and Fakes of Nova Scotia

Stamps

Bill Burden - The Two Cent Small Queen

Marty Zelenietz - Stamps of Papua New Guinea

1952-1983

George MacKenzie - Olympic Stamps by the Host Country

Bronze:

Doug Casey - The Medallion Issue
John Walsh - Newfoundland Pence and Cents Issue
Gary Steele - King George VI Issue
Dave Cooper - British Isles Covers
Mike Hopper - Great Britain, Early Stationary
and Adhesives
Bob Vaison - Stamps on Stamps
Les Sarkany - Law Enforcement on Stamps

COURT OF HOMOR

Bruce C. Oland - Vatican City

(our thanks to Collins Baugild for taking the responsibility for this display)

The Bill Stephenson Award for best British Colonies except Canada and Provinces was won by Michael Hopper.

The Novice Award, donated by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club for the best novice exhibit in the opinion of the judges was won by Marty Zelenietz.

The Madge Morison Trophy, awarded for outstanding contributions to philately in Nova Scotia was presented to Rob Matthews, editor of "Perforations".

The Postal History Society of Canada's Certificate of Merit, for the best display of Canadian postal history, was won by J.J.MacDonald.

The Best of Show award, donated by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, was won by J.J. MacDonald.

JUNIORS

1st Philatelic : Cheryl Murphy - Wildlife Definitives

2nd Philatelic : Jane Sedero - Machin Heads

lst Topical : Judy Levy - Famous People

2nd Topical : Jason Savoy - Boats

The Francis Hill Award for best Junior entry in the exhibition was won by Cheryl Murphy.

<u>Prize Winners</u>: Exhibition Door Prize -8 Page stock book - won by Doug Casey.

Most Popular Exhibit - Canadian Olympic Stamp case - won by J.J. MacDonald

Banquet Door Prize - Canadian Olympic Stamp case - won by Ken MacDonald.

Exhibition Entry Prize - set of three posters from Canada Post - one set won by Jason Savoy and the other by Marty Zelenietz.

The positive aspects of this year's exhibition is once again the number of entries although the number of members entering is still low. Only 17 members put in the 86 frames entered by club personnel and a lot of these were by the Executive and/or Exhibition Committee. Once again the set-up on Thursday night was well organized and could easily have been done by 8.30 except for one

entry which didn't arrive until 9.00 but even then, we were ready for the judges by 9.30.

To the judges must go our heartfelt thanks - over the past years that I have been the Chairman, many people wanted to know why the award winners were not known until late Friday or even Saturday. The reason was of course that the set-up was always too late on Thursday for judging to take place and the judges could not take time off from work on Friday morning. With our set-up time of 9.30 last year, the judges agreed to give it a try this year. They were able to start around 9,30 and were still at it when I left at 11.00. When I checked in with the Security guard at 8.15 Friday morning, I found out that the judges left about 2am in the morning. Once again, Claude, Ken & Marilyn, "THANKS".

Two discouraging points of the show has to be the low attendance at the bonquet (57) and the poor response to the club table. Les Sarkany had to man it by himself most of the time, especially on Saturday when only two hours were covered. Once again, the Executive/Exhibition Committee members filled a lot of spots.

At this time I would I would like to thank once again the Chairpeople of the 1984 Exhibition for their time and co-operation over the past months as well as their concentrated efforts in the last days prior to the exhibition.

George MacKenzie Exhibition Chairman

Note: Start to plan your frames now for the future; 1985 Exhibition dates are April 12-13th.

516. Senior Club -- Note of Thanks:

The Senior Club extends a vote of thanks to our outgoing president for storing the exhibition frames over the past years. Another vote of thanks goes again to Charlie Davis for providing the transportation of the frames to and from the Lord Nelson on Wednesday night and Sunday morning. Last, but by no means least, thanks once again to Eric Tizzard, who as usual, provided the flowers for the Head Table and our female members/guests.

517. Junior Club -- Note of Thanks:

On behalf of the Junior Stamp Club, we would like to thank all those people who have donated prizes for the exhibition and stamps over the years for our auctions. They are really appreciated by all the juniors and the support seniors.

Marilyn Murphy & Hugh Bignell

IN MEMORIAM

Recently, the Nova Scotia Stamp Club lost two friends, one a collector/member and the other the son of one of our bourse attendees; George Penchard and John Burton. The club wishes to express its deepest sympathy to their families.