

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society Gallery, Roseangle, Dundee
on 9 April 2015**

George Lewthwaite – ‘British Postal Stationary’

Welcome: The President welcomed members and a visitor to the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Colin and Sandra Campbell, Robert Duguid, Doug Howkins, George Soutar and Alec Steele.

Attendance: 13 members and 1 visitor (Presidents' wife Lynn Podger) were present.

Minutes: The Minutes of 26 March were approved on the proposal by Ron Goodfellow and seconded by Harry Jackson.

Display: The final display of the season saw local member George Lewthwaite provide members with a tremendous display of British Postal Stationary which was available to the public during the Queen Victoria to King George VI periods. George began by describing the introduction of the postal stationary in 1837 when John Dickinson promoted his security paper containing silk threads, although following research this was later shown to be cotton, and not silk. George displayed Mulready envelope sheets which only lasted about 1 year before being replaced, penny pink envelopes, Jubilee 1890 correspondence, stamped to order envelopes, registered envelopes and a Victorian Vaccination Certificate. George informed the members that the first postcard was introduced in 1869 in Austria, and this was followed immediately by the UK in 1870. George showed that the first postcard contained an error in the Coat of Arms, which was corrected quickly, but then the same error then appeared in a postcard for Ceylon in 1893. In 1883 inland and foreign reply cards were introduced with the two cards stuck together, eventually this would be replaced by perforations. Also on display were variations in size of card and quality. George finished his display with the introduction of lettercards in 1882 which were to brought in to give privacy.

Business:

Secretary: Asking for volunteers to man the society desk at Congress. Asked for ideas for the Newsletter and reminded members that the Annual Dinner is on 7th May, David Millar will e-mail out details.

Packet Secy: Of the 4 packets issued two have now completed their circuit. Another 2 packets (96/97) are about to be issued. He informed members that there were 9 people in attendance at the last morning meeting of whom 7 do not come to evening meetings.

Librarian: David informed members that he has copies of a book entitled ‘Conflict in the Colonies East Africa and the First World War’ available for purchase at a price of £9.95.

Webmaster: Website now up to date.

ASPS Rep: Advised members about Congress Dinner with forms available on desk. Also asked for volunteers to assist in setting up Congress next Thursday at 10am.

AOCB: Charles informed members that Ron Goodfellow has been awarded the Edward Jupp award from Aberdeen PS for outstanding service to the society.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by Charles Lloyd who complimented George on providing a fitting finale to the display season.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning meeting - 7th May 10am to noon.
Evening Meeting - 23rd April AGM