

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee
on 11 February 2016**

Visit from Caledonian P.S.

Welcome: The president welcomed members and visitors to the meeting

Apologies for absence: Dennis Collins, Doug Howkins

Attendance: 15 Members and 5 Visitors

Minutes: The minutes of the 28th January were approved on the proposal by Sandy Sloss and seconded by Robert Duguid.

Display: Three members of Caledonian Philatelic Society attended and provided displays. Lynn Robinson started off the evening with a display of stamps and postcards relating to the American Civil War. Lynn provided a fascinating insight into the background to the war detailing the significant battles which took place, such as the Battle of Harpers Ferry, the Battle of Bull Run. Included in the display was a letter from m John Wilkes Booth (who shot to fame when he assassinated President Lincoln) when he was 16 which showed his aggressive tendencies even at that early age. Richard Beith followed on with a display of Censorship of Civil Mails in Czechoslovakia during the Munich Crisis September - November 1938. Starting with the Munich Conference Richard explained how Czechoslovakia began with the introduction of censorship on outgoing mail which extended to inward mail a short time later. Three different centres were used for censorship and each used different handstamps. Richards display was a series of covers, covering a 2 month period, showing the different handstamps through the 3 centres of Prague, Trencin and Brno. This display was completed with a selection of covers from Sudetenland. The final display from Colin Caskie was Canadian Pacific Rail Viewcards. The viewcards were used by the Canadian Pacific railroad to send out dividend information to investors. All the cards showed scenes from places the CPR operated in including CPR Hotels and restaurants. The cards ranged from 1901 right through to 1912, which were handwritten in the early years but typed in later years, were posted to addresses in England and Scotland.

Business:

Secretary: Mentioned that our society was featured in the latest issue of ABPS News. Also provided auction lists from Caledonian PS.

Treasurer: Has paid receipts for ASPS and ABPS.

Packet Secy: 6 packets nearing end of circulation.

Librarian: Another meeting will be held on same day as next meeting.

Publicity: Reported that articles appeared in the courier this week, and that the issue of ABPS News is available on the ABPS Website.

ASPS Rep: Summary of latest details of Congress provided to members and asked for volunteers to assist in set up and dismantling of Congress as well as manning of society desk. Congress covers/postcards available for purchase at 50p.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by David Millar who congratulated the members from Caledonian P.S. on excellent displays.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 3rd March 2016 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 25th February 2016 Visit by Aberdeen P.S.