

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 28 September 2017
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

President's Evening

Welcome: Vice President Harry Jackson, chairing the meeting as this was the President's night welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the new session. Before commencing members were asked to observe a minutes' silence in respect of our longest serving member Dennis Collins who passed away in the summer.

Apologies: Doug Howkins, David Dobson, George Soutar

Attendance: 16 Members and 2 Visitor(s)

Minutes: The minutes of the 13th April 2017 were approved by Colin Campbell and seconded by Norman Kelso

Business:

President: Nothing to Report

Secretary: Charles advised members that the meeting on the 9th November will still proceed as planned. Currently there are 11 volunteers to display but more are welcome. Charles also advised that the memorial plaque in recognition of James Chalmers will be going ahead and that badges will be available to purchase at £5 each.

Treasurer: Subscriptions payments steadily coming in.

Packet Secy: Those packets already out should be finishing soon. More to be issued.

Librarian: Work on the library continued during the summer, the reorganisation of the library is done and the next stage of firming up the book locations is being carried out. David then displayed two new books from the library, Postmarks of South West Africa and Cavendish Auction Catalogue.

Publicity: Our meeting was not published in the what's on pages of the courier but is on the Dundee City Council website. The obituary for Dennis Collins was published in Stamp Magazine.

Webmaster: Advised members that an issue had arisen with the website during the summer. The company hosting the website upgraded their systems without informing us and caused a problem with our website running. The webmaster is currently upgrading the website to alleviate the problem as the upgrade will be reinstated on 28th September. All should be well then.

ASPS Rep: Next delegates meeting is at Scotex on 21st October. Report on events from this will be made at the first meeting after Scotex.

AOCB: Peter Dix advised members about the Dundee Philatelic Weekend to be held in October.

Vote of Thanks: Ron Goodfellow thanked David on an excellent first display as President.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 5th October 2017 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 12th October 2017
'British Central Africa 1891 – 1908' by Colin Fraser (USA)

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Display:

The first meeting of the new season was the President's display and this was on a topic of 'Around the World in 80 Pages'. The president displayed 2 stamps each from as many countries as possible based on the Scott catalogue within the confines of 80 pages.

Initially David explained that tonight's display arose from a large box of world stamps he had collected. The thought behind the display was 'What can you do in Philately' and 'What can you collect'. David did contact the Guinness Book of Records regarding the display to see if anything like this could be included. Unfortunately the response was that as there was nothing to benchmark it against then it could not be included.

Part 2 of his display centred on one specific country, namely Germany. The display then consisted of 1 page for each different part of German Stamps as defined by the Scott catalogue. This covered the different regions and areas of Germany and included Air Post, semi-postal, official, postal tax and railway stamps. Rounding off this part of the display were stamps related to the German occupation of other countries such as France, Slovenia, Sudetenland, Estonia and Italy to name but a few. The display finished with German Democratic Republic issues under Russian Occupation.

To round off the evening members enjoyed the usual refreshments of cake and tea/coffee/wine.