

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 13 December 2018
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

One Sheet Competition and Recent Acquisitions

Welcome: In the absence of President David Millar, Vice President Harry Jackson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Apologies: David Millar, Sandra Campbell, Ron Goodfellow, Norman Kelso

Attendance: 8 Members

Minutes: The minutes of the 22nd November 2018 were proposed for approval by Robert Duguid and this was seconded by David Dobson.

Business:

President: Nothing to Report

Secretary: Reported that the President had decided that the subject of the next meeting (10th January 2019) would be changed to “A Members’ Thematic Night” as a consequence of insufficient material for the “Learning Zone”. He explained that each member should bring sheets in number sufficient to fill 1 or 2 or 3 boards. These can be on 1 or 2 topics. It is informal & competition rules do not apply. The object is enjoyment.

Treasurer: Asked for outstanding bills to be submitted to him, otherwise nothing to Report.

Packet Secy: Two new packets have been put in circulation. He has 87 booklets in hand for new packets. A low number of members are taking the packet now. A change in the constitution is required to increase that number by extending the circulation to members in other Tayside societies.

Mornings: David reported that there are 4/5 regular attendances at this time. In 2019, they will meet at Roseangle, other than on 16 May & 6 June

Librarian: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Informed members that the previous meeting was printed in the Courier, though there was an error caused by the Courier sub-editor.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

ASPS Rep: Nothing to report.

Vote of Thanks: Harry Jackson congratulated everyone who had entered the competition or had displayed their recent acquisitions. They had made this a very enjoyable meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 10th January 2019 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 10th January 2019
A Members’ Thematic Night

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Display:

There were five entrants in the single sheet competition:

Charles Lloyd	Waterlow (Publicity) Specimens of Southern Rhodesia
Harry Jackson	Defacing Hitler
David Easson	A Special Postcard – From a Mother to Her Daughter
Peter Dix	Welwitchia
Francis Podger	Singapore Free Post 1945

All entries had been well researched and were neatly mounted with suitable explanations. As can be seen from the titles, there was a great variety of subjects which were extremely interesting. Judging the winner was difficult! The winner was Francis Podger. The Vice-President presented Francis with the competition rose bowl.

Six members displayed their Recent Acquisitions:

David Easson:	Showed Uganda Christmas issues. Initially, these were influenced by European art but towards the end of their annual production (in 2000) the influence became indigenous.
Peter Dix:	Peter had extended his nautical interests with issues and covers connected with the Mayflower and Pilgrim Fathers. He showed newly acquired postcards of Union Castle liners from the interwar period (Arundel & Grandtully Castles) and a letter sent to a passenger that was returned to sender because she had missed the boat. Another interest is birds on stamps and he brought some that were grotesque (in his opinion).
Colin Campbell:	Colin showed recent issues from Hong Kong. He questions the development of HK philatelic policy because although the stamps can be attractive there are an increasing number of booklets being released. Finally, he showed an imperforate miniature sheet issued by Gibraltar for the Duke & Duchess of Sussex wedding (complete with a PO authentication certificate) Again, he questioned this practice.
Harry Jackson:	Stamps issued by the DDR in 1955. There were a significant number on which socialist topics (eg workers) were seen, crowned by an issue commemorating Friedrich Engels.
Francis Podger:	Incoming mail to Singapore. Francis explained that in addition to investigating the philatelic aspects of his covers (postal rates etc) he is now researching the carriage of these letters. Complete records of shipping available on the internet enable him to identify the vessel and hence the routing with a great degree of certainty.
Charles Lloyd:	Charles had become interested in postmarks of post offices at Southern Rhodesian mines. These had the word “mine” in the postmark and enjoyed fascinating names (eg Peggy Mine, Lonely Mine). He had also taken the plunge and bought higher values of the “double head” (After 60 years of collecting it was now or never!)