

President's Report to the BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

~ Annual General Meeting, 11 March 2009 ~

This being my first President's Report, it is a bit of a new experience. It will not be as long as some of my Annual General Meeting minutes have been and so there are some benefits to being a President.

The first thing I have to say is that I could not have done whatever work I have done as President were it not for the fact that it seems everyone has contributed to the well being of the club in some way or other, whether it was along the more official routes of the executive or just picking up some chairs at the end of the meeting. For the first thing I have had the great assistance of three past presidents which has been rather good for me. Trevor Larden, Roger Packer and Bob Ingraham have been the greatest past presidents anyone could have. In some ways it is sort of hard to tell which one has done the most for me — Trevor often being involved in the club auctions, Roger always reminding me about such things as ticket draws, and Bob with the Internet and his various activities concerning the local philatelic world.

First of all I must thank the executive namely, Trevor Larden (VP), Derren Carman (Treasurer), Tim Woodland (Recording Secretary), Bob Ingraham (Immediate Past President, Website Master and sometimes most involved member even though he is not involved), Eric Ranger (Society Archivist), Leslie S.S. Upton (Circuit Books), Keith Lowe (Newsletter Editor), our BC Phil stamp show organizers (Derren Carman and Trevor Larden) and their crew who helped set it up and take it down – including Fritz Graf and Mike Sagar and our combination of auctioneers (Eric Ranger, again, and Mike Strachan and their helpers (who usually included Tim Woodland, Leslie Upton and Trevor Larden). I must not also forget to mention Harry Tessman who every time has come around early to set things up and all the frequent attendees who come around and lend the place their own unique character.

Perhaps the two most important events which concerned my year and both of which seem to have worked out well were the annual two day BC 150 show and the usual change of the first meeting of the month to previous

Monday at 10:30. Everyone liked the job that Trevor and Derren did and appreciated the appearance of the Russian Manchuria philatelic table. While the Monday meeting seemed not to be attended by those who spoke up for it, other people came out for it and most of the usual crowd also made appearances. So it seems to be a success.

While there have been no problems with the attendance at our meetings, Derren will probably be bringing up one problem (falling club membership) at the meeting, which I have already said that I will make telephone calls about.

Otherwise I would just like again to thank everyone for having been a really great help in the past year.

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