

**ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH PHILATELIC SOCIETIES LTD (ABPS)  
TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009  
11th July 2009 at MidPex, Xcel centre, Canley Coventry**

**MINUTES**

**1. In Attendance**

In attendance were: Phil Kenton (Chairman), John Baron, Alan Godfrey, Nigel Gooch, Colin Searle, Hugh Feldman, Alan Griffiths, Willie King, Ian MacPherson, Peter O'Keeffe, Christopher Oliver, Hugh Osborne, Ken Norris, John Ray, Brian Sole, Alan Watson, Peter Kirk, Godfrey Mellor, Neil Russell, Len Stanway, Tom Poynton, Neil Prior, John Gledhill, Chris King, Birthe King, Brian Hyner.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Geoff Longbottom who was prevented from attendance by the lift not working

**3. The Report of the Chairman**

Phil Kenton presented his report on the work of the Association during the past year. He welcomed some new faces on the ABPS Executive (Colin Searle, Secretary, Willie King, PR Committee and Gerald Marriner, Congress). He commented that when he took over 5 years ago he was tasked with finding his successor as Chairman and was pleased to be handing over to younger blood in the form of John Baron, whom he had worked with for over 2 years. He felt that the ABPS was in good hands with a new vibrant Executive, a revitalised Congress and Exhibitions and was looking forward immensely to the forthcoming London 2010.

Len Stanway who is co-ordinating the ABPS with the British Postal Museum and Archive then gave an outline of the 2010 programme

**4. Other reports**

**Exhibitions Committee**

The next ABPS National Exhibition will be at Autumn Stampex, with entries closing on 17 July. This will be the first full National Exhibition to be held back at Stampex, following the very successful One Frame Exhibition held at Spring Stampex earlier this year. As before, there will be seminars offered for exhibitors.

Next year will see a repeat of the One Frame Exhibition in Spring, and the full National at the Autumn Stampex. While a full National Exhibition will be held at Stampex each of the next years, the One Frame Exhibition, or indeed an additional full National Exhibition may be held at other locations from 2011. At this point, the only firm plan is for a National Exhibition to be held in Perth in Scotland in 2012. Ideas for 2011 and 2013 are still being explored.

**International Committee**

The International Committee has met three times in the last year. UK Jurors have been invited to every FIP and FEPA International Exhibition and we have had strong support from UK exhibitors, who have generally done extremely well. A lot of first time exhibitors have been accepted at each exhibition.

Attendance representing UK was at both the 2008 FIP Congress in Romania and at the 2009 FEPA Congress in Essen, Germany, at no cost to the ABPS. Changes have occurred with the rules for exhibiting Postal History with a new sub-division of Social History. A seminar to explain this new sub-category will be held at Autumn Stampex 2009.

We are looking forward to 2010, a very busy year of three internationals, including our own London 2010.

**Stamp Active Network**

The National Youth Stamp Group continues to work hard to promote stamp collecting to children.

Activities over the last 12 months have included the Stamp Active Competition and British Youth Stamp Championships (sponsored by Stanley Gibbons), Planetstamp website, Youth activities at both Spring and Autumn Stampex and more. Plans are well advanced for a youth area London 2010 and other new projects will include an activity book and a starter pack for new school and junior stamp clubs. The Stamp Active Network is grateful for the ongoing support of ABPS through its grant and the promotion of the dealer patron scheme.

Any clubs who would like to directly support these initiatives should contact John Davies, Chairman

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**Small Grants**

Peter O'Keeffe reported that two grants had been made. He encouraged applications but requested that they should fulfil the requirements listed in the Directory.

## **Awards**

The ABPS Awards Committee is very pleased to announce that the 2009 Congress Medal has been awarded to

**Frank N. Soutar, FRPSL, of Larbert, Scotland**

Nominated by the Glasgow Thematic Society

### **ABPS Awards of merit go to:-**

David M. Beddoes	Thatcham and District Philatelic Society
Peter Mellor	National Philatelic Society
John M.H.Parkin	North West Federation of Philatelic Societies
Reg Rhodes	Thatcham and District Philatelic Society
Bryan Riches	Germany and Colonies Philatelic Society
Dennis Rosser	North West Federation of Philatelic Societies
Roy Summers	Midland Philatelic Federation

## **Congress**

Gerald Marriner reported that things were well under way with the Centenary Congress being held next weekend in Manchester and that in 2010 it would be held in Kenilworth in Warwickshire.

## **National Philatelic Society**

On 20th August, a seminar will be held entitled "How to use the National Philatelic Society Library to best advantage". This should be of use to National P.S. members and non-members alike, following the re-arrangement of the library after its move in 2007.

In 2010 we will be arranging a seminar on "Editing and printing a successful magazine for a philatelic society". The date is yet to be arranged.

We have stands at major philatelic meetings, at Perth in April; here at Midpex; at York later this month and, of course, at Stampex and Philatex. Most of these are manned, jointly with the A.B.P.S.

The National P.S. is holding, in addition to its regular monthly meetings at the Phoenix Centre, an open meeting in Leamington Spa on 26th September 2009. This meeting is open to members and non-members and we anticipate that this should be enjoyable.

Similar provincial meetings are planned to be held at Thatcham, Colchester and a West Country venue during 2010.

## **5. Accounts**

Nigel Gooch spoke to the accounts, previously circulated. He answered questions relating to the accounts.

## **6. Elections**

Directors of ABPS Ltd.

Directors are: Willie King and John Baron, J.A.Davies, N.R.N.G.Gooch, A.D.Godfrey, P.J.Kenton, S.M.Oliver, J.D.C.Sussex.

John Baron was elected Chairman of A.B.P.S.

7 Motions

**1.** That the Bank Account mandate be changed. We suggest that a minimum of 3 signatories be appointed with any 2 of the 3 signatories to sign any payment authorities (including cheques). *Nigel Gooch replied that he was sole signatory on cheques up to £1000 over that 2 signatures were required. This motion was formally withdrawn*

**2.** That separate Accounts be published for any large events (such as Congress) and that a nominated representative from the local philatelic body or federation be included on the (sub) committee responsible for such events. *It was agreed that separate Congress accounts would be published. This motion was formally withdrawn*

## **8. Any Other Business**

The Chairman presented awards for the ABPS Society Journal of the Year competitions. In the competition for local

societies the winner was Redditch Philatelic Society . In the competition for specialist societies the winner was the Germany and Colonies Society

### **9. Date of A.G.M 2010**

To be held at the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in Kenilworth on Sunday July 25th

C Searle  
General Secretary