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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

PREVIOUS

12 FEBRUARY 2020

AGM, CUPS, ONE PAGE & LIB CASE

We had three entries for the One Page cup on I. Congratulations to Michael Wigmore on his “Inflation” exhibit. Diederik Viljoen, Tony Olckers, Ida Potgieter and Werner Barnard all showed various items under Interesting. One Page of the year – 8 entries:

April 2019	“A”	Reanie de Villiers (Alice in Wonderland)
May 2019	“B”	Ida Potgieter (Bathing Bells)
July 2019	“D”	Diederik Viljoen (D – an introduction to DIEDERIK)
August 2019	“E”	Michael Wigmore (Entertainment)
October 2019	“F”	Ida Potgieter (Foxy Folklore & Fables)
November 2019	“G”	Ida Potgieter (Gold ... as in ...)
January 2020	“H”	Reanie de Villiers (The Hinderberg Disaster)
February 2020	“I”	Michael Wigmore (Inflation)

After voting, a tie was declared. Congratulations to Michael Wigmore and Reanie de Villiers for their winning One Pages of August, “Entertainment” and January, “The Hinderberg Disaster”, respectively.

Johan Bezuidenhout, Hugh Mulder and Gerrit de Haas will be runners at the auction next month.

Diederik Viljoen and Bellville (Transport) will exhibit at the SAVPEX 2020 virtual Stamp Exhibition. Reanie will finalize the Transport exhibit.

The official AGM followed:

Stan Rowland gave a brief Financial Report confirming that we are in good financial standing. The Financial Statements for auditing will be finalized as soon as financials for the September auction had been finalized.

Werner Barnard next gave his President’s Report.

The committee has proposed that two of our members be given Honorary Life membership. This proposal was accepted by all society members present. Congratulations to:

Reinder Nauta and Rianneke Loo

The new elected committee is as follows:

President : Werner Barnard; wernerb@axxess.co.za; president@bellvillephilatelicsociety.co.za;

Vice-President : Johan Bezuidenhout; johanblue777@gmail.com

Secretary : Reanie de Villiers; philately@netpoint.co.za; secretary@bellvillephilatelicsociety.co.za;
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Treasurer : Stan Rowland; treasurer@bellvillephilatelicsociety.co.za

Additional members : Hugh Mulder, Robert Harm

Other matters:

Tony Olckers made the following proposals that will be discussed at the next committee meeting:

Review of cup rules; members to be encouraged to bring non-competitive exhibits on Cup evenings; a society Cup for South African exhibits.

Reinder Nauta gave a heartfelt thank you for the privilege bestowed on him.

FORTHCOMING

11 MARCH 2020

AUCTION

We have received some items for an Auction and have scheduled it for the March 2020 meeting. A catalogue will be distributed to all members as soon as it is available.

8 APRIL 2020

AFRICA CUP - MEETING CANCELLED

The meeting has been cancelled due to national lockdown. The Africa Cup has been moved to the May meeting.

13 MAY 2020

AFRICA & REST OF THE WORLD CUPS

Africa Cup: All countries in Africa, including Madagascar and Mauritius, are included in the exhibition range for this cup. Minimum 2 frames (32 pages) exhibit – as for a classical exhibit.

Rest of the World Cup: All countries, excluding the Africa continent, are included in the exhibition range for this cup. Minimum two frames (32 pages) exhibit – as for a classical exhibit.

Any exhibit that has previously been awarded an award lower than a Vermeil at National or International Exhibition, may be entered.

10 JUNE 2020

ONE FRAME & OPEN CLASS CUPS

One-Frame Cup: The rules are simple: 16 pages, classical or thematic or open class (each will be judged with its own rules).

Open Class Cup: A cup was donated by Stan Rowland to encourage members to participate in this “new” category. A short version of the rules: Any subject matter, with a distribution of 50% philatelic and 50% non-philatelic material. Minimum 2 frames (32 pages).

Any exhibit that has previously been awarded an award lower than a Vermeil at National or International Exhibition, may be entered.

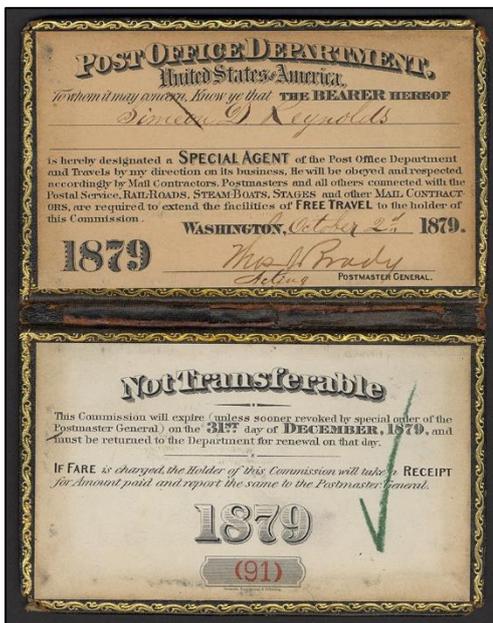
8 JULY 2020

60TH ANNIVERSARY

On the 27th July 1960, the Bellville Philatelic Society was founded in the Presbyterian Hall in Rhos Street, Bellville, in the presence of two founder members: Theo J. Kurtz (†1974) and Eddie J. Beunderman (†2005). The society is celebrating it's 60th year of existence with a function. Our society members will showcase their best award-winning exhibits of the last 10 years. Formal invitations will be sent out in due course.

Behind the Badge : Railway Mail Service

[<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibition/behind-the-badge-postal-inspection-service-duties-and-history-history/railway-mail>]



Trains began carrying U.S. mail in the 1830s. In 1864, the Post Office Department began assigning clerks who would sort and process the mail while the train was moving. Instead of sitting in bags until arriving at their destination, mail pieces were taken out and sorted in the train car, which speed processing and delivery times. In 1869, special agents (i.e., inspectors) began supervising the mail and clerks on the new Railway Mail Service (RMS) cars.

Special agent credentials issued to Simon D. Reynolds in 1879. Credentials allowed the agents to travel free on trains while performing their duties.

The inspector and railway mail clerk relationship was a rocky one. Inspectors rode aboard various railway mail cars without warning, never hesitating to write up infractions. Sometimes clerks realized they had been caught making errors. Other times they felt that inspectors were a bit overzealous in their reports.

In 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt made that relationship worse when he issued a dramatic anti-labor law known as the “Gag Rule.” The law made it illegal for U.S. government employees to advocate to Congress, individually or through associations, for pay increases or to alert them to poor working conditions. Workers could only put their issues in front of Congress if their departments did so. Postmaster General Robert Wynne believed workers’ issues could be resolved within the structure of the Post Office Department. He and his officials were quite rigid in policing their employees under the Gag Rule. Among their tools were the postal inspectors. Inspectors spied on associations and unions, reporting potential troublemakers to the Department. As a result, several railway mail clerks lost their jobs. Fortunately for the workers, the Gag Rule was short lived when revoked in 1912.

Inspectors were responsible for ensuring that every aspect of the Railway Mail Service was functioning at the highest and most secure level, including moving the mail on and off the trains.

Postal inspectors continued to ride railway mail trains, policing RMS workers, and submitting reports on workers and the service itself through the 20th century. This part of the inspectors' duties ended when the last RMS train ran in June 1977.



Railway mail clerks worked long days in cramped quarters. Visits from postal inspectors were always a surprise, and rarely welcomed.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Herwig	Kussing	1 February
Werner	Barnard	5 February
Colleen	Potgieter	10 February
John	Reeves	15 February
Stan	Rowland	01 March
Alan	Hugill	19 March
Reinder	Nauta	25 March
Theo	Mostert	26 March
Michiel	Moll	02 May
Alwyn	Du Toit	03 May
Anne Marie	Wigmore	13 May
Niel	Matthee	16 May
Gert	Strydom	27 May
Reanie	De Villiers	12 June
Jan	Rossouw	14 June
George	Coetzee	24 June

Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

	THE ROYAL
MEETINGS:	Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
MAY 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	STELLENBOSCH
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch
3 MARCH 2020	2 Page exhibit on Gold, Exhibitor: Jennifer Barry
7 APRIL 2020	2 Page exhibit on Silver, Exhibitor: Malcolm Suttill
5 MAY 2020	2 Page exhibit on Useful insects, guest exhibitor to be confirmed
2 JUNE 2020	2 Page exhibit on Two Wheelers (Bicycles), guest exhibitor to be confirmed
	PAARL
MEETINGS:	Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl
7 MARCH 2020	Saterdagoggend :Jaarlikse ete by Simonsvlei Wynkelder
16 APRIL 2020	D. de Klerk-aand
14 MAY 2020	Information not available
11 JUNE 2020	Vasvra-aand
	PINELANDS
MEETINGS:	Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library
25 MARCH 2020	Main: Vintage Philatelic items; Other: Bourse
29 APRIL 2020	Auction
27 MAY 2020	Brian F: British Army SA; Marilyn &/or Martin: Voluntary
24 JUNE 2020	Main: Thematic Workshop: Diederik Viljoen & Reanie de Villiers
	FISH HOEK
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek
3 MARCH 2020	AGM & discussions plus small invited exhibits.
7 APRIL 2020	Volker Janssen will show his new collection of "Bremen".
5 MAY 2020	Commonwealth Evening for all members to show on max 14 pages.
2 JUNE 2020	Southern Africa competition & President's Cup; Small exhibits (max 28 pages) of Southern African countries.
	CAPE STAMP FAIR (NEW VENUE) & AUCTION (OLD VENUE)
MEETINGS:	Fair: First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bellville Valley DRC Hall, c/o Postma & St Andrews Streets, Bellville Auction: From 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R. Church, c/o Boland Way & Protea Way, Durbanville
STAMP FAIRS	Stamp Fair dates for 2020 are: January 11th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May 9th, June 6th, July 18th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th. (All on 1st Saturday of the month except January, May & July).
LIVE AUCTIONS	Live Auction dates for 2020 are: 29th January, 1st February, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th & November 21st
THEMATICSA, WESTERN CAPE	Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30– 10:30

SUBS FOR 2020

Federation Fee 2020:	R 70 (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Society Fee 2020:	R 100 (same amount payable by non-home members)
Juniors:	Free
Total Membership Fee 2020:	R 170 (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Additional for Printed SA Philatelist:	R 180

Current member discounts have been communicated via email. Please request the details if you are unsure.

**Subs was payable before the end of January 2020.
Unpaid members will be removed from the society's membership list from 1 April 2020.
Thank you to everyone who has already paid their subs.**

PROGRAM 2020

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
8 JAN 2020	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY N SMITH	"H"
12 FEB 2020	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	R LOO C MULLER	"I"
25 FEB 2020	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
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22 – 23 AUG 2020	SAVPEX 2020	BLOEMFONTEIN	
9 SEP 2020	THEMATIC CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY	L
10 SEP 2020	INTERCLUB COMPETITION	PAARL	
13 OCT 2020	VISITORS: PINELANDS	J REEVES M REEVES	M
14 –17 OCT 2020	ALGOAPEX 2020	PORT ELIZABETH	
16 OCT 2020	CONGRESS	PORT ELIZABETH	
11 NOV 2020	TRAINING EVENING	D VILJOEN N MATTHEE	N
2 DEC 2020	PRESIDENT'S EVENING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
13 JAN 2021	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP & LADIES CUP	AM WIGMORE M WIGMORE	O
10 FEB 2021	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	D CROUKAMP E STOCKENSTROM	P
10 MAR 2021	AUCTION	C MULLER G STRYDOM A HORSTMANN	---

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Meeting Details: Bellville Library Auditorium, Charl van Aswegen Road, Bellville, 19h00