

## THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF RUSSIAN PHILATELY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday 5 of October  
2014 at 2.30pm  
at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London S.E.

**Present:** Terry Page in the Chair, Caroline Ferreira (Sec/Treasurer), Robin Calvert, Roger Castle, Dr R and Mrs Ceresa. Late arrival Robin Joseph.

**Apologies:** Lenard Tiller (President), Jackie Simpson, Kevin Holdridge, Edward Klempka

### **1. Minutes of the Previous A.G.M:**

Terry Page, seconded by Robin Calvert proposed that the minutes be accepted. All present agreed.

### **2. Secretary's / Treasurer's Report:**

- **BJRP Journal** 103 was published in November 2013 in full colour. Journals 102 and 103 received Large Vermeil medals at Stampex Spring and Autumn Exhibitions 2013. Journal 103 was also on display at LITFILIA 2014, Perm, Russia in May 2014.
- **Members**

#### **New members 2013 (13)**

MR	R	BAJENSKI
DR	J L	BOURGEOIS
MR	P	CYBANIAK
DR	S	DEBON
MRS	C	FINN
MR	B	FURNON
Dr	H-G	GRIGOLEIT
DR	W	GRUNDMANN
MR	T	HUYLMANS
MR	V	OPSIMOS
MR	L	ROOP
MR	S	SHANKARAN NAIR
MR	R	TUFFT

#### **Lapsed and removed from members list at end of 2013 (8)**

MR	N	CHANDLER
MR	S	GREBENICHENKO
MR	A	LOWE
MRS	G	NAYLOR
MR	J	SOULSBY
MR	L R	SPRAGG
MR	A	VIDLER, MVO
MR	A G	ZULUETA Jr

#### **Resignations**

John Kelion (22 August 2013)

## **Deceased**

Norman Ames (April 2013)

- **Members section of the BSRP website noticeboard and downloadable access to first 102 issues of our journal.**

*Current situation:* “We are attracting more visitors (especially new ones) 1,000 since Jan and 800 downloads of journal copies from the website. The re-launch was based on a cautious assumption about the appetite of members to use this kind of online facility – so the site was built to be fairly static and with only limited engagement tools. The site has been a success within those parameters. But there are fewer page views overall, because there is relatively little content on the site.”  
Kevin Holdridge (Webmaster)

The Secretary/Treasurer asked members present to make suggestions to improve the *content* of the website. Robin Calvert suggested that ‘old news’ be moved off the front page. Terry Page suggested a link to Trevor Pateman’s blog would be of interest. Robin Joseph gave details of events such as PRIMROSE: RUSSIAN COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY in celebration of the UK-RUSSIA YEAR OF CULTURE 2014 which members might find of interest. Robin Calvert suggested advertising upcoming events such as the Sindelfingen Internationale Briefmarken-Börse. All these suggestions have been forwarded to the webmaster Kevin Holdridge to action.

- **Subscriptions** What does BSRP offer its members for £18/£20 subscription fee?

An award-winning 100 page journal annually  
An annual meeting held at Union Jack Club in London  
Access to members section of website -  
Free, downloadable journals 1 – 102 and members noticeboard

All present agreed the BSRP Subscription was good value for money for the journal alone. Roger Castle suggested a reduction in subscription for those wanting the journal by email in pdf format. Terry Page and Caroline Ferreira agreed any reduction in income should not be encouraged! This suggestion will be raised again next year.

- **BSRP PayPal account** – email address now changed to [paypal@bsrp.org](mailto:paypal@bsrp.org) as suggested by Terry Page at last year’s AGM.
- **BSRP Christmas e-card** - members and friends received a second Christmas card and access to Journal 102 via the members section of the website.

Members with email addresses (now 87%) will receive an e-card again this year and Journal 103 would be added to the members’ only downloadable journals section of the website.

- **Advertisers on website and journal**

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**Journal 103**

*David Feldman (Switzerland)*

*Cherrystone Auctions (USA)*

*Raritan Stamps (USA)*

*Malov Stamps (Germany)*

*Spink (Switzerland)*

*Cavendish (tbc)*

**Website**

*David Feldman (Switzerland) renewed*

*Cherrystones (USA)*

- **Accounts overview as at 31 December 2013**

Subscription income as at 31 December 2013: **£1,673.65**

Total income was **£2,785.01** (2,791.64 in 2012)

Total expenditure was **£3,997.67** (£5,075.66 in 2012)

Current assets stand at **£14,164.58** (£15,557.68 in 2012) a decrease of **9.81%**.

No funds from savings account have been transferred into community account since 2010.

### **3. Journal Report:**

In Edward Klempka's absence Caroline Ferreira reported that the next 100 page full colour journal No. 104 would be going to print in mid-November and will be distributed from end November onwards.

### **4. Election of Society Officers:**

a) Secretary/Treasurer/Journal Production – Caroline Ferreira

b) Journal Editor – Edward Klempka

Abovementioned Society Officers offered themselves for re-election. All present agreed.

### **5. Election of President:**

In his absence, Lenard Tiller was re-elected President by all present.

### **6. Election of other main Committee members**

Messrs. Roger Castle, Kevin Holdridge, Jackie Simpson, Robin Joseph and Terry Page all offered themselves for re-election and all present agreed.

Overseas representatives Dave Skipton and A Kiryushkin were contacted prior to the AGM and agreed to continue as representatives in the USA and Russia respectively.

## **7. Temporary suspension of the Constitution's provisions regarding the remuneration of officers (see minutes of AGM October 2011)**

It was proposed by Terry Page to continue this temporary suspension for a further 12 months and seconded by Roger Castle.

## **8. Any other business**

**AGM** - It was noted that most guests attending the weekend meeting were unable to stay for the AGM on a Sunday afternoon as they had to travel back to Europe/other parts of UK. It was therefore suggested that the AGM move to another time slot - which lead onto the next suggestion;

**London Weekend Meeting** – Terry Page proposed a new format over one day (a Saturday) and suggested beginning with the AGM first thing, followed by a full programme throughout the day. All agreed that a sandwich lunch and refreshments served in the room at lunchtime would maximise time available.

**Bank Account Signatories** – Currently there are two signatories- Lenard Tiller (President) and Caroline Ferreira (Secretary/Treasurer). Roger Castle and Terry Page offered their services as signatories on the BSRP bank accounts and have been sent the required forms to complete.

## **9. Vote of Thanks**

Robin Calvert extended a vote of thanks to Terry Page in appreciation for his contribution over the years as organiser of the London Weekend meeting and for always providing an excellent program.

Terry Page then closed the meeting and thanked all who had attended.