



The British Society of Russian Philately
Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
of the Society held
online on Sunday 12 December 2020

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM and
2. The Secretary/Treasurer's Report 2020-2021(both attached)
(*Proposed by Neil Ritchie and seconded by John D Myke*)
3. Election and re-election of Society Officers and Committee Members

There is one new nomination, Gilbert Rios and one member, Ron Tufft has not renewed his interest in serving for another year. We have also introduced a new representative from 2022, a Russian Representative, details of which appear under 'Any other business 4.2'. All other serving members have been re-elected as follows:

1. President - Neil Ritchie
- proposed Bernard Furnon, seconded Terry Page
2. Secretary/Treasurer - Caroline Lee
- proposed John Merrill, seconded Ron Tufft
3. Journal Editor - Neil Ritchie
- proposed Robin Joseph, seconded Gilbert Rios
4. Journal Production - Caroline Lee
- proposed Terry Page, seconded John Merrill
5. Journal Proof-reader - Philip Robinson
- proposed Bjorn Sohrne seconded Robin Joseph
6. Committee member 1 - Terry Page
- proposed Gilbert Rios, seconded Ron Tufft
7. Committee member 2 - John D Myke
- proposed Neil Ritchie, seconded Bernard Furnon
8. **Committee member 3 (new) - Gilbert Rios**
- proposed Caroline Lee seconded Neil Ritchie
9. N America Rep - David Skipton*

*David Skipton has accepted Society Officers' request to stand as BSRP North American Representative for 2022.

*"I fully endorse the proposed office-bearers" **Matthew Kahane***

*"My congratulations to all elected representatives." **Andreas Bliersbach***

*"I support all the proposed nominations. Please pass my thanks onto all current and proposed nominees. You are all a credit to the Society." **Peter Williams**.*

*I wish to continue having a hard copy, and I'll pay the postage cost. **Hiromasa Iitsuka***

4. Any other business

1. BRITISH JOURNAL OF RUSSIAN PHILATELY

As the BSRP can no longer afford the hugely inflated postal charges on the hard copy journals, the Society Officers, after consultation with members, have had to make the decision to pass on the cost of postage to members requesting hard copies of the journal.

"The consensus of the 14 people at the Zoom meeting on 14 November 2021 was that they all wished to continue having a hard copy. They are happy to consider paying for the postage, the suggestion being that there is a tiered subscription, the level dependent upon your geographical location i.e. the USA members would have a subscription level that reflected the postage cost, UK, Europe, etc." Neil Ritchie (President)

Postage costs will be calculated by Zones based on weight of journal and actual charges provided by our printers who posted out BJR 111 were as follows; UK £2.70 and all other destinations £5.90. You will be contacted in Q3 for your delivery preference and those requesting hard copies will be asked to forward the cost of postage at that time.

*"Hi would be more than willing to pay the cost of postage, pdf fine but you cannot beat a good book(journal)." **Anthony Restell***

*"Charging postage on journals would be fine with me." **John McMahon***

*"I'm okay with paying the postage charge, I would prefer a hard copy." **Ron Tufft***

"It's only fair that those who live further afield should pay the appropriate postage.

*Anyway, it's not a lot extra in the scheme of things these days!" **John Merrill***

*"I fully support the idea of charging members the actual postage costs for the Journal in addition to the subscription, in my case £5.90." **Matthew Kahane***

*"I would be happy to pay extra for this service. I know that other philatelic societies have done this..." **Peter Williams***

*"I am quite happy to pay postage costs for my hard copy." **Terry Tompkins***

*"I would like to continue to be able to hold a physical magazine in my hands and would be happy to pay the postage costs of around 6 Pounds." **Andreas Bliersbach***

*"Having a subscription level that would reflect the shipping charges for sending hard copies of the Journal seems a good idea." **Gilbert Rios***

*"I have no problem paying for postage. Rossica has a tiered subscription rate." **John Lacovino***

2. It was put forward by Gilbert Rios that in addition to a North American Representative we should appoint a Russian Representative. We are delighted to announce that Valentin Levandovskiy FRPSL has accepted the role and we look forward to working with him in 2022.

3. Our monthly Zoom meetings introduced in March 2021 have been well received and will continue in 2022. We invite members and guests to give informal presentations followed by Q&A sessions, discussing items of interest.

It has also been suggested that a 'how to' online training session be scheduled for members wishing to participate but are new to online Zoom meetings and who would feel more comfortable with some information and support. Please get in touch if you would like to attend such a meeting.

"In a global world, these meetings are the perfect opportunity to communicate with each other in the club. My deficit is bad english, otherwise I would intervene a lot more."

Andreas Bliersbach

"I greatly enjoy the monthly Zoom meetings and hope they can continue. Perhaps one day I will discover how to prepare and present some items." **Matthew Kahane**

"Continuing the Zoom meetings in 2022 would be great: I'm ready to make a presentation." **Gilbert Rios**

"While I have not participated in the BSRP Zoom meetings, I know that other philatelic societies have used them to reach out to members who could not usually attend meetings. This makes them more inclusive for members who are physically in another country, unable to attend due to ill health (or trials and tribulations of natural aging) or live some distance from the physical London meeting rooms, even if they are resident in Great Britain." **Peter Williams**

"I can't participate because of the time difference, but I think zoom meeting is a good way." **Hiromasa Iitsuka**

We would like to take a moment to remember Roger Castle, an active member of the BSRP for many years, who passed away suddenly in October 2021 and Christopher Kelly who passed away in April 2021. Obituaries for both will appear in our next journal.

The latest journal No. 111 has been delivered by email to those requesting PDF's and hardcopies now being circulated and hopefully all members will have received their copies before Christmas.

Thank you everyone who participated in this year's online AGM.

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