

PSWA PHILATELIC FORUM

Record of meeting of the PSWA Philatelic Forum, 7 March 2016 held at Philatelic House, Wellington Fair, Unit 18, 40 Lord Street, East Perth. Meeting opened at 7.58pm with Bruce Haynes in the Chair. Fourteen people in attendance: Bruce Haynes, Brian Pope, John DiBiase, Mike Kouwen, Glen Stafford, Brian Whittaker, Ross Duberal, Penny Wells, Mike Rhodes, George Morris, Brian Barrett, Rod Kantor, Gavin Woodward.

Apologies: Derek Pocock, Anna Friis, Ken Moore, David Lee.

Visitors: Keith Michaelson.

Corrections: Nil.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence: WAPC Minutes & Committee Reports for 2 February and Agenda for 1 March 2016. 'The West' newspaper snippet on the life of the late Max Stern – story by Trevor Darge. Request from Thomas Johnston (USA) regarding philatelic information on William John Hancock (1864-1931).

Publications: Rex & Fair – 11 Mar; Stamp Fair Dealers Auction No.54 – 13 Mar; Stamp News – Feb; London Philatelist – Jan/Feb; La Catastrophe – Mar; Auckland City Stamps auction – 19 Mar; Grosvenor – 24 Feb; Stamp Bulletin – Mar/Apr; Seven Nations Challenge 2016, London Palmares.

Ask the Forum: Nil.

Display Tips: Mike Kouwen showed a reviewed Title Page for his 'Australia London Custom Duty Stamps' and also requested information on Waterlow Specimen punctures.

Brian Whittaker showed a couple of covers used shortly after decimalisation in March 1966. Credit refunded for postage due on import duty (accompanied with Official letter).

Book Reviews: Bruce Haynes showed a set of Philatelic Forum Minutes dated from 1985. He proposes to donate this to the PSWA Philatelic Library.

Exhibitions / Showtime: Mandurah Half National, 3-5 November 2016 (changed dates); Canberra Half National, 18-20 March 2016; Hobart National One Frame, 18-20 Nov 2016; Christchurch NZ – 18-20 Nov 2016 (Nat); Melbourne 2017 FIAP (includes Royalpex) 6-9 Mar 2017 ; New York 2016 (FIP), 28 May to 4 June. Other proposed exhibitions are Bangkok 2016, 10-15 Aug – C Bromser (FIAP); Taipei (FIP) 21-26 Oct – M Groom; China, Nanning 2016, 2-6 Dec (FIAP) Glen Stafford; Finland 2017, 24-28 May (David Figg); Hong Kong (National) April, – Rod Kantor; Australasian Challenge / PPC 2016 , 7-9 Oct in Adelaide, Invitational only - Mike Rhodes Co-ordinator / Jury.

Exhibition Results: Seven Nations Challenge 2016, London: Russell Boylan, Stephen Browne, Dave Elsmore, John Sinfield each received an International Gold medal. Great Britain won the Challenge with 385 points; Denmark – 384; Germany – 383; Sweden – 379; USA – 375; Australia – 371; Belgium 366.

Topic for the Evening: Running a Stamp Show – Glen Stafford and Keith Michaelson.

Keith and Glen gave a vivid picture of what is involved in organising a stamp show including all the behind the scenes of planning, working committee, logistics, exhibition catalogues, souvenirs, jury, accommodation and pitfalls. Bruce Haynes tendered a vote of thanks. Well done gentlemen.

General Business: John DiBiase attended a Picture Postcard seminar in London hosted by Birthe King.

Next Meetings:

4 April

New York Entries

2 May

Picture Postcards – Printing Methods, M Kouwen

Agenda for: 4 April 2016: Apologies / Visitors / Corrections / Business Arising / Correspondence / Publications / Ask the Forum / Display Tips / Book Reviews / Exhibitions / Topic for Evening / General Business / Next Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 10.02pm

John DiBiase. Hon. Scribe, 31 March 2016.