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President's Piece

Thank you to all members who attended the July meeting. Please keep going like this and encourage fellow members and friends to attend.

The theme for the next meeting on 7 August 2017 is Committee's Pages. Instead of exhibiting, committee members will show some of their favourite pages from their collections. I am looking forward to this, as it promises to be very interesting.

Although not philatelic, I thought to share something that happened to me the other day. André Nel (our treasurer) called me on the 7 July about an e-mail I'd sent to him requesting the release of money. Well, I did not send such a request and he forwarded the mail to me:

Hi André Nel

Let me know if your available ,i need you to initiate a payment of R38,850 ZAR to a vendor urgently confirm if you are available so i forward you the vendors bank details

Thanks,

André du Plessis

Definitely not the way I would write a mail! I was shocked and then realised that my e-mail had been hacked. I immediately changed the password for my mail as well as for the rest of my applications. The bad part is that someone out there invaded my private space and could use it for something I did not even know of. It just shows that it can happen to anyone and we need to change our passwords regularly to be on the safe side.

The letter for the August meeting is "K"; please bring along your contributions. See you at the meeting on the 7th.

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In memoriam

Steve van den Hurk, stamp dealer on the East Rand, past-president of Federation, past-president of SAPDA and member of the SAPDAPEX 2017 organising committee, passed away suddenly on 28 June 2017. Mike Wierzbowski, also a SAPDA dealer from Johannesburg, passed away a week earlier. The Club extends sincere sympathy to their families, friends and SAPDA colleagues.

Meeting 3 July 2017

The President, André du Plessis, welcomed the 13 members and one visitor attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Alex Visser, Clive Poole, Gerhard Kamffer, Emil Iglauer, Nicholas Schofield, Rob Weide and Marge Viljoen.

Matters of Interest

- Members who are exhibiting at SAPDAPEX 2017 and are struggling with the high cost of the frame fees may wish to approach the PPS Committee for support, which will be favourably received.
- Steve Marsh gave a summary of the last committee meeting.
- André Nel reported on the club's finances. Expenditure is going according to budget. Most members have paid their subs.
- The Exchange Section is going well and has been expanded to include East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town as circuits. New exchange booklets are always needed. John Barry has drawn up rules for contributors. Testing of the new computer program for the Exchange Section is going well.
- The PPS's information now appears on the Federation's website. To access our information:
 1. Go to the Philatelic Federation of South Africa's website at <http://www.stamps.org.za/>
 2. Select "How things work" in the bar at the top of the page and click on "Stamp Clubs".
 3. The clubs are in alphabetical order. Scroll down to Pretoria Philatelic Society, where you'll find "Follow the link to our club page for more information – CLICK HERE".
 4. Click on "CLICK HERE" to open.

The PPS information can also be found on the Federation's web site under "News". Click on "News" and then on "Club News".

- The results of the recent questionnaire about future PPS meetings indicated that about half of the respondents favour an evening meeting and about half favour a morning meeting. André du Plessis and Steve Marsh are looking into the holding of a morning PPS meeting. If you have any further ideas or suggestions, please send them to André du Plessis.
- André du Plessis and Mike Dove have not yet been able to get an appointment with the St Alban's College principal.
- Mike Dove mentioned the recent burning down of the Bloemfontein City Hall.
- André Nel reported that the youth group at Afrikaanse Hoër Meisieskool Pretoria was very pleased with the donation of stamps and covers.

- October's meeting will be an exchange of virtual exhibits between the PPS and the British philatelic club in which Jaime Smith is involved. They will have their meeting to view our exhibits on 6 September 2017 and we will view theirs at our meeting on 2 October 2017. Exhibits will be one-framers (16 pages). So far we have six exhibits to share with them. Please let André du Plessis have the exhibits by 5 August 2017. Exhibits must please be scanned as PDF documents at 300 dpi. Jaime Smith has already sent André du Plessis eight of their exhibits. Exhibits will be put in Dropbox and members will receive the link in advance of the meeting. Formal judging of the exhibits won't be done; instead there will be a popular vote.

Items of Interest

PPS members who have exhibited internationally include Cedric Roché, André du Plessis, Gerhard Kamffer and Paul van Zeyl. Some of the medals and certificates that Cedric and André received overseas were on display for the interest of members:

- Cedric received Gold in Korea (2009) for "The Revenue Issues of South West Africa under South African Administration" and Gold in Taipei (2016) for "Embossed Revenues of Southern Africa". He also received a special award in Korea, with the award being a model of a Korean turtle ship.
- André du Plessis received Vermeil in Hong Kong (2015) for "Union of South Africa Commemorative Issue: 1935 Silver Jubilee of KGV revised" and Large Vermeil in New York 2016 for "Union of South Africa: 1935 Silver Jubilee of King George V".



The Letter C

- Cedric Roché showed Cape triangles.
- Pat Kitts showed WWII Christmas airmails, one with a Censor mark.
- Brian Wilford showed catapult mails and a survey flight cover signed by Cobham.



Evening's entertainment: Club Competition – Part 2

There were two entries. Cedric Roché provided comments and advice on the entries.



- André du Plessis's "The Union's World War II Effort" (3 frames / 48 pages), which was awarded Vermeil.
- Mike Dove's "The King's Head Postal Stationery of South Africa" (84 pages), which was awarded Silver'.



Thanks

André du Plessis thanked the various contributors to the evening's programme, Cedric Roché for judging the Club Competition entries and André Nel for seeing to the refreshments.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, 7 August 2017. The theme will be Committee's Pages. The letter for the month is K.

Upcoming event

- 11-14 October: SAPDAPEX 2017, Italian Sporting Club, 7 Marais Road, Bedfordview.

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