

# BCS Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday October 8, 2023 4pm EST

Via ZOOM

1. Meeting Called to Order at 4.06pm, appointing Nigel Shanks as Meeting Chair
2. Quorum Established with 17 members present as follows: Nigel Shanks, Bill Gompel, Jeff Dow, Bill Linthwaite, John Pare, John Puzine. Andy Beach, Dan Gribbin, Dave Robinson, David Webb, David Cordon, Horst Augustinovic, Jerry Clifton, Michael Blaine, Richard Goodwin, Steve Dulaney, Susan Avery,
3. Minutes of the previous AGM on December 2, 2022 approved as published in Issue 146 of Bermuda Post, April – June 2023.
4. Treasurer/Secretary's Report presented and accepted with thanks to Jeff Dow.
5. President's Report presented and accepted.
6. Two new board members to replace Horst Augustinovic and John Paré due to their term expiring December 31, 2023 were elected unanimously for a 3 year term.

## **Dave Robinson**

My name is Dave Robinson, and I am placing my name into consideration for the 2024 slate of BCS Directors. I reside in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, am 60 years old and have been retired for 3 years. I have been a Bermuda collector since 1978, an APS life member since 1995, and a BCS member since 2011. I previously served a 3-year term on the Board of Directors (2020-2022), with major contributions including our society's submission to the American Philatelist (September 2022: Why Collect Bermuda) and to the American Philatelic Research Library Philatelic Review (Fourth Quarter 2022: Collecting Bermuda). Both of these articles are highly visible on the BCS website. I've also contributed a few articles to the Bermuda Post, the most recent one being the July 2023 article on the 3-powers conference. Administratively, I have worked with current Board Members David Provost and Jerry Clifton to update our society By-Laws. I believe that the BCS can continue to grow, thrive, and demonstrate excellence in everything that we decide to touch. I have learned so much from my interactions with members of the society. I look forward to serving another term as a BCS Director.

## **Michael Blaine**

Michael Blaine teaches English at Delaware Technical Community College. He is an Ole Miss graduate in English and has a master's degree in English from Salisbury University. He describes himself as both a stamp collector and an amateur philatelist. His collections are eclectic, but the majority focus on British Commonwealth. Bermuda has always been a personal favorite. He and his wife visited the Hamilton post office last year. He is an APS and a Royal Philatelic Society member. He has a wonderful wife and three children ages 20 years (boy), 16 years (girl), and 13 years (girl). He has two cats and one dog as well.

7. Board unanimously appointed officers to serve until the 2024 Annual Meeting as follows:  

Nigel Shanks	President, Advertising Manager, Webmaster
John Puzine	Vice President
Jeff Dow	Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Director
8. Board unanimously appointed our current editor of Bermuda Post Everett Parker by majority vote to continue to serve for another term until the 2024 Annual Meeting. The meeting gave thanks to Everett for the quality and on time publication of each issue.
9. Meeting unanimously voted to have 2024 AGM held over zoom rather than at the Great American Stamp show due to high attendance over Zoom.

10. Meeting unanimously voted to adopt the revised BCS Bylaws as drafted by David Provost, Dave Robinson and Jerry Clifton with the bylaws to be posted on the web site. The meeting thanked David, Dave and Jerry for their work.
11. Meeting unanimously voted to increase dues as follows effective for the 2024 year:
  - United States \$US40.00
  - Canada - \$US45.00
  - UK - \$US60.00 / £50.00
  - Rest Of World - \$US60.00
  - Electronic Membership - \$20.00
12. Jerry Clifton will investigate moving the group's base from State of California to another state in the USA. The meeting noted this was not an urgent requirement.
13. Attendees gave a short introduction about themselves with condolences offered to Susan Avery after the recent passing of husband and long time BCS member Dave.
14. The meeting ended at 5.19pm EST.

#### Meeting History (2011 - 2022)

2011 STAMPSHOW, Columbus, OH

2013 NAPEX, Tysons Corners, VA

2015 RMS, Denver, CO

2017 NAPEX Tysons Corners, VA

2019 NAPEX, Tysons Corner, VA

**2020 SNSE, Sarasota, FL (replaced Zoom 20/11/20)**

**2022 CHICAGOPEX, Chicago, IL (Zoom 2/12/2022)**

2012 WESTPEX, Burlingame, CA

2014 STAMPSHOW, Hartford, CT

2016 NEW YORK 2016, New York City, NY

2018 PHILATELIC SHOW, Boxboro, MA

2020 GASS, Hartford, CT (Zoom 20/11/20)

**2021 NOJEX, E Rutherford, NJ (Zoom 29/10/2021)**

2023 Zoom 8/10/2023

**Note: The meetings highlighted in blue were actually held over zoom rather than at the show as originally intended.**