

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL, 2018 MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELLERS SOCIETY
OF CANADA**

MEMBERS	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Bob Migliardi	National Director	P
Gary Barling	Member w/o Portfolio	A
Kerry Traynor	Chapter/Member Liaison	P (Skype)
John MacDonald	Treasurer & Membership/Circulation	P
Steve Sauvé	Random Thoughts Editor	P
Mark Heyendal	Secretary	A
Kim Elliot	Webmaster	A
Jim Bates	Social Media Coordinator	P (Skype)
Chris Aleong	Member w/o Portfolio	A
Igor Kabic	Communications Director	A

Another low turnout. Hey... it's Stanley Cup time! The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, at the home of Steve Sauvé.

Item	National Director Business	Action by:
1.1	The ND reported the resignation of Allan Murrell as Industry Liaison. We thank him for his work and wish him well. For now the portfolio is in abeyance.	Info
1.2	The ND tabled the proposal for an "Associate Membership" category. The idea is that for a reduced fee, the applicant would get a a membership card so they can enter IPMS events; access to the discounts which some vendors/suppliers provide to IPMS Canada members; four issues of <i>beaverRTales</i> ; and they would be able to purchase those items (e.g. decals) that regular members receive for free from time to time. We will do some research to see what a reasonable dues might be, and will also sound out the membership via <i>beaverRTales</i> to see if there is any support for this idea.	Info
	RT Editor	
2.1	RT 40/2 is progressing nicely. It should contain the first of our two free decal sheets.	info
	BeaverRTales	
3.1	The question of <i>beaverRTales</i> back issues availability was raised, and it was pointed out that PDFs of the BT back issues can be accessed on our website. Way to go, Kim!	Info
3.2	It is planned to start a series of "Spotlight on the Chapter" articles where the chapters can present such things their history; times & location of their meetings; what transpires at their meetings; events that may be planned; photos of meetings and events; etc. In other words they get to show their chapter off to the rest of the membership. Winnipeg has been invited to be the first Chapter in the Spotlight.	BT Ed

	Treasurer	
4.1	Even after John's travels to Florida and the Caribbean, the treasury is in good shape, with sufficient funds to pay for our upcoming free decal sheets.	info
	Membership/Circulation	
5.1	As of the meeting we have 472 active members.	Info
5.2	Renewals continue to come in at a high rate of return. It's attributed to (probably) the prospect of free decals and the new pre-RT emailed renewal notice system.	info
	Industry Liaison	
6.1	Currently in abeyance	info
	Chapter/Member Liaison	
7.1	Kerry expressed frustration at trying to get some of the chapters to communicate with us on a regular basis. That is, after all, a requirement of their being a Chartered Chapter of IPMS Canada. This is no doubt attributable to such things as turnover in chapter executives, and the fact that some chapter presidents are not national members. For now we are taking a hands-off approach. Eventually, though, we will have to decide what to do about chapters that ignore the parent organization.	Info
	Webmaster Report	
8.1	No report, but all seems to be working well. Some new Members' Models photos have been added, as has the archive of <i>beaveRTales</i> back issues.	<u>info</u>
	Social Media Coordinator	
9.1	Jim reported all well in the world of Facebook. As far as we know the Russians haven't attempted to infiltrate the page yet. He will be doing a bit of re-organizing on the administrative side of things.	<u>Jim</u>
	Secretary	
10.1	No report	info
	Back Issues/ Special Products Distribution Report	
11.1	Much hilarity as numerous quips and bons mots were directed Steve's way.	<u>info</u>
	New Business	
12.1	At approx 8:30 Ottawa time Bill Zuk of Winnipeg Skyped in. He had been invited to attend so that he could further explain his proposal for formalizing an IPMS Canada/Air Cadet League relationship via a memorandum of understanding. The ND had a list of items that we had come up with that needed clarification, and Bill explained them to our satisfaction. It seems that if this proceeds it will mainly be a statement of support for organizing scale modelling programs in Air Cadet Squadrons. Any real work would have to be on the local level, but	Info

12.2	<p>IPMS Canada would help where we could, e.g. with some financial support, publicity, promotion, etc. Bill, in collaboration with the Air Cadet League, will now work on preparing an actual memorandum.</p> <p>The ND explained that much of the next Executive meeting will be devoted to discussing the subject of possibly transitioning IPMS Canada from its current status as an oligarchy to a member-elected constitutional democracy. The membership will be sounded-out on the basic concept via a piece in the next <i>beaveRTales</i>. Get your popcorn ready, folks... it's gonna be interesting!</p>	info
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The meeting ended at 9:30 pm. The next executive meeting date is to be determined.

Bob Migliardi
Pretender to the office of the Secretary,
IPMS Canada