

**MINUTES OF THE FEB, 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	A
John MacDonald	Treasurer & Membership/Circulation	P
Steve Sauvé	Random Thoughts Editor	P
Mark Heyendal	Secretary	A
Kim Elliot	Webmaster	P (Skype)
Jim Bates	Social Media Coordinator	A
Allan Murrell	Industry Liaison	A
Chris Aleong	Member w/o Portfolio	A
Igor Kabic	Communications Director	P

A low turnout, no doubt because of the severe flooding in areas of Ontario, and the Olympics on TV! 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 that the new email distribution system, handled by Igor, seems to be working well, with all parties having the relevant messages forwarded to them. Well done!	Info
1.2	An email was received from the producers of Tru-Color paint in the US, offering review samples and asking about possible advertising in RT . They were advised that IPMS Canada does not take paid advertising, but we would gladly place a free advert in BT if they would offer a discount to IPMS Canada members. They were also advised to check Canada Post's regulations re the shipping of solvent-based paints, as it might pose some problems. Review samples are welcome. They were also asked if they would like us to pass along their info to potential Canadian distributors whom they could work with.	Info
	RT Editor	
2.1	RT 40/1 is at the printer and will hopefully be finished soon. Mailing will probably be the first week of March, barring any delays.	info
2.2	Steve reports that issue 40/2 will have the first of the two free decal sheets included, and he is assembling the necessary informational/instructional material.	Info
	BeaverTales	
3.1	The January issue elicited a semi-serious (?) email decrying the use of a US Marine Corps DI in one of the cartoons on the front page! This will be addressed in the next issue.	Info
3.2	As the meeting progressed, some interesting ideas were brought up which might help encourage both IPMS Canada membership, and interest in local chapters.	Bob, Kerry, et al

	Some of these ideas will be presented to the members in <i>beaverTales</i> , for their possible input. Stand by!	
	Treasurer	
4.1	All bills have been paid and the treasury is still in a healthy state, with enough to finance the upcoming free decal sheets.	info
	Membership/Circulation	
5.1	As of the meeting we have 474 active members.	Info
5.2	Wonder of wonders! John reported that for the first time in memory we received a 100% renewal from those members who were due to renew with the last RT ! In addition, there were 9 new members. (Applause all around!)	info
	Industry Liaison	
6.1	Allan was not present, but as mentioned, should Tru-Color paint want to find Canadian distributors, Allan will be able to help them.	info
	Chapter/Member Liaison	
7.1	No report	Info
	Webmaster Report	
8.1	Kim proposed some modifications to the website in order to encourage and facilitate interested parties accessing information on the local chapter(s) in their area. As it stands now there are numerous levels to navigate in order to get the information. All agreed that Kim should make it as easy as possible to encourage people to find out about their local chapters.	<u>Kim</u>
	Social Media Coordinator	
9.1	No report	<u>info</u>
	Secretary	
10.1	No report	info
	Back Issues/ Special Products Distribution Report	
11.1	No report	<u>info</u>
	New Business	
12.1	Bill Zuk of Winnipeg contacted us with a proposal to support the growth of modelling in Air Cadet units. It dealt with establishing a Memorandum of Understanding, a Memorandum of Agreement, and/or a Letter of Agreement with the	Info

	<p>Air Cadet League of Canada. Although this seems like something that should be worked out at the local chapter level, the idea is worthwhile and was well received. The ND will contact Bill and ask him to distill his ideas into something with concrete proposals suggesting exactly what IPMS Canada might do to support this. Once we have something to see and discuss, we can invite Bill to Skype in at a future exec meeting in order to clarify his ideas and answer any questions that may arise.</p>	
12.2	<p>An email was received from John Aitken. He had become aware of the UK program “modelsforheroes.co.uk”, and wondered if we had anything similar. The UK’s Models for Heroes program is a not-for-profit organization, run by volunteers, which promotes modelling among wounded and rehabbing military personnel. It has no affiliation with IPMS UK. John was told that while IPMS Canada certainly would support a program like this, we could not really help organize and start anything, as it is well beyond the purview of the organization.</p>	info
12.3	<p>A proposal was tabled concerning some kind of ‘associate membership’ category. The idea is... an associate member would receive his membership number and card, and be sent <i>beaver</i>RT<i>ales</i>. Thus, he could enter national conventions/competitions in the US, UK, or wherever; he could avail himself of discounts provided to national IPMS Canada members by certain vendors and producers. He would not receive RT, and would not receive any, e.g., free decals that are provided to full members – though unlike the general public, he would be able to purchase them. The ‘associate’ membership fee would be appreciably less than regular membership. It was thought that this may be a way to help younger modellers get involved in IPMS Canada without a large financial outlay. Some concern was expressed that members might chose to “down-grade” their IPMS Canada membership. However, Steve said that RT seems to be the main attraction for our members, so that would be unlikely. Steve will write and circulate a proposal that we can all discuss before deciding if and how we should proceed with this.</p>	info, Steve

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm. The March executive meeting date is to be determined.

Bob Migliardi
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IPMS Canada