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Hello Friends,

It has now been six months since we had our last meeting. And, our lives are still on hold! Thankfully, we had nice weather this summer, and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as was possible.

The executive met outdoors at Starla's place on September 2nd. We had a lot to discuss and this newsletter will relay as much of our conversations as possible.

At this point in time, we have no idea as to when we can meet again as a group. With all the news of COVID-19 being on the increase again, no doubt it will be some time. This afternoon the executive will be connecting through a "zoom" meeting for the first time. If any of you read CSN, you will know that other clubs have had very successful zoom meetings. This would give us a way to meet, having presentations and speakers who are from outside our area. More information will be given to you at a later date.

Currently all plans for OXPEX/OTEX 2021 are on hold. Normally a lot of advertising is due by the end of September, and that has been postponed. Dealer payment of tables for 2020 is still being held by the club as a deposit for the 2021 show. But right now, we are not even sure whether we will have a show. If the show is cancelled, dealers will be reimbursed their table fee.

We have several year end things that still need to be completed. These include our donation to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Diabetes Foundation of Canada. Several members of the Club will present these monies to each charity in the next few weeks. We also need to present the Gib Stevens Memorial Award for 2019-2020.

The membership fee will be increased to \$15.00 for 2020/2021. Current membership expires in December. These cards will be made by David Ward.

We were blessed to be able to order supplies from Stamp Collector Supply in Paris at a discount. Members are no longer able to pick up orders. Orders can still be place and paid for using a credit card and will be shipped to you. Supplies can also be ordered through Canadian Stamp News. Dealer John Armstrong is also a source for supplies.

We would appreciate knowing your collecting interest so we can communicate that with our members. Please send me an email or make a phone call, so all this can be recorded and shared with the

membership. We will also begin making use of our website to sell items and a Facebook page is being prepared as well. I will let you know when the website is updated and the Facebook page is ready.

The storage of club material is another concern. Club records and frames are currently being stored in Jim's basement; the frames in a storage unit. There are also many club stamps and other items stored at my house. If anyone knows of a good storage unit that is available or where to put it, please let an executive member know.

Circuit books are available for you as well. You can make arrangements with Gerry to pick up a book or two and see if there anything there to fill some spaces. Afternoon would be a good time to call her.

Many of you, including me, have been sorting and organizing our stamp collections. If you have extras for other members to peruse, please let me know and that can be shared with the membership. And speaking of communicating with you all on a regular basis, please be sure to check your email regularly.

Perhaps there are some activities we can do as a club. I have a scavenger page ready to send out, and we can all work on getting it filled. If you have any ideas, please let me know. Perhaps you have a picture you would like to share with club members...please forward it to me.

Please remember those among who are struggling with cancer and other serious health issues. Perhaps you could send a card of encouragement to them. We especially think of Joe Hutter who is very ill.

We miss meeting with you and hope you are all keeping busy and healthy during these difficult times. For those of faith, remember that all that is going on right...virus, riots and protest marches, elections, etc. are no surprise to God. We must continue to trust in His sovereignty over every aspect of our lives. Be encouraged!

With kindest regards,

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