

Preamble

The London Philatelic Club was founded on December 22, 1892 with twelve founding members and meetings held twice per month. It was renamed The London Stamp Club in the 1930's and The London Philatelic Society in 1943. In 1950 eight members left to form the Middlesex Stamp Circle. (Later renamed Middlesex Stamp Club).. Each club served the needs of stamp collectors in different ways and both grew and prospered and continued to prosper until the clubs re-unified in 2023. The challenge of attracting people to the hobby and offering closet collectors a welcoming club experience was best met by combining the talents of these two great clubs. London-Middlesex Stamp Club was the result of this reunification.

London-Middlesex Stamp Club

Constitution and Bylaws

1. The name of the club shall be London-Middlesex Stamp Club
2. The object of the club shall be to promote philately through the friendly association of stamp collectors and to improve their knowledge through displays and presentations. Of equal importance is the need to grow membership and to provide a forum for the exchange of stamps among members.
3. There are four classes of Membership. Single membership is open to all persons over the age of 18 years and have the right to vote on all matters that require a vote. Persons under 18 are youth members with no voting privileges. Family membership shall be all members of the same household or a member and grandchildren. A family membership is entitled to one vote. All Life Members shall retain that honor. Members must agree to be governed by the bylaws of the club and at all times act with civility and respect.

Application for membership shall be made on a suitable form obtainable from the secretary. Club dues are payable at the time of application for membership. Said applicant shall be announced to the membership of the club and shall be considered by members of the Executive for membership. If accepted, the new member shall be announced to the membership at the next meeting.

4. An annual fee for membership shall be determined by the Executive and is payable at the beginning of the club year. A member whose dues are not paid may be deprived of benefits of club membership. Members in default shall be notified by the treasurer.

5. The officers of the club shall be the following: Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors.

Past President: shall attend all executive meetings in an advisory capacity.

President: shall do all in his/her power to promote the interests of the club and shall preside at all meetings of the club or its Executive. It shall be his/her duty to see that all rulings of the Executive are carried out.

Vice-President: shall take over the duties of the President in his/her absence, or at any time requested to do so by the President.

Directors: shall attend executive meetings. They shall offer their services in the operation of regular club meetings. Directors' responsibilities shall include assisting the treasurer with auctions, club promotion and publicity and welcoming visitors to club meetings,

Secretary: shall record the minutes of all meetings and keep a record of all club activities. The secretary shall be custodian of the club library and all other club property. He/she shall arrange for a substitute when absent from meetings.

Treasurer: shall collect all membership dues, issue membership cards, and shall be custodian of all monies. He/she shall deposit all monies and cheques in such bank as the Executive may specify. This officer shall pay all bills and other obligations against the club upon authorization from the Executive. He/she shall keep a suitable set of books which will indicate the financial operations of the club, and shall submit to the club, at its annual meeting, or when demanded by the Executive, a financial statement showing itemized receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year. He/she shall arrange for a substitute when absent from meetings.

6. The Executive shall consist of the officers named above
 - (i) manages the affairs of the club.
 - (ii) elects a successor to any office vacated for any reason for the balance of the term.
 - (iii) may terminate the membership of any member for improper conduct.
 - (iv) appoints and supervises all standing and special committees.
 - (v) makes appropriations of all monies required by committees.
 - (vi) approves expenditures in excess of \$25 made in the name of the club.
 - (vii) approves all membership applications.
 - (viii) appoints auditors to audit the books of the club.
 - (ix) Appoints individuals and committees to oversee Sales Circuit Books, Annual Shows, Membership Drives, Youth Groups, Hospitality Services and any other initiatives

7. The election of officers shall be held in May every two years. In April the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to compile a slate of nominees. At least one meeting prior to the election, the Nominating Committee shall announce its proposed slate of officers to the club membership. Club members may add nominations from the floor. Said nominations must be moved, seconded and accepted by the nominee. The new Executive shall take office immediately after the elections. The new Executive shall be sworn in by the outgoing President and will agree to abide by the club bylaws. Copies of the bylaws shall be given to each new Executive member.
8. Membership Meetings shall commence in August or September and follow a schedule approved by the directors and provided in writing to all members at or before the first scheduled meeting.
9. Executive Meetings shall be held within one month of the annual meeting in May, at which time standing committees shall be named and the programme for the first half of the new season shall be decided upon. Other meetings may be called by the President, as he/she considers advisable, or on request of a majority of the Executive. Any four members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of those present is sufficient to carry a motion.
10. The fiscal year will run from June 1 until May 31. The auditors will present their report to the general membership at the second meeting in September.
11. The executive will regulate the sale and exchange of all stamps at meetings.. 10% of sales from all auctions and Buy It Now tables will be retained by the club. Only members in good standing may submit material for sale.
12. This document is the product of incorporating the fundamental intent of the Constitution and Bylaws of London Philatelic Society and Middlesex Stamp Club. Proposed amendments may be presented at two regular meetings. After the second presentation of the proposed changes a vote will be held among those members present. A 2/3 majority is required for passage of the changes.

Signed at London, Ontario the 12th of June, 2023

John Hyland, President

Drew Thompson, Vice President

Jon Arnett, Past President