

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 11 April 2019
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

George Henshilwood – ‘Greenland’

Welcome: President David Millar welcomed members and our visitor George Henshilwood to the meeting.

Apologies: None

Attendance: 12 Members and 2 Visitors

Minutes: The minutes of the 28th March 2019 were approved by Colin Campbell and seconded by Ron Goodfellow

Business:

The President informed members that two of our members have been recognised by ASPS and Francis Podger will be a signatory to the Book of Scottish Philatelists and Ron Goodfellow has been awarded an Award of Merit.

The Secretary reminded members that the AGM will take place in 2 weeks' time and that officers should have their final reports submitted prior to this.

The Rep. to ASPS informed members that the 90th Congress begins tomorrow morning.

Display:

This evening George Henshilwood from the Caledonian Philatelic Society provided the entertainment for the last display night of the regular season. George titled his display "A Philatelic expedition to Greenland". George began his talk with a handout providing some interesting statistics concerning Greenland and explained that not a lot of genuine mail exists for the area therefore most of it is of a philatelic nature. He also displayed a 17th century explorers map of Greenland which showed an island called Frislandia next to Greenland, but this island doesn't actually exist on any maps that we would see today.

George indicated that covers from Greenland were actually sealed in Greenland but sent to Denmark to be cancelled and sent out, and that the stamps issued between 1905 and 1938 were used as parcel stamps and many were in fact used as savings stamps. The first real set of stamps were issued in 1938 and these were the PAKKE-PORTO issues and these were on display. George also showed examples of cancellations from the bigger towns and smaller villages as well as a number of FDC's. George highlighted the fact that when a new issue of stamps took place it could take at least 2 years before all areas of the island had them. George also displayed postal history and cancellations from villages in Thule. Stamps with surcharges, local stamps, reprints and forgeries were on show as well as a cover which was sent to Dunedin in New Zealand but which should have in fact been sent to Dundee in Scotland. Greenland also used a printed American issue of stamps by the American Bank Note Co as they were running out of stamps. George finished up his display with a variety of thematic issues and covers.

At the end of the evening all winners of the Annual Competition were presented with their shields. The picture on the right shows Colin Campbell, David Easson, David Millar, Charles Lloyd and Norman Kelso

Vote of Thanks: Robert Duguid proposed a vote of thanks to George on behalf of the members

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 2nd May 2019 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 25th April 2019 AGM