

Minutes

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

15:00, Friday, September 14th, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell, Montana

1. The BOD Meeting of the WGIPPA was called to order at 14:59.
2. Those attending the BOD Meeting are listed in **Appendix “A”** attached.
3. Proposed Agenda was approved. (Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Barry Nolan – Carried.)
4. Directors and Guests were introduced by President Fran Leggett.
5. Minutes of the Board of Director’s Meeting of Friday September 16th, 2011 were approved. (Moved by Greg Duncan/seconded by Marshall Gingery– Carried.)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes of Friday September 16th, 2011.
 - a. Host Clubs Report for “Kalispell”, 2012 – Ed Rothfuss, Rotary Club of Kalispell, 5390 – Chairman Ed indicated that the Organizing Committee, made up from members of the six Kalispell area Clubs, expected there would be several attendees show up at the last minute as it would be easy to do with six clubs in the area. The Committee has organized door prizes for those attending. Ed emphasized the importance of keeping on time to accommodate the rather full schedule. He indicated the “chow line” would be open at 11:30 to facilitate getting people through the lines for lunch. Ed expressed some concern about their budget. He indicated that they should be okay, but they would be selling tickets on some baskets; running a 50/50 draw; and receiving 50% from the sale of an original oil painting to be auctioned to supplement the registration income. He indicated that planning a relatively complex program had its challenges with respect to handling the online registration. He indicated that they had put out some publicity, but possibly not as much outreach as they should have. The Organizing Committee is very excited about the event. Ed complemented the efforts of the six Clubs associated with organizing the Assembly. He indicated there were at least two strong members from each Club working for the entire time. Ed indicated that they would be handing out a questionnaire (**Appendix “A1”**) to get feedback on the meeting that might help Trevor Axworthy and his Rotary Club of Calgary committee for 2013. The results of the questionnaire are attached as **Appendix “A2”**.

Terry Allen also indicated that he too would be asking attendees to complete a questionnaire. The questions and results are attached as **Appendix “A3”**. The purpose of the survey was primarily to find out how people feel about the Assembly, as well as, how we might better educate both Rotarians and the public about the Peace Park concept. We are looking for ideas from those here how we can impact their Clubs.

- b. 2013 Host Club Meeting Report for Waterton – Rotary Club of Calgary, 5360 – A report by Committee Chair Trevor Axworthy was not available at this point in the agenda.

- c. Status of WGIPPA as Fellowship in Rotary – Carl Prinzing – Carl reported that District 5080 had submitted their report at the end of February when he submitted it and subsequently communicated back and forth with Rotary International (RI). Fellowship development has made tremendous progress in the last two months. Carl has been in contact with Zahid Amed, who is a Yale University graduate with the Rotary Club of Kabul. They have a park among Afghanistan/Tajikistan/Pakistan. Their Club has agreed to participate. He is planning on attending the Assembly in Waterton next year. There is also Ms. Irma Engelbrecht, who is the Communications Manager for the Peace Park Foundation (<http://www.peaceparks.org/>) that is supporting our efforts 100%. They will be sending a letter to this effect. He has also been in contact with a gentleman (Celine) from Australia who is working between Australia and Tanzania. They would like to participate. A David Leonard, also from Tanzania, is awaiting approval and would like to participate. Carl has joined the Global Transboundary Conservation Network (<http://www.tbpa.net/>). Apparently, there is a park between Norway and Sweden that will be celebrating its hundredth anniversary in 2014. Further, apparently, a Todd Walters from BC has worked with the Rotary Club of Whitefish to develop a 10-minute presentation on parks in 2010. He is now working with the Blackfoot/Red Crow Community College in Lethbridge. He is working with First Nations youth associated with trail maintenance and conferences in the parks. They want to have an annual hike associated with a leadership seminar. Carl also contacted the Peace Scholars, including Maria at the University of Bradford in the UK. She indicated that they have the Balkans Peace Park Project (<http://www.balkanspeacepark.org/>) that involves parts of Albania/Montenegro/Kosovo. There are six Rotary Clubs involved there that Carl is contacting and expects them to come on board. Two Clubs have responded and they are taking the concept to their District. Mina, the President of a Rotary Club in South Africa is taking the concept to her Club. Matt Matson worked on the Continental Divide Trail System (<http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/divide.htm>) and his guide is a dual citizen of the US and Nepal. He is taking all of the information to the Rotary Club of Mount Everest. (Marshall Gingery noted that a John Good, who he knew, was instrumental in starting the Rotary Club of Mount Everest. He also

knows a massive amount about historical trails around the world. John would be a great speaker for the WGIPPA.) In addition, the Rotary Club of Butan has said they would be very excited to be part of the Fellowship. Carl is ecstatic with the support he has received. The Fellowship needs to establish a logo and get all of the paper work submitted to RI.

- d. Status of WGIPPA CD for Promotion – Terry Allen’s son has produced a CD that was presented to the BOD and was well received. Terry noted that this was a start that could be improved upon. He also noted there was a “Crown of the Continent” CD out there produced by KSBS in Spokane – 14 to 15 minutes long and is available for about \$16. Carl noted that he would have the 2010 DVD that he had referred to earlier sent to Terry. Marshall Gingery noted that the WGIPP needs to be listed on the United Nations listing of peace parks. There are over ninety, and we are not listed. Marshall agreed to pursue this. Earle Huson inquired as to whether there were any other movies that the BOD might be aware of that could be used. Marshall Gingery mentioned a Japanese video that he would try and get to Terry. Marshall noted that Steve Meelie, a former Rotarian, had some considerable footage on the Park. He also noted that neither the US State Department, nor the Department of External Affairs in Canada knew anything about the existence of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. President Fran Leggett advised the BOD that she was interviewed for an article that was on the RI web site on the Peace Park. Fran also submitted information on the WGIPP to RI President Tonaka.
7. The Minutes of the BOD Meeting of Saturday September 17th, 2011, were not read and were approved as circulated. (Moved by Earle Huson/seconded by Greg Duncan – Carried.)
 8. Business Arising from the Minutes of Saturday September 17th, 2011.
 - a. A report on March 31st, 2012, Strategic Planning Meeting, held in Great Falls was presented by Glenn Coulter. The “Results of WGIPPA Strategic Planning Workshop” is attached as **Appendix “B”**. It was noted that a policy on WGIPPA advocacy was to have been developed for this meeting, but that had not been done. Further, it was proposed that the next spring meeting be held in Fernie, British Columbia.
 - b. It was noted by Marshall Gingery and others that the appropriate flag protocol is not always followed at WGIPPA events. Marshall indicated that he would forward a book on US flag protocol. It was noted that there were numerous web sites, e.g. <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1363108090849/1363108182291>, that provide information on proper flag etiquette.
 - c. Discussion - Holding Future Assemblies in Waterton-Glacier – Discussion occurred around the pluses and minuses of holding the annual Assembly both

inside and outside of Park boundaries. No policy was decided. The matter was tabled for discussion at a later time.

9. Financial Reports:

- a. Glenn Coulter (Canada) presented the financial report for the Canadian bank account. The balance at year end, September 30th, 2011 was \$9,702.71 (Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Carolyn Clark – Carried.) A copy of the same is attached as **Appendix “C”**.
- b. Millie Baycroft (USA) presented the financial report for the US bank account. The balance at year end, September 30th, 2011 was \$4,182.83 (Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Marshall Gingery – Carried.) A copy of the same is attached as **Appendix “D”**.

Motion: That Millie Baycroft, Treasurer of the US bank account of the WGIPPA, invoice all Districts within the WGIPPA for 2013 dues in an effort to establish similar Canadian and US account balances. (Moved by Greg Duncan/seconded by Jack Sneddon – Carried.)

10. New Business

- a. Correspondence – A letter (attached as **Appendix “E”**) from Mr. Ifan Thomas, Waterton Lakes Field Unit Superintendent pertaining to the renaming the Chief Mountain International Highway” to the “Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway” was read and the issue discussed. Jack Sneddon noted that WGIPPA needed to identify, contact, and meet with the stake holders associated with the issue in Canada.
- b. Revision of WGIPPA By-Laws to Accommodate District 5080 – Glenn Coulter had previously circulated amended By-Laws for the WGIPPA to facilitate incorporation of District 5080. Input from Directors had been requested and incorporated earlier.

Motion: That the revised By-Laws of the WGIPPA be accepted by the Board of Directors and Recommended to the Annual General Meeting of the WGIPPA to be held on Saturday September 15th, 2012. (Moved by Greg Duncan/seconded by Earle Huson – Carried.)

Revised and BOD approved By-Laws are attached as **Appendix “F”**.

11. Nominations to WGIPPA Board of Directors – District Governors, or their designate.

Motion: That the WGIPPA retain its current Directors until March 15th, 2013 at which time the new Directors appointed by the respective District

Governors will become official. (Moved by Marshall Gingery/seconded by Jim Dokken – Carried.)

12. Report on “Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway” – Phil Iversen did not attend the Friday BOD meeting.
13. Dale Gillespie identified that he had tentatively set aside a number of domains for the WGIPPA. These domains are currently in Dale Gillespie’s name and he felt that they should be in WGIPPA’s name. Following discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: That the WGIPPA maintain and pay for all seven (7) domains @ \$10.00 each per year as proposed by Dale Gillespie. (Moved by Carl Prinzing/seconded by Greg Duncan – Carried.)

Dale also proposed a “Manual of Procedure” for those hosting the WGIPPA Assembly. He distributed a copy of the same and requested input from the BOD. A copy is attached as **Appendix “G”**.
14. Next meeting of the BOD was proposed to follow the Annual General Meeting on Saturday September 15th, 2013.
15. Marshall Gingery advised the BOD that he had been contacted recently by Glacier Park Inc. with respect to the use of their hotels associated with the WGIPPA Assembly in Waterton and East Glacier. The representative had indicated that they could provide the WGIPPA with a good deal for these locations. He indicated Many Glaciers was more difficult. They were looking at the possibility of a long term agreement. Marshall indicated that it was Glacier Parks Inc. to come to the WGIPPA. Marshall was requested to wait and see how the Kalispell meeting proceeded before getting back to the company.
16. By general consensus, it was agreed that the WGIPPA should purchase all 24 copies at \$5.00 each of a pamphlet on the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.
17. Adjournment. 16:46