

## Minutes

**Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association****BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

**13:00, Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Kalispell, Montana**

1. The BOD meeting was called to order by President Carl Prinzing at 1:20. A listing of those attending is attached as **Appendix “A”**.
2. Agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Directors and Guests were introduced by President Carl Prinzing
4. Presentation by Mary Ann Reeves from “Waterton Community Association”

Mary Ann provided some back ground as to her involvement with Waterton. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota although her mother was from Southern Alberta. Her parents originally met in Waterton. When she was six-weeks-old she travelled with her family on the Great Northern Railway to East Glacier, Montana for the first time. She has spent her summers in Waterton since that. Her Grandfather built the first cabin in the Park in 1917. Her husband is the current Mayor of Waterton. They split their residence between Waterton and Calgary. Mary Ann is not a Rotarian, but is asking Rotary to be part of the Waterton Community.

The Waterton Community Association was established in 1994 when the school closed. The Community Association currently runs the Golf Course; it owns two community buildings and a staff house and recently acquired the Wildflower and Wildlife Festival. The Association maintains the new play-park in downtown Waterton as well as the Crooked Creek Camp Ground. The mission of the Association is to enhance the experience of visitors and residents in the Park.

The Waterton Community Centre was originally the school that was started in 1927 and completed in 1931. In 2012, a \$1.6M renovation of the old school house was completed to create the Waterton Community Centre (WCC). Mary Ann stated that she would love to see the WGIPPA hold their Assembly there every other year. In May 2014 the Community Association launched a \$200K fund raising campaign over a two-year period to provide “finishing touches” to the WCC. In year one, they have secured \$50K in matching grants with the possibility of a second \$50K from the Foundation in the second year. Outside of the WCC they wish to overhaul the grounds that have not been upgraded since 1952. Proposed projects include tree planting and re-sodding @ \$28K; a concrete

staging area @ \$24K; an amphitheater @ \$16K; a fire pit @ \$4K; a playground relocation (no price); and ways renovations to exclude bears away from the barbeque area @ \$12K. It was noted by Sheran Carter of the BOD that access to the facility by handicapped did not appear to have been addressed in their plan. Mary Ann agreed to take this observation to the Community Association BOD.

Mary Ann indicated that she thought the WGIPPA might be interested in making a donation to enhance the acoustics in the old gym, and possibly contribute to the “Peace Park Gallery”. The Association has apparently resurfaced the gym floor and has had a specialist review the acoustics and provide a quote on a new audio-visual sound system. The quote was for \$20K that included an overhead projector in one class room, an electro-voice, hand-held microphone system that apparently takes out all ambient sound.

In the hall between the gym and the two class rooms, the Association will be installing wooden wainscoting along the sides. The Association is looking for a donation of \$8 to 10K to install gallery lighting there. In the fall of 2014, the Waterton Improvement District will be hiring an events coordinator. One of his/her duties will be to establish an Art’s Council in Waterton. They plan to use the hall for art and photographic exhibits. For a donation of \$10K the donor could have their name on the Donor Wall, or name the Hall. To date the Association has raised \$52K from Waterton residents and is now about to initiate their corporate campaign. She also mentioned that three flag poles were on their wish list.

John Vrolijk mentioned that we would need to know the gym area and ceiling height as he has a Rotarian friend (a sound engineer) that could provide an estimate of cost to enhance the acoustics situation. Mary Ann indicated that the ceiling was wooden.

The Waterton Community Association is registered under the Alberta Societies Act, but does not have Charitable Status however the Waterton Foundation does have this status and can offer tax receipts.

It was mentioned that the quote for three 40’ flag poles was \$4.5K, plus an installation cost of \$9K. Apparently a permit is required from the Park to install the flag poles.

5. Presentation by “Talking Light Media” with respect to producing a video to promote the WGIPPA and its activities. This item was tabled to the end of the meeting, but was not subsequently dealt with.
6. Approval of BOD Minutes of Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Lethbridge, AB – Carl Prinzing.

**Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the Minutes of the Spring, Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 BOD Meeting be approved as circulated. - Carried.**

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7. Report on two email votes by Directors since March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 BOD.

**Motion: Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Terry Allen that the following two email resolutions be ratified by the BOD - Carried.**

**Resolution #1: Sponsorship of “Crown of the Continent” for 2014**

(Forwarded to Directors on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Whereas the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association (WGIPPA) supports in principal the objectives of the “Crown of the Continent”; and

Whereas a resolution was previously passed By the Board of Directors of the WGIPPA indicating agreement to sponsor the “Crown of the Continent” in the amount of \$100.00 or what the WGIPPA sees fit; and

Whereas the “Crown of the Continent” has agreed to reciprocate in sponsorship of the 2014 WGIPPA Assembly in Kalispell (to be paid to the WGIPPA);

Therefore be it resolved that the WGIPPA sponsor the “Crown of the Continent” in 2014 in the amount of five hundred US dollars (US\$500.00) to be drawn on the WGIPPA Canadian account.

This resolution was carried by a vote of “Yes” (12); “No” (0); and “Abstentions” (0).

**Resolution #2: Sponsorship of Jeff Mow to 2014 World Parks Congress**

(Forwarded to Directors on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014)

Be it resolved that the WGIPPA grant Jeff Mow, Superintendent of Glacier Park, \$1,800.00 to support his attendance at the 2014 World Parks Congress (WPC) in Sydney, Australia in November 2014.

This resolution was defeated by a vote of “Yes” (0); “No” (9); and “Abstentions” (1).

8. Business Arising from the Minutes of Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- a. Host Club Report for 2014 Kalispell Assembly Doug Wold of the Host Rotary Club of Polson (5390) brought the BOD up to date on the planned activities for the upcoming Assembly that included the arrangements associated with the 1.5-hour, boat cruise on Flathead Lake followed by the barbeque buffet dinner at the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. The entertainment is to be provided by the Rob Quist band. Saturday morning will begin with talks by the Parks’ Superintendents. The noon luncheon speaker will be Denver Holt, an expert on owls. The evening speaker will be Dr. Jack Stafford. Sunday morning will include the church service followed by the drive to Glacier and the “Hands-Across-the-Border Ceremony”. At the time of Doug Wold’s report, there were 101

registrants for the Assembly of which 44 were Canadians. The registration in Waterton in 2013 was about 160.

- b. 2015 Host Club Report for Waterton – John Vrolijk of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park (5370) volunteered their Club with the assistance of Lethbridge East (5360) as the official Host Club for Waterton in 2015. The tentative date for the Assembly is September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. An emphasis will be placed on the participation of Rotaract and Interact at the Assembly.
- c. Nomination of new Directors for WGIPPA

**Motion: Moved by Sheran Carter/seconded by John Vrolijk that Dan Bars of the Rotary Club of Polson and Roy Beekman of the Rotary Club of Kalispell be proposed to the AGM as the new Directors of the WGIPPA for District 5390 – Carried.**

**Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk/seconded by Millie Baycroft that Norm McCarvell of the Rotary Club of Nelson, BC and Kees van der Pol of the Rotary Club of Nakusp be proposed to the AGM as the new Directors of the WGIPPA for District 5080 – Carried.**

**Motion: Moved by Terry Allen/seconded by Millie Baycroft that Trevor Axworthy of the Rotary Club of Calgary be proposed to the AGM as the new Directors of the WGIPPA for District 5360 – Carried.**

**Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk/seconded by Millie Baycroft that Erin Steven of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park be proposed to the AGM as the new Directors of the WGIPPA for District 5370 – Carried.**

- d. Nomination/BOD approval of Treasurer (US account) for 2014 to 2016.

**Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman/seconded by Carl Ernst that Millie Baycroft be proposed to the AGM as the Treasurer for the WGIPPA US account for 2014 to 2016 – Carried.**

- e. Nomination/BOD approval of Secretary/Treasurer (CDN account) for 2014 to 2016.

**Motion: Moved by Terry Allen/seconded by John Vrolijk that Glenn Coulter be proposed to the AGM as the Secretary, and Canadian Treasurer, for the WGIPPA for 2014 to 2016 – Carried.**

- f. Review/approve WGIPPA Mission/Advocacy Statement

**Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk /seconded by Dan Bingham that the following Mission/Advocacy Statement be Adopted by the WGIPPA – Carried.**

*“The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association membership is open to Rotarians from Rotary Districts 5360, 5370, 5390 and 5080 who have an interest in supporting and maintaining the development and promotion of Waterton National Park and Glacier National Park as a symbol of friendship, cooperation and our commitment to building peace initiatives when and wherever possible.*

*In order to fulfil the tenets of our Mission Statement the Association will undertake and advocate for the following:*

*(a) We will support the work and mandate of both Parks to provide educational opportunities for Park visitors and the general public to preserve the flora and fauna and the lands that make up the Parks.*

*(b) We will advocate with Rotarians and other groups who have similar goals for the promotion of peace, freedom and equal opportunities for all.*

*(c) We will be vigilant in monitoring all proposed developments both inside and outside of the boundaries of both National Parks and support changes that ensure the long-term ecological integrity of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park for future generations.”*

- g. Report on “Manual of Procedure” and WGIPPA web site – Dan Bingham  
Points discussed included the following:

- Three issues to be dealt with:
  1. How robust do we want the software?
  2. How transferable do we want the web site?
  3. What content do we want on the WGIPPA web site?
- Helena College (University of Montana) will host the web site to the WGIPPA as it is not particularly large.
- Dan Bingham’s students will take the project on as long as they are provided with content.
- It is critical to web site efficacy, to keep it current.
- The web site is not developed to solve a problem, but to act as a communications tool.
- If request donations from anyone, the web site will be the first stop in the decision making process.
- Want a consistent web site to inform.

**Motion: Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Terry Allen that Dan Bingham and his students at Helena College develop the WGIPPA web site**

**at minimal cost; with software that can be passed-on easily and used by the next person; and that the web site content be drawn from all generations supporting the concept of the WGIPPA – Carried.**

- h. Report on “Crown of the Continent” meeting in Waterton – Fran Leggett represented the WGIPPA at this meeting and gave the “after dinner” talk about the Peace Park and its origin. Many were surprised that Rotary was involved with the creation of the world’s first international peace park. Jeff Mow mentioned that the link between the Peace Park and Rotary is often lost. Discussion occurred about exchanging web site links between WGIPPA and the Crown of the Continent. It was noted that the meeting might be in Missoula in 2015. It was noted by Jeff Mow that 2016 would be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Park Service.

**Motion: Moved by Fran Leggett/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the WGIPPA continue to support the Crown of the Continent Round Table for their next meeting. Roy Beekman moved an amendment/seconded by John Vrolijk that the support should be in the amount of \$500.00 – Carried as amended.**

- i. Update on International Fellowship of Peace Parks – Carl Prinzing reported that the effort to create a Rotary fellowship was not dead. Carl indicated that he would be requesting the assistance of Todd Walters (speaker at the Assembly) to re-write and update the application for resubmission in a year.
- j. Acoustic Solutions for Waterton meeting facility? – Fran Leggett  
This item was “tabled” to the Spring BOD.
- k. Promotion of WGIPPA on web, Facebook and Twitter. – Millie Baycroft has set up a “Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association” Facebook page. She asked the group to “share” its content and incorporate images from the last Assembly.

Financial planning for projects, how do we spend WGIPPA monies? – Fran Leggett. Item was “tabled” to the Spring BOD.

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- m. Update on WGIPPA lapel pin design and production. – Carl Prinzing suggested that the flags be flipped for next year.

- n. Strike committee to examine options for reducing costs to WGIPPA Assembly attendees – Carl Prinzing. Tabled.

9. Financial Reports:

- a. Glenn Coulter (Canada) - The financial statement from the Canadian account was presented by Glenn Coulter. A copy is attached as **Appendix “B”**.

**Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Terry Allen that the 2014 Financial Statements for Canada be accepted and forwarded to the AGM for ratification – Carried.**

- b. Millie Baycroft (USA) - The financial statement from the US account was presented by Millie Baycroft. A copy is attached as **Appendix “C”**.

**Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman/seconded by Dick Bide that the 2014 Financial Statements for the US be accepted and forwarded to the AGM for ratification – Carried.**

- c. Financial Report from 2013 Waterton Assembly – Glenn Coulter presented the Financial Statement from the Host Rotary Club of Calgary for 2015 in Waterton on behalf of Chair Trevor Axworthy. The Statement is attached as **Appendix “D”**.
- d. Revision of WGIPPA fiscal year – Glenn Coulter

This item was tabled to the Spring BOD in order to comply with notice required to change existing Bylaws.

10. New Business

- a. Correspondence - none was discussed.
- b. Identification of WGIPPA financial “auditors” for 2014-2015 – Carl Prinzing.

**Motion: Moved by Carl Prinzing/seconded by Glenn Coulter that Bill Mains of Lethbridge East, Lethbridge, Alberta, and Karen Burtch of Whitehall, Montana be appointed as the WGIPPA financial “auditors” for the Canadian and US bank accounts, respectively, for 2014-2015 fiscal year – Carried.**

- c. Discussion on casino fund raiser for WGIPPA in Lethbridge –

**Motion: Moved by Terry Allen/seconded by John Vrolijk that the WGIPPA apply to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission for a license to conduct a casino in Lethbridge as a fund raising project – Carried.**

11. Next Meeting: April 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Helena, Montana, or as required.

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12. Adjournment at 3:48 pm.