

Minutes**Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association****BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING****11:30am, Friday, September 11th, 2015****Waterton, Alberta**

1. The BOD meeting was called to order by President Terry Allen at 11:35. A listing of those attending is attached as **Appendix “A”**.
2. The proposed Agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Directors and Guests introduced themselves.
4. Approval of BOD Minutes of Saturday, April 11th, 2015 in Helena, Montana.

**Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman/seconded by Greg Duncan that the Minutes of the Spring BOD Meeting held on Saturday, April 11th, 2015 be approved as circulated.
- Carried.**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of Saturday, Saturday April 11th, 2015
 - a. 2015 Host Club Report for Waterton Assembly – John Vrolijk (Assembly Chair; Rotary Club of Sherwood Park; District 5370) was unable to attend the BOD. Due to business challenges throughout the year, he was unable to participate to the extent he wished. Both Terry Allen (Calgary South, District 5360) and Bill Gordon (Fort Saskatchewan, District 5370) took over most of the Assembly organization. Terry Allen summarized the status of the Assembly as of the BOD meeting. He indicated that 121 Rotarians were registered plus 24 YEX students plus their mentors and guests, and speakers. About 150 are expected for the banquet on Saturday. Terry acknowledged the great support of Charlene Bearden of the District 5360 office in Calgary. Charlene organized much of the registration process. Bill Gordon added that there were three types of events scheduled for the Assembly; boat tour, hikes and golf tournament. He expressed disappointment that only six Rotarians had signed up for golf. It was suggested that the BOD may want to review the timing and format of the golf tournament with the objective of its rejuvenation at the spring 2016 BOD.
 - b. Report on plans for 2016 WGIPPA Assembly in Glacier (NPS 100th Anniversary Celebration) – Marshall Gingery indicated that the 99th Anniversary of the US National Parks Service (NPS) had been celebrated

recently on August 25th. There are 407 units to the US NPS. Marshall indicated that the National Parks Foundation would be a significant funder in support of the 2016 centennial celebration. Glacier Park has applied for support. It was noted that the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC would be hosting delegates from 92 countries that have some sort of international parks in August 2016. Next year's Assembly will be held at East Glacier, Montana on September 13th through 15th, 2016. The Helena Noon Rotary Club under the Chairmanship of John Scharf will be the host Club, with the strong possibility of assistance from Helena Sunrise, Townsend, Whitehall, and Deer Lodge. Final involvement will be determined in November. The theme of the Assembly will be honoring the NPS Centennial. The Assembly will need to be coordinated with the NPS Workshop that will immediately proceed our Assembly for three or four days. Many speakers will be coming in from around the world to participate in the Workshop. John Scharf noted the challenges in coordinating the speakers between the two events and maintaining appropriate autonomy for the WGIPPA Assembly.

- c. Report on renaming of Canadian portion of Chief Mountain International Highway. – Glenn Coulter reported that no additional progress had been made on this matter since the 2015 spring BOD. He indicated that he needed to consult with Ifan Thomas of Waterton to bring him up to date.
- d. Report on “Manual of Procedure” and WGIPPA web site – Daniel Bingham advised the BOD that some changes had been made to the WGIPPA web site including an email link to the web master to facilitate the addition of information and images to the site. Daniel indicated that it was critical to have consistency as to how information was to be added and recommended that one person should be responsible. He indicated that there was no proprietary coding in the web site and that only a password was needed to make changes to the site. It was noted that the password and other information associated with the web site was in a binder in his office.

The question arose as to whether past BOD minutes should, or should not be posted on the web site?

Motion: Moved by Kees van der Pol/seconded by Roy Beekman that past minutes of WGIPPA should be incorporated into the web site. – Carried.

Daniel requested that members of the BOD provide him with images that could be incorporated into the web site. Daniel was congratulated for the very high quality web site that he had produced on behalf of the WGIPPA. He was advised that he should let the BOD know when he had enough of being the WGIPPA web master.

- e. Report on spending policy development for WGIPPA. A committee was struck at the last meeting, but the Committee has not met. - Tabled
- f. Update on WGIPPA lapel pin design and production. There were thoughts that the flags for the respective countries could not be “flipped”. Rita Fitzsimmons was to be contacted to determine the options.
- g. Revision of WGIPPA fiscal year, bylaw requirement. A motion has already been passed by the BOD to act on this. The motion was as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved that the WGIPPA change its fiscal year from October 1st through to September 30th, to July 1st through to June 30th, and further, be it resolved that the first reporting period or fiscal year be from October 1st, 2015 to June 30th, 2016 to facilitate the WGIPPA getting in synchrony with the new fiscal year designation.

Glenn Coulter advised that this change in fiscal year required a change to the WGIPPA by-laws and therefore could not be implemented immediately, but must be approved by the membership at an AGM with appropriate notification. Appropriate notice has been given to the membership through the respective District Governors and a vote by the membership is to occur on the motion at the AGM tomorrow.

Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Dick Bide that the BOD of WGIPPA recommends that the membership at this year’s AGM pass the above noted resolution. – Carried.

- h. WGIPPA attendance and representation at “Crown of the Continent Roundtable” in Missoula, Montana. - Last year, 2014, Fran Leggett represented the WGIPPA at this meeting. The BOD was asked if anyone would like to represent the WGIPPA at the conference in 2015. Sheran Carter volunteered and it was thought that Carl Prinzing would also be attending.

Motion: Moved by Greg Duncan/seconded by Roy Beekman that the WGIPPA pay the registration of Sheran Carter and Carl Prinzing (if he needs it) to attend the Crown of the Continent Roundtable in Missoula, Montana.

- i. Finalization of WGIPPA letterhead. - Millie Baycroft presented three options for the WGIPPA letterhead. Following discussion the following motion was proposed.

Motion: Moved by Marshall Gingery/seconded by Greg Duncan that the version of the letterhead with paired flags in each top corner and the map in the top centre be adopted. Further, the design was to be revised so the flag of each country would be to the left in one of the corners. – Carried

- j. Support of initiatives proposed by Jeff Mow at Helena BOD. - President Terry Allen noted that the current budget of this NPS Workshop was about US\$300K. Terry Allen noted that the WGIPPA does not have significant resources and could only contribute a modest sum within its financial means. No commitments have been made. The matter of a contribution is to be discussed at the spring BOD when the WGIPPA's resources are better defined. Glenn Coulter noted that we should look at matching opportunities through District Grants, RI, etc.
- k. Flag Poles. - Terry Allen advised the BOD that funding in the amount of CDN\$2,500 was contributed by Calgary South Rotary, who subsequently applied for District Designated Grants and had this amount tripled thereby obtaining CDN\$10,000. The flag poles are costing CDN\$12 to 13K, with the Waterton Community Association contributing the balance. The flag poles are to be dedicated on Sunday September 13th, 2015 prior to the Hands Across the Border Ceremony.

6. Annual 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"**. The account balance at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year was CDN\$8,196.16.

Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the 2015 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 Millie Baycroft /seconded by Kees van der Pol that the 2015 Financial Statements for the US be accepted and forwarded to the AGM for ratification – Carried.

- c. Terry Allen noted that there were a number of WGIPPA computer bags remaining from the 2014 Kalispell Assembly. Terry advised that he would be giving one of these bags, plus a book to each of the program speakers. It was noted that about US\$900 was still outstanding to the Rotary Club of Missoula Sunrise. We need to sell more bags!

Motion: Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Greg Duncan that the WGIPPA sell the WGIPPA computer bags for CDN\$20 to reduce inventory and recover funds. – Carried.

7. New Business

- a. Insurance for WGIPPA BOD members. - Marshall Gingery advised that he had checked with ten non-profit organizations in the US that were paying US\$500+ for insurance. Policies that would protect the WGIPPA BOD ranged from ~US\$250 to ~\$750. Marshall had mentioned that there were directors on both sides of the border, and noted that the WGIPPA was officially registered in Alberta, Canada. He further noted that in the US, companies work on a one-year policy, while in Canada they work on a three-year policy. One company apparently works both sides of the border. Terry Allen noted that this year's Assembly was covered by the policy of District 5360. As far as the BOD is concerned, anyone from District 5360 is covered. It was suggested that the policies of the other Districts be checked to determine if their WGIPPA BOD representatives are covered.
- b. Kees van der Pol that he had been in Pakistan this past February and had visited many Rotary projects. There was one situation where there were adjoining parks on each side of the Pakistan/India border. Kees suggested that they should consider a "no man's land" and create a peace park. He inquired of the BOD as to whether the WGIPPA could assist by providing a letter of encouragement to both sides? Kees is to provide the contact information for both sides to Glenn.
- c. Planning for Spring BOD meeting. Following discussion by the BOD, it was decided that the Spring BOD Meeting of the WGIPPA should be held in Cranbrook, BC on April 15th/16th, 2016. The intent of this decision was to bring more attention to the WGIPPA in District 5080.

8. Adjournment at 1:22 pm.