



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

8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 16th, 2016
Park Place Lodge, Fernie, British Columbia

1. Call to Order.
The meeting was called to order by President Terry Allen at 8:05 am.
2. Introduction of Directors and Guests.
President Terry requested that those present identify themselves and indicate their Club affiliation. A listing of those attending is attached in **Appendix "A"**.
3. Approval of Proposed Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman that the proposed Agenda as circulated be adopted, with the proviso that Trevor Axworthy may have an item to add upon his arrival. - Carried.

4. Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes of Friday, September 11th, 2015 in Waterton, Alberta

Motion: Moved by Norm M^cCarvell/seconded by Kees van der Pol that the Minutes of the September 11th, 2015 BOD meeting be approved as circulated. – Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 11th, 2015.
 - a. Report from 2015 WGIPPA Assembly in Waterton.
President Terry provided a summary of the report. A copy of the report and associated financial statement is attached as **Appendix "B"**.
 - b. 2016 Host Club Report for WGIPPA East Glacier Assembly
President John Scharf and Past-President Ellen Feaver of the Rotary Club of Helena (Noon) described how the 2016 Assembly would be dovetailed with the Hands Across Borders Practitioners' Conference that will immediately precede the Assembly. The plan is to use some of the same speakers at both the Practitioners' Conference and the Assembly. The WGIPPA Assembly will be located just outside Glacier Park at Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier. They currently have 120 rooms reserved,

with the possibility of adding more. The room cost is US\$159, plus 13% bed tax. These rooms are reserved to June 16th when 25% of the rooms will be released and 50% of what remains will be released July 1st and then all remaining rooms will be released July 16th. If rooms are still available thereafter the same room rate will apply. Twenty-two rooms are taken to date. Reservation code is “Glacier E16”. The Lodge can feed up to 150 at round tables in their Banquet Room. Registration will be US\$55 and Registration plus meal package will be US\$165. They are looking at optional bus transportation to the Hands Across The Border ceremony at the border. Registration will be on the District 5390 web site through a link from the WGIPPA site. They hope to be ready to register May 1st. Meal numbers have to be guaranteed August 15th. A tentative agenda for the Assembly was circulated and is attached as **Appendix “C”**. Carl Prinzing suggested that Rotary Clubs consider sponsoring attendees from the Practitioners’ Meeting. Rotaract from the U. of Lethbridge has agreed to again run the YEX program at the Assembly

- c. 2016 Hands-Across-the-Border Ceremony Report
Marshall Gingery has a meeting with Homeland Security in June. They will want a listing of attendees 48 hours in advance. It will be important for attendees to wear their name tags during the Hands Across the Border ceremony at the border. Homeland Security reserves the right to cancel the event right up to the last moment. If this should happen the backup will be at East Glacier. The proposed border location (Chief Mountain) for the Ceremony will be the first since 2010.
- d. Update on NPS “Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop” preceding the WGIPPA Assembly (September 13th to 17th, 2016).
Jeff Mow told the BOD that the proposed Workshop was meant to be interactive. It is hoped that ~40 participants from 29 different areas will attend. With respect to fund raising, about US\$140 K has been raised to date. An additional US\$70 K is needed to support participants from around the world. Jeff suggested that Clubs consider contributing other than cash such as air mile points. There is an international event in Hawaii the week before the Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop, so this may reduce travel costs somewhat. Additional information as to potential participants, etc. is attached as **Appendix “D”**.
- e. Report on renaming of Canadian portion of Chief Mountain International Highway.
Glenn Coulter advised the BOD that challenges had been encountered on the Canadian side in re-naming the highway. Glenn indicated that he had met with Waterton Superintendent Ifan Thomas to bring him up to date. The Piikani Nation insisted in an email that the road be designated as “Nino Stako” (Chief Mountain) and not be translated. Glenn proposed an

alternative that it be called “Nino Stako, International Peace Parkway”. Ifan has been meeting more regularly with the local First nations and will be taking this concept to them for feedback. If this was successful, it would necessitate going back and potentially amending the name on the US side, which is now Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway. It continues to be a work in progress.

f. Visit to Fernie Museum.

President Terry Allen expressed his thanks to Casey Brennan for his assistance in organizing the visit to the Fernie Museum the night before. Casey indicated that Ron Ulrich of the Museum had reached out to him inquiring of the WGIPPA meeting at the Museum to view the photographic art exhibit on the Peace Park. Casey thanked the BOD for relocating this meeting from Cranbrook to Fernie. The costs for the Museum to acquire the special occasion license and other costs was CDN\$300. The Museum has also requested that the WGIPPA consider making a contribution to assist with the transport of the exhibit to other locations. The cost to ship the exhibit from Washington State University where it was created to Fernie was about CDN\$2,000.

Motion: Moved by Casey Brennan/seconded by Norm McCarvell that the WGIPPA pay the Fernie Museum CDN\$300 to cover their costs associated with the social event the previous evening. - Carried.

g. Update on “Manual of Procedure” and WGIPPA web site.

Daniel Bingham indicated that if you type in Waterton Glacier Peace Park.org, that is all you need to type in. If click on the “envelope”, that will go directly to Daniel as our web master. Any content that you want to incorporate in the site can be sent to him and he will do so. Every piece of information that he has received has been formatted, digitized, etc. and incorporated. He has created links to both BOD and AGM Minutes. Glenn Coulter introduced the issue as to whether the Appendices of the Minutes of BOD and AGM Minutes should be included as they contained email addresses and banking information. Following discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman/seconded by Carl Prinzing that the Minutes of BOD and AGM that are posted on the WGIPPA web site not include appendices with personal and business information. – Carried.

Glenn committed to sending Daniel the BOD and AGM Minutes with the appropriate content. Daniel indicated that Millie Baycroft had initialized a Facebook site for the WGIPPA and that she was managing the same. Daniel emphasized that it is critical to not have many “clicks” before getting the information visitors to the site are looking for. It should be noted that all of the information associated with the web site (passwords, etc.) is in a binder in his office. His Administrative Assistant also has a copy. Daniel also mentioned that we need to show the activities the WGIPPA has been involved with since its inception. This material is currently lacking on the site. BOD members were encouraged to provide the same to Daniel. Glenn noted that most of the historical documents are available at the Sir Alexander Galt Museum & Archives in Lethbridge, Alberta. Marshall Gingery also noted that the Mansfield Center at the University of Montana has an extensive archival collection on the WGIPPA.

- h. Report on spending policy development for WGIPPA.
Fran Leggett indicated that no report was available at this time. Kees van der Pol volunteered to work with Fran, Millie Baycroft and Terry Allen.
- i. Update on WGIPPA logos and letterhead.
Terry Allen reported on the updating of the WGIPPA logo to comply with changes made to the Rotary International logo. The potential change was to have the Rotary wheel in either gold or azure blue. The choice was voted on by the BOD. The vote was close but the azure blue was preferred. Rita Fitzsimmons who has done all of the work on the WGIPPA logo (gratis) strongly recommended the azure blue so that is how the WGIPPA has proceeded. Glenn is to send the revised letterhead to the BOD.
- j. Potential financial support by WGIPPA for initiatives proposed by Jeff Mow for NPS Workshop.
The BOD discussed how the WGIPPA might contribute to the “Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop”. The following resolution was made:

Motion: Moved by Kees van der Pol/seconded by Carl Prinzing that the WGIPPA contribute US\$5,000 to the “Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop” and that the respective Treasurers will work out how much is to come from each of the two accounts. – Carried.

- k. Update on “International Fellowship of Peace Parks”.
Carl Prinzing indicated that the application for the fellowship has been put on pause until after September 2016 as it is believed we can consolidate support for the concept at that time and use the “Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop” as an example of what the WGIPPA is supporting. A number of recommendations from around the world are being assembled in support of the application. The next RI committee meeting will be in late November 2016 when the WGIPPA Fellowship application will be reconsidered. Marshall Gingery noted that Greg Duncan indicated that the Fellowship should have an Annual general Meeting. Glenn Coulter indicated that to his knowledge the Fellowship was not a registered organization in either Alberta, or Montana. Marshall was sure that the Fellowship was a registered organization in Montana. Casey encouraged the group to confirm the registration status of the Fellowship to insure our liability is covered.
- l. Update on liability and BOD insurance for WGIPPA.
Marshall Gingery indicated that he had discussed the matter with two or three attorneys, including Greg Duncan, as long as we are operating under the guidance of our Districts or Rotary International, we are covered, period. Some advice that we were given was that the Districts and their address should be listed on the WGIPPA letter head as an indication that a greater body is the “parent company”. Further, it was suggested that annually, each District would make a motion that the WGIPPA is one of their projects. To be covered by the Districts or RI, the WGIPPA must operate within their respective bylaws. Fran Leggett noted that in Canada, each of the Districts organizes their own insurance and are not covered under RI as such. Dieter Brand noted that the fact that the respective District Governors nominate Directors of the WGIPPA is further evidence of the WGIPPA-District connection.
- m. India/Pakistan Parks – Support by WGIPPA?
Kees van der Pol advised the group that there was currently anger and animosity between the two sides and that he was advised that now was not a good time for the WGIPPA to be promoting a peace park for the no-man’s land between the two counties. He indicated that any action must come from within. Kees expressed the opinion that some people perceive the WGIPPA as an environmental group, however he stressed that the WGIPPA should be “peace first”. He indicated that in 1932 when the Waterton-Glacier Park was envisioned as a peace park that that was reasonably easy as the two countries were already at peace. It is much more difficult to establish a similar concept when the potential participating countries are at war with each other. Kees mentioned that RI’s polio program should be completed soon and that “peace” might be the next major focus.

Review of format and timing of the “Annual WGIPPA Golf Tournament”. Roy Beekman will be promoting the golf tournament for next September at East Glacier with the objective of rejuvenating it. He will be looking at some new approaches. He mentioned that he would be getting the information off of the trophies to include on the WGIPPA web site.

6. Financial Reports:

- a. Financial update report by Glenn Coulter (Canada)
Glenn Coulter advised the BOD that the balance on the Canadian account as of March 31st, 2016 was \$11,587.08. this balance will be reduced substantially upon writing checks to the Fernie Museum, the “Hands Across Borders Practitioners’ Workshop” plus any other expenditures the BOD approves at this meeting.
- b. Financial update report for Millie Baycroft (USA)
Millie was not present and a report was not immediately available for the US account.
- c. How do we deal with debt from 2014 Kalispell Assembly?

Motion: Moved by Roy Beekman/seconded by Carl Prinzing that the WGIPPA verify the debt owing (resulting from the purchase of bags, shirts, pins etc.) to District 5090 that was absorbed from Kalispell area Clubs for the 2014 Assembly and pay off this debt from the US account. – Carried.

It was noted that a check from the WGIPPA in the amount of CDN\$351 was sent to DG Bill Spath on November 11th, 2015. These were the proceeds from the sale of bags and shirts from the 2015 Assembly at Waterton.

It was agreed by the BOD that the WGIPPA shall not purchase more shirts. Any shirts purchased hereafter will be outside of the WGIPPA.

- d. Marshall Gingery moved an informal vote of thanks to John Scharf and Ellen Feaver for attending the BOD meeting and providing an update on the plans for the 2016 Assembly in East Glacier, Montana.

7. New Business

- a. Host Club for 2017 WGIPPA Assembly in Waterton (2017 is Canada’s 150th year celebration).
Glenn Coulter indicated that the Rotary Clubs of Lethbridge were willing to act as the Host Clubs for 2017.

Motion: Moved by Trevor Axworthy/seconded by Casey Brennan that the Rotary Clubs of Lethbridge be designated as the Host Clubs for the September 22nd to 24th, 2017 WGIPPA Assembly in Waterton. – Carried.

- b. Request by “Crown of the Continent Roundtable” (October 13/14th, 2016; Fernie, BC) for sponsorship.
Glenn Coulter read a letter from the Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent requesting financial support for their 2016 meeting in Fernie, BC. The background associated with previous funding was discussed and the general consensus of the BOD was that there should be a mutual understanding as to what “collaboration” between the WGIPPA and the Crown might include.

Motion: Moved by Casey Brennan/seconded by Roy Beekman that the WGIPPA contribute CDN\$300 to the “Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent” and that the WGIPPA support the registration only of Casey Brennan at the Roundtable and that the mechanism of “collaboration” be negotiated. – Carried.

- c. Marshall Gingery suggested that the WGIPPA might consider presenting the Blackfoot Nation with some type of a conservation award for re-establishing the bison herd adjacent to the Peace Park. This could be an excellent public relations opportunity.
- d. Location of 2017 spring BOD? Montana?
It was suggested that the spring BOD for 2017 be held in the Whitefish/Kalispell area. The location is to be confirmed at the September 2016 Assembly.

8. Adjourned 12:07 pm.