

Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

**Saturday, April 22, 2017 – 8:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Hampton Inn (Conference Room), Kalispell, Montana**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.
2. Introduction of Directors and Guests: Dr. Glenn Coulter introduced Chris McLean as the new director nominee for District 5360. President Marshall Gingery welcomed those attending the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves that was in attendance. The President thanked the former and present District Governor for being present and for their service. A listing of all those attending the meeting is attached as Appendix A.
3. Additions to and approval of the Agenda: The agenda was discussed and approved with the added item that Dr. Glenn Coulter would be giving a report from John Vrolijk, Rotary Club of Sherwood Park (5370) regarding the expansion of Waterton Park into the Canadian Flathead Valley. Trevor Axworthy indicated he would like to add to the agenda a discussion regarding park ministers. Norm McCarvell indicated that he also wanted to add an item to the agenda having to do with the terms of members of the board.
4. Approval of the BOD minutes of the April 22, 2017 meeting in Kalispell, Montana:

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by Carl Prinzing that the Minutes of the April 22, 2017, BOD Meeting in Kalispell, Montana are adopted as circulated. – Passed unanimously.

5. Business arising from the Minutes.
 - (a) Dr. John Scharf, Helena Noon Club, gave a report regarding the 2016 Assembly in East Glacier Montana. Mr. Scharf reported that the Assembly went well, that it was well organized and that a profit was made. However, he indicated that Kathy Brown was not going to be there until later in the morning and asked that the matter be tabled until Kathy was able to give the financial report.

There was a discussion by the members regarding the assembly and having to do with documenting the history of the organization and of significant moments that had taken place such as Rotary Vice- President Greg Podd attending the 84th Assembly at East Glacier. Daniel Bingham suggested that the clubs take photos and do a written report after each assembly so that it could be entered into the club records and on the club website.

A discussion ensued among the members as to how successful the melding of the assembly was with the Hands Across the Border event being promoted by the club and by Glacier Park Superintendent Jeff Mow. Twenty-two (22) speakers from 18 countries attended, and as a result, a 35-page executive summary report was generated which Carl Prinzing provided to Greg Podd. Carl indicated that Mr. Podd was impressed with what he saw and experienced.

A discussion was also had about having the ceremony at the border and how successful that was. Marshall stated that the Canadians were very cooperative but the Homeland Security on the American side was quite difficult to work with. It was determined that Ed Handle from the Whitehall Club, and Kitt Brand from Medicine Hat, would take over the border issue. Marshall indicated that he would work with them to get in contact with the right persons both in Canada and the United States.

- (b) Dr. Glenn Coulter gave a report on the 2017 Assembly which is going to be hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Lethbridge in Waterton Park, Canada. He indicated that there is going to be a Friday evening pig roast, that a group called “The Wardens” from Banff would be providing entertainment, and that on Saturday, Ian Risley from Rotary International would be providing a video welcome because Mr. Risley will not be able to attend due to another commitment. Discussion was had regarding various members of the First Nations People that would be attending, and various other arrangements with Parks Canada were discussed. It was also discussed that any members who planned on bringing their boat to the event needed to know that private boats have been banned from Waterton Lake, Canada because of a concern about zebra mussels.
- (c) Upcoming District Governor Malinda Schafman from the Kalispell Daybreak Club announced that her club was accepting the challenge and would be hosting the conference in 2018. She indicated now that construction of the Many Glacier Hotel has been completed, it was their intent to try to hold the event at Many Glacier.

- (d) Dr. Glenn Coulter gave a report on the renaming of the Canadian portion of the Chief Mountain International Highway. He indicated that he has been working with Ifan Thomas, Superintendent of Waterton Park. He has indicated that the Native Americans in Canada are indicating that they want to name the road “Nirostacho”, which apparently means “Chief Mountain” in Blackfoot. He indicated that they are working with both sides to come up with a compromise where possibly both names, one written in Blackfoot and the other in English, will be on both signs. According to individuals he has talked to, the Native Americans are contending that only the Blackfoot name is acceptable. Therefore, this project is on hold. They are hoping to be able to come to some compromise with the First Peoples Nation. Jeff Mow, Glacier Park Superintendent, indicated that he is working with the Blackfoot Confederacy to reintroduce buffalo to the Chief Mountain area. He indicated that this is a very important project to the First Nations People, and felt that if he could get that project completed with them, that it would pave the road to getting cooperation on the renaming of the Chief Mountain International Highway.
- (e) Jeff Mow distributed an Executive Summary and gave a report on the success of the Hands Across the Border workshop which was held in conjunction with the 2016 Assembly. He indicated that there are some different workshops in Jordan, South Africa, and several other places in the world that are very interested in having them come and present the workshop at their conference, as well as the plan presently is to try to have the conference again in conjunction with the Assembly in 2019. Mr. Mow thanked Terry Allen, Marshall Gingery, and the other members of the WGIPPA for their support in helping the project succeed.

President Marshall Gingery, asked that Terry Allen and Malinda Schafman work as liaisons with Jeff Mow and helped develop a plan to support the Hands Across the Border workshop.

- (f) Carl Prinzing gave a report on the International Fellowship of Peace Parks. Carl reported that it was 3 years ago when his petition was turned down. However, since that time he has been in contact with a number of individuals that want to work on a peace park on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border; he has been working with Charles Hardy from South Africa who has indicated that his clubs will send letters of support to Rotary International; and that he is garnering a lot of enthusiasm and support throughout the world for the project. He did indicate that the incoming Rotary International President is from Australia, and that he is 100% behind Peace Parks. He feels that if we make our application when the new Rotary International President

takes office later this year, that it will significantly enhance our chances of getting Rotary's backing on the establishment of the fellowship.

- (g) Daniel Bingham gave an update on the Rotary web site. Daniel has taken a job in Sidney, Australia, and will be leaving the United States at the end of June. He did indicate that somebody needs to work on the site that is a member of the WGIPPA, and that he did not feel that it could be handed off to somebody who simply had a technical background. A discussion ensued, and Daniel agreed that he would continue to work on the web site and be the web master, as long as people would provide him with appropriate information, and that he would need to have some sort of connection such as Skype or something of that manner in attending the meetings and managing the web site. Tom Esch and Jeff Mow both indicated that they had individuals in their clubs that were interested in getting involved in WGIPPA and that they were also experienced and capable of managing the web site. They had confidence in these individuals, and it was agreed that they would explore getting some of these individuals involved. In the interim, Daniel would continue to manage the web site and would be available on an advisory basis even once they had taken over the site. Fran Leggett rose to the challenge and volunteered to also give any assistance she could.

- (h) Daniel Bingham and Greg Duncan told the group that they had not had an opportunity to do much in the way of researching the issue whether or not a South African Peace Park would be allowed to link into the WGIPPA web site because they accepted money from a Dutch lottery. It was suggested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting. At which time the matter was tabled.

- (i) Carl Prinzing gave a report on having attended The Crown of the Continent Conference in Ferny, British Columbia. He said that there were approximately 125 participants; a variety of issues were discussed, including cultural tourism, tourism in Indian county; there were a number of breakout groups discussing The Crown of the Continent and the use of the properties and tourism in the area, much of it as to how it relates to the First Nations. Carl announced that the next conference of The Crown of the Continent will be taking place at the Stagecoach Inn in Choteau, Montana immediately after the Assembly in Waterton Lakes, Canada, which will take place on September 21- September 23, 2017. The Crown of the Continent conference will be held September 24-26, 2017. As a result of Carl Prinzing's presentation, a discussion arose led by Bill Gordon on the fact that we had a Strategic Plan and that in determining in what we need to do or want to do with The Crown of the Continent and some of the other organizations involved, that we need to review the Strategic

Plan. Fran Leggett indicated that the first time we had a spring meeting we did review and discuss the Strategic Plan, but that has been quite some time ago. Fran indicated that she would send out the Strategic Plan and Carl Prinzing indicated that he would review the plan and start making recommendations for additions or changes to that plan.

- (j) Marshall Gingery gave an update on a proposed Blackfeet Nation scholarship. He indicated that he had met with Dorothy Running Crane and a number of individuals at the Heart Butte High School where they had discussed a possible grant. He indicated that he had told them that if the organization were able to make a grant that it would be limited to \$5,000.00. Glen Coulter indicated that he thought \$5,000.00 was a great deal of money for this organization, and that we needed to be careful as he wasn't sure where we were going to get the money to give them an ongoing grant. Greg Duncan commented that if we were to do such a grant on the American side that it seemed we would be obligated to make a similar grant on the Canadian side, therefore we had to look at this very closely. Trevor Axworthy discussed the fact that in Calgary Clubs there is currently a program where they are mentoring aboriginal peoples and other kids in order to help keep them in school and keep them on track. It was suggested that what we needed to do is to look at this as part of our Strategic Development Plan, and that we would need to wait to make any decisions on this until a Strategic Plan had been reviewed.

Jeff Mow commented that he had been working with the Blackfeet and the Park Service, and that there were still some difficult feelings but he felt that there was a lot of peace building occurring, and that something similar to what Marshall Gingery had proposed would go a long way towards bringing the two communities together.

Motion: Moved by John Pilcher/seconded by Norman Nelson to table the proposal and review it at a later date as part of the Strategic Plan. – Tabled.

- (k) Terry Allen reported that he had done some work on reviewing financial requests from organizations. Attached here as Exhibit B is a summary. Therefore, it will not be repeated here in the record, but will be made a part thereof by reference.

Motion: Moved by Terry Allen/seconded by Fran Leggett. – Passed unanimously.

- (l) John Vrolijk was not able to attend so Dr. Glenn Coulter read a report from John Vrolijk and John Martin regarding the status of the expansion of Waterton Park into the North Fork of the Flathead River in Canada. That report is attached as Exhibit C.

Dr. Glenn Coulter made a motion to send a letter to Minister McKinna in Canada asking them to approve a grant to British Columbia to do an environmental impact study.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by Bill Gordon. – Passed unanimously.

Trevor Axworthy made an additional comment that there is a First Nations Tribe located in the valley and that if that tribe were to support the addition of the property to Waterton Park, that it would clear the deck and that the authorities on Ottawa would approve the measure. Therefore, it was agreed that steps needed to be taken to try to build a relationship with the First Americans Tribe in the North Fork of the Flathead.

- (m) Terry Allen made a report on Monty Audenart. He indicated that Monty was a very well known Rotarian in Canada who had passed away a couple years ago. Apparently, Mr. Audenart was well-known and has been involved in some significant projects. It had been suggested that some sort of memorial or recognition of him in the Peace Park would go a long way to getting additional recognition of the Peace Park.

Motion: Moved by Terry Axworthy/seconded by Dr. Glenn Coulter to table the matter for the time being. – Passed unanimously.

1. WGIPPA Financial Reports:

- (c) 2016 Host Club Financial Report – Kathy Brown gave a report for the 2016 host club financials. Her report is attached as Exhibit D. The first item on the agenda was that the Helena Club had provided flags in the amount of \$1,135.00 at the Assembly in East Glacier. She asked that the organization pay for those flags since they were not going to need them, and the reason they bought the flags was that the flags the organization owns could not be relocated.

Motion: Moved by John Pilcher/seconded by Bill Gordon that the organization pays for the flags. – Passed unanimously.

Further discussion was had regarding getting an inventory put together of the club's property since the flag issue made it apparent that flags, banners and other club property has been widely disbursed and nobody knows exactly what we have or where it is located. Therefore, it was agreed that all clubs would check their inventories and we would try to get an inventory together.

As part of the flag inventory, the chair, Marshall Gingery, appointed Ed Handl and Kitt Brand to be in charge of the flags on the US side, and on the Canadian side.

Roy Beekman indicated that he has the golf trophy but nobody seems to know where the women's trophy is located.

As part of the report by Kathy Brown, it was determined that there was a net profit on the conference of \$7,266.10, and if the \$1,135.00 were reimbursed, that left \$6,131.10 to be divided between the club and WGIPPA. Therefore, WGIPPA will receive a check for \$3,065.55 for the Assembly and an additional \$190.00 for shirts and bags that were sold at the Assembly for WGIPPA.

6. (a) Dr. Glenn Coulter gave the Canadian financial report which is attached hereto as Exhibit
E. Dr. Glenn asked that the report be accepted.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by Roy Beekman to accept the report. – Passed.

6. (b) The secretary, Millie Baycroft, was not able to attend. Therefore, Greg Duncan presented the US financial report. That is attached as Exhibit F.

Motion: Moved by Earl Prinzing/seconded by John Pilcher to accept the report. – Passed unanimously.

1. New business:

- (a) Dr. Glenn Coulter discussed the fact that the Lethbridge clubs were going to get a \$1,000.00 loan from WGIPPA to put on the conference next year. This matter has previously submitted to the board electronically and passed unanimously by an email vote.
- (b) Jeff Mow gave a report on Glacier Park and the Wheeler Center. He indicated that currently the park is working with the First Nations in order to reintroduce buffalo to the Chief Mountain area. In addition, he said Waterton Glacier has become the first International Peace Park designated as an International Dark Sky Park. He discussed the fact that interpretative programs are very popular at the park, especially the Dark Sky programs. He discussed the Hands Across the Border workshop, and the fact that they are currently doing exchanges with South Africa and other nations. He reported that Many Glacier Hotel has been upgraded or is close to being completed, and that they want to develop the Burton K. Wheeler Center into an

International Peace Park Center. He invited anybody that wanted to attend to go to the Burton K. Wheeler Center after the meeting ended on Saturday. Marshall Gingery, Jeff Mow and a number of other people attended.

(c) Ifan Thomas was not able to attend the meeting, and therefore there was no report regarding Waterton Park.

(d) Chris McLean was introduced to the group and Dr. Glenn Coulter made a motion that she be elected as a board member from District 5360.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by John Pilcher that she be elected as a board member from District 5360. - Passed unanimously.

Norman McCarvell indicated that Kees Van der Pol is drafting proposed language regarding the terms of directors in WGIPPA. He indicated that it would be emailed out and a vote taken at that time.

John Parker of the Spokane area Rotary clubs indicated that he was impressed with what he had seen. He would be taking this material and if we could give him other material, back with him to the Spokane area to try to get the Rotary Clubs there interested and make them aware of our project.

With that, President Marshall Gingery made some closing comments, thanking everyone for coming and participating, and thanking the Secretary for making the arrangements. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.