

Waterton-Glacier  
International Peace Park Association

**Minutes**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Glacier Park Lodge, East Glacier, Montana, USA**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order, by the President, Marshall Gingery, at 8:30 a.m.
2. Introduction of Directors and Guests: 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 Governors, Superintendents and guests 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 addition that a discussion be held regarding the need for a meeting in Couer d'Alene, Idaho in April, 2019.
4. Approval of the BOD minutes of the April 7, 2018 meeting in Lethbridge, Alberta and a discussion of the a Note that had been prepared by the Secretary explaining why the September 17, 2017 AGM, had been cancelled due to fire conditions in Waterton lakes Park, Alberta, Canada. The discuss further recognized Tom Esch of the Kalispell, Montana Club for having organized an impromptu "Hands Across The Border" meeting at the overlook going into Waterton Lakes, Canada .

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by Norm McCarvell that the Minutes of the April 7, 2018, BOD Meeting in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada are adopted as circulated and that the Secretaries Note should be included in the permanent record. – Passed unanimously.

A set of proposed Resolutions for the September 22, 2018 WGIPPA BOD Meeting were presented to the Board. Containing Resolutions 1 thru10.

5. WGIPPA Financial Reports:

- 5A. Resolution 1 addressed the Canadian Financial Report. Dr. Glenn Coulter gave the report for the Canadian Account. He reported that there was an audited ending balance as of June 30, 2018 of \$4,616.39 in the account. A copy of the bank statement is attached. Glenn Coulter moved for the adoption of Resolution No.1; Ed Handle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 5B. Resolution No 2 addressed the American Financial Report. Millie Baycroft gave the report for the American Account. She reported that there was an audited ending balance as of 8/29/2018 of \$9,436.07 in the account. A copy of the bank statement is attached. Glenn Coulter moved for the adoption of Resolution No.2; Ed Handle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 5C. Financial Examiners. Resolution No. 3 was read and Dr. Glenn Coulter moved; Roy Beekman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- 5D. Signatories for U.S. Bank Account. Resolution 4 was read and discussion was had. Dr. Glenn Coulter moved for adoption of the resolution; Terry Allen seconded the Motion, the Motion passed unanimously.
- 5E. Signatories to the Canadian Bank Account. Resolution No. 5 was read and discussion was had. Dr. Glenn Coulter moved for adoption of the resolution; Millie Baycroft seconded the Motion, the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was had where Millie will be making arrangements to shift money from the US account to equalize the two accounts.

## 6. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- A. A report was made by Tom Esch of Kalispell Daybreak Rotary Club discussing the 2018 WGIPPA Assembly. He reported that there were 120 people registered, that they had gone and done some service projects in the community, including cutting firewood for people that needed it. There was going to be a Night Sky Program; 20 golfers; he reported on thee nights entertainment and that they had 100% participation from their club.
- B. Kees van der Pol, PDG 5080 reported on the proposed India-Pakistan International Peace Park. Kees reported that the Pakistanies were on board but there were complications and it was going to take time and work.
- C. Chief Mountain International Highway. Dr. Glenn Coulter reported that there were ongoing discussions with the indigenous peoples who were putting a number of conditions on any such name change. In the meantime, he recommended tabling

the matter indefinitely, until the governmental agencies and the indigenous people came to an understanding.

- D. Terry Allen and Fran Leggett gave an update on the “International Fellowship of Peace Parks” held in Vancouver, B.C. in February, 2018. Fran organized an outstanding booth display for the WGIPPA. Other members of the board also attending were Marshall Gingery, Bill Gordon and Carl Prinzing. All reported an opportunity to speak with a number of Rotarians from Rotary International on the official recognition of the WGIPPA by Rotary International. They that the Rotarians were showing a great deal of interest in WGIPPA and had given some advice and traded ideas on how to get Rotary International recognition. Carl Prinzing stated there are a number of countries that are willing to sign a letter endorsing WGIPPA.
- E/F. No discussion was had on the revision of the WGIPPA’s Strategic Plan or the Manual of Procedure Update. Nothing had been done on either of these and and discussion was put out to the Spring Meeting.
- G. WGIPPA Website. President Marshall Gingery gave a report on the website. It was determined that Daniel Bingham is not going to be able to assist us after his injury. Summer Marston updated the site for 2018. It was discussed that a letter of appreciation and a monetary gift should be given to her for her efforts. It was suggested the amount should be \$500.00. Todd Walters volunteered to do a letter of excellence. Millie Baycroft made a Motion to authorize the \$500.00; Carl prinzing seconded the Motion and it passed unanimous.
- H. Peace Park Foundation in South Africa.
- I. Carl Prinzing gave an update of the Crown of the Continent. A meeting in Big Sky, Montana was attended. The participants indicated an interest in working/meeting with WGIPPA. It was determined that WGIPPA needed more visibility and be part of a team. A member of the Crown of the Continent wants to meet and speak at the spring meeting.
- J. Update on Glacier National Park. Superintendent Jeff Mow gave a report on the park. He indicated that they are seeing a new demographic coming to the park. They are seeing increased trail use. On August 11, 2018 the Howe Ridge Fire started in the park. Superintendent Mow also discussed the Boundary Creek Fire and the fact that it grew to 1000 acres in only 4-5 hours. He discussed the

moisture situation in the park and the fact that they were experiencing a drought which allowed the fire to grow that quickly. He discussed the reconstruction of the Sperry Chalet and the fact that despite the fire on the end of McDonald Lake, they were able to save the Wheeler Center, although some out-buildings were lost..

- K. Update on Waterton Lakes National Park. Ifan Thomas gave a report. He reported on the damage done by the Kenow Fire the year before. He explained that there had never before been a fire like this in the park. He discussed cooperation between the two parks in dealing with the fire. He discussed that the fire was so hot that it exposed a significant portion of the ground. That already there is a risk of non-native plants filling in the habitat, that there has been an immense loss of property. He discussed that it was going to be very expensive to repair all the damage from the fire and that it was going to take time for it to recover. That the number of visitors to the park was down.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

1. Update on expansion into Flathead Valley. John Vrolijk presented a hand out that discussed the proposed expansion. A copy is attached to these minutes. He reported that it is the Green Party in British Columbia that holds the balance of power and that Dr. Andrew Weaver, the leader of the party has expressed his support verbally but it is a progress in the works and until feasibility studies can be conducted, along with Environmental Assessments, no decision can be made, but currently those studies are being conducted.
2. Recognition of BOD Members that have completed their term. This item was covered by Resolution 6. The matter was discussed. The directors were thanked for their hard work, support and participation. Roy Beekman moved that the Resolution 6 be adopted and John Pilcher seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Revision to the term of directors. Resolution No 7 addressed this issue. It was discussed that there is some confusion on the terms, that it may be more advantageous that a director be allowed to remain and there for an amendment was needed allowing directors to serve an additional term. It was decided that in order to initiate a change in the By-Laws that it was necessary that Notice be given to the membership. Therefore, it was agreed that the matter would be tabled until the Spring Meeting in 2019 and that if the amendment were to be made that it would be decided at the 2019 Assembly after proper notice had been given. Norm

McCarvel made the motion and Millie Baycroft seconded it. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Nominations of Executive Positions. Resolution No.8 addresses nominations of Executive positions. The Resolution was read and discussed. Carl Prinzing asked the question whether or not a person could be a director and an officer at the same time. Dr. Glenn Coulter suggested that the issue be reviewed and addressed at the next AGM. Roy Beekman made a motion to accept the resolution subject to the concern raised by Carl Prinzing. Kees van der Pol seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Nomination of Directors. Resolution No. 9 was read and discussed. It was determined the Resolution needed to be amended by removing Ed Handle since he was already the Vice President. A motion was made by Terry Allen and seconded by Greg Duncan, the motion carried unanimously.
6. Advances for Assembly Host Clubs. Resolution No. 10 was discussed. Dr. Glenn Coulter lead a discussion about the need for a loan to the Host Clubs and also discussed the need for seed money for the 2019 Assembly to be held in Waterton Lakes, Alberta, Canada in September 2019. It was agreed the amount should be \$2,000.00 on both sides of the border. A Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Kees van der Pol and seconded by John Pilcher, the motion carried unanimously.
7. A discussion was had regarding the Host Clubs for 2019 (Canada) and 2020 (USA). The Lethbridge Club indicated that they would be hosting the 2019 Assembly.
8. A discussion was had regarding the 2019 Spring meeting. In an effort to get District 5080 involved and let them know what WGIPPA and the Assembly are all about, it was determined that Kees van der Pol would investigate the opportunity to hold the spring meeting in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, USA on April 12-13, 2019.

With that, the President, Marshall Gingery made closing remarks thanking everyone for coming and participating. The meeting was adjourned.

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Greg Duncan  
Secretary WGIPPA