

**WGIPPA 2022 FALL ASSEMBLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022, 7:30 AM Mountain Daylight Time**

**PRESENT:** Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Bill Dunwoody, Bill Furey, Bryan Walton, Carol Prinzing, Chris McLean, David Savage, Ed Handl, Fred Anderson, John Vrolijk, Kees van der Pol, Maria Kliavkoff, Sandy Wong, Steve Leavitt, Terry Allen, Trevor Axworthy, Patricia Hesler, Dave Roemer and Dirk Smith. And joining by zoom – Dean Wood, Glenn Coulter and Ingrid Neitsch.

Charlene Porslid and Dave Walter gave proxy votes to Ed Handl in their absence.

1. President, Ed Handl called the meeting to order and gave a short welcome.
2. The proposed agenda was approved by all present.
3. Secretary Betsy Mulligan-Dague had prior distributed minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting. Attendance sheet was passed out, and it was moved and seconded to accept them. Ed requested that the heading be amended to read spring meeting instead of winter.
4. Treasurers' Reports
  - a. Glenn Coulter submitted a reviewed written report of the Canadian Account prior to the meeting. Glenn made a motion to accept them and it was seconded by Betsy Mulligan-Dague. All were in favor.
  - b. Carl Prinzing presented a report of the U.S. Account, noting a balance of \$8935. Fred moved to accept the report, Terry seconded the motion and all were in favor.
5. Ed noted that updates from Waterton by Locke Marshall, and from Glacier by Dave Roemer, will be covered later today in the Assembly Program
6. Ed reminded all Districts that per our by-laws, a nomination committees should be set up for expiring Directorships during the 2022-2023 Association year
7. Maria Kliavkoff presented her vision of the work ahead for each of the Action Teams as our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary passes. She asked each Director to 1) join at least one of these teams and 2) be the liaison back to their districts about what is happening in the association. Maria asked each team chair to present a report.
  - a. PEACE ACTION TEAM – Betsy Mulligan-Dague noted the continuing work of spreading the idea of peace poles throughout the 4 Districts. The committee is looking at supporting this with documents, resources and a way to track all of the poles. This action team is looking for at least one member from District 5360.
  - b. PEACE CENTRES/ERS ACTION TEAM – Maria Kliavkoff outlined the plans for creating a peace centre/er in each of the parks. The new Superintendents are both in support of the plans to create a peace center at the Wheeler property in Glacier Park and a peace garden at the site of the old Admin bldg. in Waterton Lakes National Park. The team will do the planning and installation.

- c. **BRANDING & PROMOTION ACTION TEAM** – Patricia Heasler presented for Bill Gordon. The team has identified several areas of signage for Waterton Park and looking for a similar effort in Glacier. They have proposed a new logo which will be voted on, a newly revised brochure, some signage signifying Rotary in the Prince of Wales Hotel, signage in Canada and the US on highways approaching the parks and a sample run of the newly revised business card with peace pledge.
- d. **INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT ACTION TEAM** – John Vrolijk is exploring indigenous members to participate. With Covid behind us, they are ready to make some progress. Individuals do not have to be Rotarians to join the action team. The team is looking for a US Chair. John was urged to look at the Parks and Districts who have Indigenous relations committees.
- e. Maria Kliavkoff proposed the creation of a **CONSERVATION ACTION TEAM**. And urged folks interested in this to form the team. In addition, she would like to reactivate the **OUTREACH ACTION TEAM** by finding a chair to stay in touch with efforts to create other peace parks.

#### 8. New Logo

Ed noted the recommendation to bring Resolution for Adoption of New Logo to the AGM for ratification. Maria made a motion to bring this recommendation forward, it was seconded by Sandy and approved by all. Trevor Axworthy noted that the logo came from the Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown. A signed copy of the Resolution will be placed on the website once it is approved at the AGM.

#### 9. Reimbursement

Ed asked for a Motion to approve expense of \$94.50 for reimbursement to Ingrid Neitsch for printing of Peace Cards. Bill made the motion and Kees seconded it. All approved. Normally the Board would not have to approve expenses of the action teams. However, this expense was over the budgeted amount of \$250.

#### 10. Announcement of Host Club for 2023 Annual Assembly

Bill Dunwoody noted the Host is the District 5080 Passport Peacebuilder Club and the location will be in Waterton Lakes National Park. The Community Center is reserved. However, the hotels will not reserve a room block. The traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> week is unavailable so the dates are moved to September 22-24, 2023. They would like to extend it to September 21 as it is the International Day of Peace.

Bryan noted that there has been discussion about moving the assembly to the spring to coincide with the RI International Convention. This should be discussed at a separate meeting soon and a recommendation brought to the January 2023 meeting. Bryan will write a proposal for this and Bill Dunwoody will set up a special meeting in early November to discuss this. Anyone who is tied to keeping the assembly in the fall should also write a proposal.

#### 11. Announcement of Host Club for 2024 Annual Assembly

Betsy Mulligan-Dague noted the host club for 2024 will be Missoula Sunrise and it will be located in East Glacier. No reservations have been made as of this time. There is an idea to plan a hike for Rotarians from both countries to meet and join together.

12. Maria Kliavkoff outlined a schedule for future meetings

- Jan 12, 2023, Virtual Winter BOD meeting 1:00-3:00 pm MT
- Quarterly, Virtual Executive Meetings, (including Action Team Captains)
- – to be held 1:00-2:30 pm MT on following dates: Nov. 10, 2022; February 9, 2023; May 11, 2023; and August 10, 2023

13. Other Business for Board

Fran Leggett has requested time to presents some historical information that she has compiled.

Bryan recommended that we send a letter to the Peace Garden between Manitoba and N. Dakota to congratulate them on their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He made a motion to that effect, it was seconded by Carl and approved by all. He distributed a pamphlet from the park.

Ed requested that all folks attending sign the certificate to be presented to Bill Gordon as past-president.

John noted that some progress was made with BC and the Provincial Government regarding the Flathead land that borders Glacier Park and Waterton to become part of the park. It is a very complex issue with the land agreements, treaties, claims, etc. John will continue to work over the next years to make this happen.

14. Ed adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.

Submitted by Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Secretary