

Minutes

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:30, Saturday, September 15th, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell, Montana

1. The ADM of the WGIPPA was called to order at 13:30.
2. Those attending the Annual General Meeting are listed in **Appendix “A”** attached.
3. A moment of silence was observed for deceased members of WGIPPA.
4. President Fran Leggett introduced the WGIPPA Executive, Directors and Guests.
5. The Minutes of the 2011 AGM held on Saturday, September 17th, 2011 in Waterton were approved. (Moved by Daryl Hansen /seconded by Greg Duncan – Carried.)
6. Financial Reports:
 - a. Glenn Coulter presented the Financial Report for the WGIPPA bank account located in Canada at the Servus Credit Union Ltd. in Lethbridge, Alberta. This Report is attached as **Appendix “B”**. (Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Terry Allen – Carried.)
 - b. Millie Baycroft presented the Financial Report for the WGIPPA bank account located in the USA. This Report is attached as **Appendix “C”**. (Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Dick Bide – Carried.)
 - c. Jim Dokken of the Rotary Club of High River (5360), Host Club of the 2011 WGIPPA Assembly in Waterton, presented the Financial Report for the 2011 Assembly. This Report is attached as **Appendix “D”**.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. **Host Club Report** – Host Club’s Report for “Kalispell”, 2012 – Ed Rothfuss, Rotary Club of Kalispell (5390) – Chairman Ed indicated that the Organizing Committee, made up from members of the six Kalispell area Clubs. The Committee has organized door prizes for those attending. Ed expressed some concern about their budget. He indicated that they should be okay, but they would be selling tickets on some baskets; running a 50/50 draw; and receiving 50% from the sale of an original oil painting to be auctioned to supplement the registration income. He indicated that planning a relatively complex program had its challenges with respect to handling online registration. The Organizing Committee is very excited

about the event. Ed complemented the efforts of the six Clubs associated with organizing the Assembly. He indicated there were at least two strong members from each Club working for the entire time. Highly recognized Mr. Al Jubitz will be the guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Ed indicated that they would be handing out a questionnaire to get feedback on the meeting that might help Trevor Axworthy and his Rotary Club of Calgary committee for 2013. He encouraged all attending to complete the questionnaire.

- b. **2013 Host Club Report (Waterton)** – Rotary Club of Calgary (5360) – Committee Chair Trevor Axworthy provided the AGM with a preliminary view of the 2013 Assembly. The newly renovated Waterton School Conference Centre in Waterton has been retained for the Assembly. Entertainment and speakers are in the planning process. The Rotary Club of Calgary will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2014. Trevor distributed a pre-registration form (copy attached as **Appendix “E”**) to those attending asking them to reserve their place at the 2013 Assembly.
- c. **Future Hosts of WGIPPA Assemblies** – To date Host Clubs for 2014 onward have not been identified.
- d. **Status of WGIPPA as Fellowship in Rotary** – Carl Prinzing - Carl reported that District 5080 had submitted their report at the end of February. Fellowship development has made tremendous progress in the last two months. Carl has been in contact with Zahid Hamdad from Afghanistan, who is a Yale University graduate with the Rotary Club of Kabul. They have a park among Afghanistan/Tajikistan/Pakistan. Their Club has agreed to participate. He is planning on attending the Assembly in Waterton next year. There is also Ms. Irma Engelbrecht, who is the Communications Manager for the Peace Park Foundation (<http://www.peaceparks.org/>) that is supporting our efforts 100%. They will be sending a letter to this effect. He has also been in contact with a gentleman (Celine) from Australia who is working between Australia and Tanzania. They would like to participate. A David Leonard, also from Tanzania, is awaiting approval and would like to participate. Carl has joined the Global Transboundary Conservation Network (<http://www.tbpa.net/>). Apparently, there is a park between Norway and Sweden that will be celebrating its hundredth anniversary in 2014. Further, apparently, a Todd Walters from BC has worked with the Rotary Club of Whitefish to develop a 10-minute presentation on parks in 2010. He is now working with the Blackfoot/Red Crow Community College in Lethbridge. He is working with First Nations youth associated with trail maintenance and conferences in the parks. They want to have an annual hike associated with a leadership seminar. Carl also contacted the Peace Scholars, including Maria at the University of Bradford in the UK. She indicated that they have the Balkans Peace Park Project (<http://www.balkanspeacepark.org/>) that involves parts of Albania/Montenegro/Kosovo. There are six Rotary Clubs involved there that Carl is contacting and expects them to come on board. Two Clubs

have responded and they are taking the concept to their District. Mina, the President of a Rotary Club in South Africa is taking the concept to her Club. Matt Matson worked on the Continental Divide Trail System (<http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/divide.htm>) and his guide is a dual citizen of the US and Nepal. He is taking all of the information to the Rotary Club of Mount Everest. In addition, the Rotary Club of Butan has said they would be very excited to be part of the Fellowship. Carl is ecstatic with the support he has received. The Fellowship needs to establish a logo and get all of the paper work submitted to RI.

8. New Business

- a. **Correspondence.** Correspondence was received from Waterton Lakes Field Superintendent Ifan Thomas in which he declined to support the renaming of the Chief Mountain International Highway to the Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway due to uncertain support from interested stakeholders in Waterton and nearby communities. A copy of this letter is attached as **Appendix “F”**.
- b. **Amendment and Approval of WGIPPA By-Laws.**
WGIPPA Secretary/Treasurer Glenn Coulter presented the proposed, revised By-Laws, as recommended by the Board of Directors, to the AGM.
Motion: That the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association adopt the revised By-Laws amended to accommodate the inclusion of District 5080 into the WGIPPA, as presented, and that the revised By-Laws become effective as of October 1, 2012. (Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Marshall Gingery – Carried.)
A copy of the new By-Laws of the WGIPPA is appended as **Appendix “G”**.
- c. **Nomination of Directors.** This item was tabled until the 2013 Spring Meeting of the BOD.
- d. **Report on Strategic Planning Meeting, Great Falls** – Glenn Coulter presented a Summary of the activities of the Strategic Planning Meeting in Great Falls, Montana. A copy of this Summary is attached as **Appendix “H”**.
- e. **Report on “Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway”** – Phil Iversen presented background information on his successful efforts to have the US portion of the Chief Mountain International Highway renamed to the Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway. The massive amount of work by Phil in accomplishing this endeavor was recognized by the AGM.
- f. **Reports from Superintendents of Glacier and Waterton Parks.**
 - i. Mr. Chas Cartwright, Glacier:
 - The past year had been an eventful and in some ways sad year.

- Visitors to the Park were second only to the previous Centennial Year.
There had been 12 snow slides on the Going To the Sun Road. The Road had been open only two days when a young concession worker was swept away and his remains were only recently recovered.

ii. Mr. Ifan Thomas, Waterton:

- As this was Ifan's first Assembly, he presented some personal background information on himself.
- He advised that Waterton Park was experiencing a 10% reduction in budget from the Federal Government, plus the costs of the reductions.
- He noted that salary increases over the next 3 years, plus inflation would amount to 20%.
- He indicated that reductions would be focused on their winter offering.
- He indicated that much of the sewage treatment plant in Waterton had been replaced and a third phase remained.

9. **Closing comments from President, WGIPPA.** President Fran Leggett thanked all those present for attending the Assembly and AGM of the WGIPPA and expressed optimism as to the positive direction the Association was taking and its expected impact on peace in the future.

10. **Adjournment.** 14:55