

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**09:30, Saturday, September 20th, 2014
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Kalispell, Montana**

1. President Carl Prinzing called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. The proposed Agenda for the AGM was approved by consensus.
3. President Carl Prinzing welcomed all present and introduced the Executive and Directors of the WGIPPA. Those attending the Annual general Meeting are listed in **Appendix “A”** attached.
4. A moment of silence was observed for members of WGIPPA that had deceased since the last Annual General Meeting.
5. The Minutes of September 14th, 2013 AGM held at the Waterton Community Centre in Waterton Alberta were approved by consensus.
6. WGIPPA Financial Reports:
 - a. USA account - Millie Baycroft reported that the balance on the WGIPPA US account was US\$4,814.25 at the start of the year. Deposits of District dues amounting to \$1,200 were made to the account and one check was written to the Missoula Rotary Club as a returnable float to conduct this Assembly. The current balance is US\$5,014.25. This report is attached as **Appendix “B”**.

Motion: Moved by Millie Baycroft/seconded by Fran Leggett that the Financial Report for the WGIPPA US bank account be accepted. – Carried.

- b. Canadian account - Glenn Coulter reported on the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the WGIPPA Canadian account. Glenn reminded the meeting that the report was almost one year behind due to the official fiscal year of the WGIPPA. The fiscal year of the WGIPPA will be changed next year to facilitate more current reporting. This change requires a WGIPPA Bylaw amendment. The opening balance on the account on October 1st, 2012 was CDN\$10,132.71, expenses of \$862.64 were paid from the account. There were no deposits, and the final balance as of September 30th, 2013 was CDN\$9,270.07. From the end of the fiscal year to August 31st, 2014 additional expenditures amounting to \$1,073.91 were made leaving a

balance as of August 31st, 2014 of CDN\$8,196.16. This report is attached as **Appendix “C”**

Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Kees van der Pol that the Financial Report for the WGIPPA Canadian bank account be accepted. – Carried.

- c. 2013 Host Club Financial Report – Rotary Clubs of Calgary (5360). The report of the Rotary Club of Calgary is attached as **Appendix “D”**.
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Host Club Report. Presentation of the Host Club Report for the 2014 Assembly was postponed until breakfast on Sunday morning.
 - b. 2015 Host Club Report (Waterton) – John Vrolijk reported that although his Club, the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park (District 5370), was a long way from Waterton, they were looking forward to hosting the 2015 Assembly. He indicated that the Lethbridge East Club would be providing some local assistance. The weekend of September 11th to 13th, 2015 has been identified as the likely time for the Assembly.
 - c. Future Hosts of WGIPPA Assembly. No Host Club for the 2016 Assembly was identified immediately. There appeared to be a strong consensus from the AGM that the 2016 Assembly should be held within Glacier to contribute toward celebration of the National Park Service centennial.

Motion: Moved by Dick Bide/seconded by Roy Beekman that the WGIPPA book the hotel for 2016 and make a deposit to hold the same. - Carried.

- d. Appointment of Treasurers for 2014-2016. The Board of Directors has recommended that the incumbents Millie Baycroft and Glenn Coulter be the Treasurers for 2014-2016 for the US and Canadian accounts, respectively.

Motion: Moved by Sheran Carter/seconded by Bill Spath that Millie Baycroft be Treasurer of the WGIPPA US account for 2014 through 2016. – Carried.

Motion: Moved by Greg Duncan/seconded by Sheran Carter that Glenn Coulter be Treasurer of the WGIPPA Canadian account for 2014 through 2016. – Carried.

- e. Allocation of new Directors to WGIPPA – nominations/election – Carl Prinzing.

Motion: Moved by DG Roy Beekman/seconded by Bill Spath that the two Directors representing District 5390 be Roy Beekman and Dan Bars. – Carried.

Motion: Moved by DGN Kees van der Pol/seconded by John Vrolijk that two Directors representing District 5080 be Kees van der Pol and Norm McCarvell. – Carried.

Motion: Moved by DG Garth Toombs/seconded by Fran Leggett that the Director representing District 5360 be Trevor Axworthy. – Carried.

Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk/seconded by Millie Baycroft that a Director representing District 5370 be Erin Stephen. – Carried.

- a. Update on Rotary Peace Park Fellowship – Carl Prinzing reported that the RI Fellowship Committee passed our proposal, but the BOD of RI voted not to accept our proposal for a Peace Park Fellowship. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to make a presentation to the BOD and answer any questions they might have. We have to wait two years to reapply. This November (2014) is one year so next November (2015) we can reapply. We have some new ideas to incorporate, as well as, support from several other agencies. The RI BOD’s main concern was that the Fellowship might be telling countries what to do politically, which was the furthest thing in our mind. In the information we sent RI, it was stated that we would not interfere politically.
- b. Solicitation of ideas for projects/causes to be supported by WGIPPA. Fran Leggett reported that she attended the Crown of the Continent Roundtable. It started on Wednesday and ended Friday at noon. There were about 160 in attendance mostly from Alberta, BC and Montana representing a broad cross section of interests. Fran spoke about the Peace Park at the Roundtable. A lot of people were surprised about Rotary’s role in the formation of the Peace Park. She indicated that it was a good event.
- c. Discussion about Honorary Directors – Carl Prinzing stated that he thought it was a great idea to have honorary First Nation Directors. He would like to have some nominees by the Spring BOD meeting. The term could be one to three years, whatever was decided. He stated that this was the consensus of the BOD.
- d. Mission/Advocacy Statement. John Vrolijk provided some background on the development of the Mission/Advocacy Statement. A committee was struck to develop a statement on behalf of the WGIPPA. The following statement was read:

“Mission Statement

The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association membership is open to Rotarians from Rotary Districts 5360, 5370, 5390 and 5080 who have an interest in supporting and maintaining the development and promotion of Waterton Lakes National

Park and Glacier National Park as a symbol of friendship, cooperation and our commitment to building peace initiatives when and wherever possible.

In order to fulfil the tenets of our Mission Statement the Association will undertake and advocate for the following:

(a) We will support the work and mandate of both Parks to provide educational opportunities for Park visitors and the general public to preserve the flora and fauna and the lands that make up the Parks.

(b) We will advocate with Rotarians and other groups who have similar goals for the promotion of peace, freedom and equal opportunities for all.

(c) We will be vigilant in monitoring all proposed developments both inside and outside of the boundaries of both National Parks and support changes that ensure the long-term ecological integrity of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park for future generations.”(This is the corrected version as per BOD meeting in Helena, MT April 11th, 2015).

Motion: Moved by John Vrolijk/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association adopts this Mission/Advocacy Statement as its own. – Carried.

3. New Business

- a. President Carl Prinzing advised the meeting that the BOD had decided to revise its web site and that it would be under the direction of Director Dan Bingham who was introduced to the meeting. Dan indicated that the web site needed to be updated. He indicated that he would be using the resources of Helena College to update the site. He will be utilizing the skills of design students at the College. The web site will become a central location for all information on the WGIPPA. The College will be hosting the site on its servers. Dan asked for everyone to contribute content to the web site.

Further, it was noted that Millie Baycroft had initiated a Facebook page for the WGIPPA.

4. Closing comments. In his closing comments, President Carl Prinzing thanked the BOD for their ongoing contribution and asked the Members of the BOD to stand and be recognized.
5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.