

Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association

AGM MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – 3:45 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.
Waterton Lakes Community Center, Waterton Lakes, Alberta, Canada

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order, by the President, William (Bill) Gordon, at 2:00 p.m. Welcome. President, Bill Gordon welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the WGIPPA Board of Directors.

2. Approval of Agenda. A request was made to move item (h) to the first item of business, (e) and (f) were taken off, and (c) and (d) were kept. Maria Kliavkoff indicated she wanted to have under new business a discussion regarding term. For simplicity of following the Agenda, the number remains the same and is in the same order.

Motion: Millie Baycroft moved to approve the proposed agenda as amended; Dr. Glenn Coulter seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Directors and Guests: President Bill Gordon welcomed those attending the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves that was in attendance. Special guest was Al Jubitz, who was recognized and introduced to the Board. 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..

4. A moment of silence was observed for deceased members of the WGIPPA.

5. Approval of the BOD minutes of the April 13, 2019 meeting in Couer d’Alene, Idaho. Discussion was had regarding the minutes and whether there were changes or additions. There being none, Dr. Glenn made a motion to accept the minutes as written..

Motion: Moved by Dr. Glenn Coulter/seconded by Greg Duncan that the Minutes of the April 13, 2019, BOD Meeting in Couer d’Alene, Idaho are adopted as circulated and that the Secretaries Note should be included in the permanent record. – Passed unanimously.

6 WGIPPA Financial Reports:

a. Glenn Coulter, Canadian Treasurer, gave the Canadian Report. He reported there was \$4,897.47 in the account. There had been \$1,579.18 deposited. A \$1,000 loan to the organizing committee, and \$430.10 to Bill Gordon remuneration for flags and poles, leaving

\$4,765.47 as of the end of the year. Since that time \$262 had been deposited to the account. He stated that all 4 Districts had paid their fees.

Motion: Dr. Glenn Coulter moved to adopt the report. It was seconded by Terry Allen. The Motion passed unanimously.

b. Millie Baycroft, U.S. Treasurer, gave the American report. She reported the account had \$8,904.49 as of June 30, 2019. There had been \$1,625 income, \$125 from the sale of bags, and \$2,000.00 from the Kalispell Daybreak Club. Money was due for the website/internet, \$894 plus another \$500 was spent on the Spring Meeting in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Summer Marsten was paid \$500, with two other small payments of \$64.42 fo0r a Presidential Retirement Gift, and \$54.00 to Allegra for printed materials, bring the total spent to \$2,156.58.

Motion: Carl Prinzing moved to adopt the report; Ed Handl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7a. Marshall Gingery commented that we were on our 87th meeting. He thanked Lethbridge for doing a wonderful job and having an excellent meeting. He thanked the Superintendents for their presentations; he thanked the speakers and he thanked the present board. He made a motion thanking all involved.

Motion: Marshall Gingery moved to thank all for their participation and a fine job; Bryan Walton seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

7b. Kalispell Daybreak Report on 2018 AGM. Tom Esch from the Kalispell Daybreak Club gave a report on the August 2018 AGM held at the East Glacier Lodge in East Glacier, Montana. He reported that they had approximately 128 people register for the Assembly and 300 people attend the Hands Across The Border Ceremony and that the event brought in \$15,530.00. There were \$11,803.00 in expenses, leaving a \$3,726.00 surplus. He stated that \$4,000 was financed by the BNSF. The club had decided to give \$1,500 of the surplus to the WGIPPA and \$1,000.00 to the Tribal Relief fund, with the balance being retained by the Kalispell Daybreak Club. He spoke about the success of the Night Sky presentation. Mr. Esch explained that his group had a project on the Blackfeet Reservation, where they helped supply wood, and other necessities. Their organization then got involved in helping the Fort Belknap Tribe and also the Rocky Boy Tribe by giving them food and other necessities. The Club had plans of working with the tribes in the future and extended an offer to the other clubs to join them in providing assistance. He thanked his club members for the successful and enjoyable event.

8. REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2019 SPRING MEETING..

a. Dr. Glenn Coulter gave a report stating that there were 85 people registered for the conference. There were also 16 students attending. Between 110-115 people had registered for the banquet to be held Saturday night. The plan was to hold the “Hands Across The Border Ceremony” on the front lawn of the Waterton Lakes Convention Center.

b. Crown of the Continent. Carl Prinzing reported that the meeting was cancelled last year, so he did not attend. This year it is scheduled for September 25-26, 2019. Carl Prinzing reported on the International Fellowship. He stated that the process is not much further along. He said that Pakistan and India have backed out due to the conflict, stating it was too political. Botswana and Zimbabwe backed out as well. Carl is looking for some other avenues to get the Fellowship established and recognized. He said the project is at “ground Zero”. As part of the discussion, Al Jubitz talked about a 1957 publication, 7 Paths to peace and suggested we read it. Terry Allen suggested that the committee team up with Al Jubitz and finding a way to help in the Peace Park movement and also in establishing the Fellowship.

c. Update regarding expansion of Waterton Lakes National Park to include the Flathead Valley. This was reported on in the meeting on Friday, September 13, 2019. Therefore, this was not repeated since John Vrolijk was not in attendance, but instead it was asked if there were any questions. There were none.

d. India and Pakistan International Peace Park. This was reported on in the meeting on Friday, September 13, 2019. Therefore, this was not repeated since Kees van der Pol and Norm McCarvell were not in attendance, but instead it was asked if there were any questions. There were none.

e. Waterton Lakes Update. Salaman Rasheed was not able to attend.

f. Glacier Park Update. Jeff Mow, Superintendent of Glacier Park, was not able to attend on Saturday September 14, 2019.

g. A discussion was had regarding the WGIPPA Logo. It was determined that the 4 Rotary Districts needed to appear on the logo, 5080, 5370, 5360 and 5390.

We have been told that Rotary International does not want the logo to appear that it has been endorsed by RI. The logo needs to identify who is actually doing the project. As part of this discussion, Carl Prinzing indicated that there was a need for a new flag and banner with updated Rotary Emblems. He asked permission to order the flag and banner for the next conference.

Motion. Carl Prinzing made the motion, Millie Baycroft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Glenn Coulter made the motion that he would get high resolution versions of the logo made with the U.S./Canadian flags and other necessary information made up for use by the WGIPPA. Millie Baycroft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Dr. Glenn Coulter asked to approve the changes to the By-Laws. A vote was taken to add Section 6.01 allowing Board members to serve 2 three year terms and in the event that a member is appointed an Office, then the President can appoint a new Board Member to be ratified at the next AGM. The changes were approved by a 23-0 vote in favor of the changes at the April 13, 2019 meeting in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. There was further discussion on what happens when someone leaves the Board and the President appoints a new member, do they serve the remaining term or do they get a new three year term. One member asked to have the provision changed or at least clarified. It was determined that the Board would not change the provision. The board ratified the changes and Dr. Coulter indicated that under Alberta Law, a copy needed to be filed with the Alberta Corporate Registry. He volunteered to register the changes.

Motion: Dr. Glenn Coulter moved that the changes be ratified, adopted, and he be authorized to file them; Ed Handl seconded; unanimous

Motion: Dr. Glenn Coulter moved to adopt and authorize changes and to allow him to file the documents; Ed Handl seconded; passed unanimously.

i. Nominations 5370 nominated John Vrolijk;5390 nominated Tom Esch and Carl Prinzing to the board; 5360 nominated Chris McLean. There are still two openings in District 5370 and one in District 5080 on the U.S. side.

Motion: Terry Allen made the motion, Roy Beekman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Recognition of BOD Members that have completed their term. William Gordon read a letter from John Pilcher to the Board. The directors were thanked for their hard work, support and participation

k. WGIPPA Website Report. Bill Gordon and Glenn Coulter lead a discussion noting that Christen was doing a very good job with the website. It was noted that Greg Duncan, William Gordon and Glenn Coulter were the committee members designated to assist Christen.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Responsibility for the 2020 Assembly. A discussion was had about who should sponsor the next assembly . It was discussed that it would be nice if the new district (5080) hosted the event. It was agreed that one of the Idaho-Washington Clubs along with the Missoula

Club would plan to host the event in 2020. Carl Prinzing volunteered the Missoula Club and agreed to call the Tri-Cities Club to coordinate the two clubs hosting the 2020 event. Carl indicated that he would contact the East Glacier Lodge and book the September 18-20th for the event. Carl then requested that the Board authorize a \$1,000 to \$2,000 seed money draw to begin setting up the conference. It was approved.

b. Spring Meeting 2020. President Bill Gordon requested that a Canadian Club agree to host the 2020 Spring Meeting. Norm McCarvell indicated that they could do the 2020 spring meeting in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

c. Ed Handle made 2 challenges to the Board. The first was that we form and each join one of 4 committees. Those committees were Peace; Mentoring; Outreach and Extension ; and Relationships with Indigenous Peoples. If we do that our focus will have a broadening effect. The second was to understand that “We can build peace one conversation at a time.” He challenged us to pick two people and approach and make a vow to them we will never bear arms against them. He stated that it may start a chain reaction.

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

Greg Duncan
Secretary