

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 11th, 2015

Helena, Montana

1. The BOD meeting was called to order by President Terry Allen at 8:00. A listing of those attending is attached as **Appendix “A”**.
2. The Amended Agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Directors and Guests were introduced by President Terry Allen.
4. **Motion: Moved by Fran Leggett/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the Minutes of the Friday, September 19th, 2014 BOD Meeting be approved as circulated. - Carried.**
5. Secretary Glenn Coulter reported that an email vote by Directors to apply to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) for authority to run a casino fund raiser in Lethbridge in support of WGIPPA projects was approved by the BOD, however the subsequent application was declined by the AGLC. A copy of the letter declining the application is attached as **Appendix “B”**.
6. Business Arising from the Minutes of Saturday, September 13th, 2014 – Terry A.
 - a. Host Club Report from 2014 Kalispell Assembly. Carl Prinzing reported that he had not worked with a more enthusiastic group than the Rotary Club of Polson in hosting the September 2014 Assembly. He noted the superior organizational skills and contacts of Doug Wold. Attendance at about 150 was down from their goal of 250, and the organizers were not sure why. The excellent work of the Rotaract Club in Lethbridge (Katlynn) with the YEX students was noted. Carl presented the financial statement from the Rotary Club of Missoula Sunrise that managed the finances for the 2014 Assembly. Without the bags, shirts, etc. that were purchased, the event would have made two to three thousand dollars. The deficit issue resulting from the purchase of the extra bags, shirts, etc. will be addressed later in the BOD meeting. A copy of the financial statement is attached as **Appendix “C”**.
 - b. 2015 Host Club Report for Waterton – Rotary Club of Sherwood Park. Bill Gordon reported on the progress toward the 2015 Assembly in

Waterton on behalf of John Vrolijk of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park (5370) who was unable to attend. Bill distributed copies of a progress report attached as **Appendix “D”**.

Location of “Hands Across the Border Ceremony”. Associated with discussions on the 2015 Assembly was a discussion on the location of the “Hands Across the Border Ceremony”. Marshall Gingery had had a discussion recently with Homeland Security on the US side with respect to the Ceremony being held at Chief Mountain Crossing thinking ahead to 2016. He got the impression that an annual event at Chief Mountain would be preferable to a one-off situation. Marshall has the contacts to facilitate this on the US side. An application of some sort would be required to acquire approval of this site. He indicated that Homeland Security made it very clear that they did not like the “border swath” site on Waterton Lake. Bill Gordon indicated that the tentative site for the “Hands Across the Border Ceremony” was in front of the Community Centre for 2015. Trevor Axworthy suggested the spit of land adjacent to the WGIPPA pavilion as a potential backup. Trevor also emphasized the possible benefits of having part of the community camp ground set aside for Rotarians with their campers to stimulate attendance at the Assembly.

- c. Revision of WGIPPA Mission/Advocacy Statement. Glenn Coulter reported that there was an error in the Mission/Advocacy Statement approved at the September 2014 Board Meeting. The error involved the naming of Waterton Lakes National Park that had been referred to as Waterton National Park.

Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Kees van der Pol that in the WGIPPA Mission/Advocacy Statement that “Waterton National Park” be corrected to “Waterton Lakes National Park”. - Carried.

- d. Report on renaming of Canadian portion of Chief Mountain International Highway. Glenn Coulter reported that as part of the process of renaming the Highway to the “Chief Mountain International Peace Parkway”, Locke Marshall of Waterton Lakes National Park identified a list of organizations that needed to be consulted with respect to the proposed name change. Letters were written to the organizations and individuals identified explaining the proposal. Responses from organizations were positive, although two individuals contacted objected strongly. An email was also received from a representative of the Piikani Nation stating that the road should be named “Ninna stako road” and not translated as they felt this

would honor the original name “Ninna stako”. President Allen and Secretary Coulter were to discuss the proposals with the Superintendent of Waterton Lakes National Park.

- e. Report on “Manual of Procedure” and WGIPPA web site. Dan Bingham presented the new, excellent, revised web site of WGIPPA. It can be reviewed at <http://www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org/>. Two things need to be decided by the WGIPPA. Do we want to buy software and hosting of the site, or use free software to operate the site, and do we want to buy a domain name? Marshall Gingery suggested that Dan Bingham remain as the web master until the September BOD meeting and at that time a Canadian-side associate web master be identified. Dan indicated that the “starter” software for web site construction and domain hosting would be US\$3.29/month. The “pro” software and hosting would be US\$6.63/month (US\$100/yr. or US\$160/2 yr.). The domain name will cost US\$13.00/yr. or US\$160/10 years. Dan encouraged the Board to provide additional content for the web site. Dan was thanked for his and his students’ excellent work. Fran Leggett mentioned that she had set up a “dropbox” for WGIPPA information for potential web site inclusion.

Motion: Moved by Glenn Coulter/seconded by Millie Baycroft that the WGIPPA spend up to US\$400.00 to purchase the enhanced software package, web site hosting, and domain name. - Carried.

- f. Presentation by Jeff Mow, Superintendent Glacier Park - Jeff brought the BOD up to date on his attendance at the “World Parks Congress” in Sydney, Australia. There were over 6,000 participants from 160 countries. There were 12 representatives from the National Parks Service and 2 from Canada. The theme was “People, Parks and the Planet”. Jeff gave five different presentations at the meeting. Jeff asked the question – What can Glacier do to promote best practices for protecting trans-boundary areas? He indicated that Glacier has been conducting strategic planning. He indicated that the National Park Service does not celebrate the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park as well as we should. He thanked the WGIPPA for carrying the torch for us. Jeff advised the BOD what they will be working on over the next couple of years. Items include the following:
 - i. Glacier has been contacted by fledgling peace parks in the Emerald Triangle of Laos/Cambodia/Thailand. They are interested in bringing a group to visit Waterton-Glacier. The Canadian Embassy is sponsoring the visit. They want to study what we are

- doing as an international peace park. This will be an opportunity to talk about best practices.
- ii. The historic “Wheeler property” in Glacier has been turned over to Glacier. The approximately one acre site, including four structures, is located at the head of Lake MacDonald adjacent to the Lake MacDonald Ranger Station. The property was formerly owned by the late Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana and his family. Jeff is working on what to do with it. He is considering making it a physical venue with a focus on the Peace Park. It will require \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to bring the property to where it needs to be.
 - iii. Jeff is pushing forward to have the two Parks designated as International Dark Skies locations. There is a separate application required for each of Glacier and Waterton.
 - iv. He is looking at the possibilities of developing a Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park pass(s). He is looking for a third-party vendor that could execute an agreed upon plan. The Glacier Park Conservatory has been providing significant assistance with these projects.
 - v. The centennial of the National Park Service is in 2016. The WGIPPA Assembly will be located at either many Glaciers or East Glacier. A “Trans-Boundary Practitioner Workshop” is being considered. There are currently 13 established peace parks around the world and several aspiring locations. This could be an opportunity to share local best practices and ICN best practices. Such a Workshop would cost in the order of \$200,000. Several parties have expressed interest in assisting. He would love to have the WGIPPA participate.

Next, Matthew McKinney spoke to the BOD. Matt is a Director for an Environmental Policy Center at the University of Montana. Both he and Shawn Johnson work in Helena. They created, teach and run a graduate program in natural resource conflict resolution at the University of Montana in Missoula. They are part of the team that edited and authored the ICN best practices guidelines.

Attached as **Appendix “E”** is a draft document entitled “Waterton-Glacier International Peace park: Catalyzing & Sustaining Transboundary Conservation Initiatives” dated April 14th, 2015 that replaced the March 31st, 2015 “working document” proposed by the group.

Fran Leggett suggested that Vocational Training Teams (VTT) might be a potential source of some funding from Rotary International to assist.

Marshall Gingery suggested that because we are talking about advancing the concept of international peace parks that contacting David O'Neal, who oversees several foundations for the Rockefeller family, might be interested in hearing about and supporting peace park initiatives. Larry Rockefeller might be very interested in the international aspects.

- g. Decision on extra bags and shirts from Kalispell, 2014 Assembly. President Terry Allen expressed concern that Poulson or Missoula went into debt purchasing the bags and shirts for the Assembly. Apparently, District 5390 is now holding the debt. Therefore any revenues from the sale of shirts and/or bags are to be reverted to District 5390. There is about \$900 to be recovered.
- h. Update on International Fellowship of Peace Parks. Carl Prinzing indicated that we have a two year wait until we can apply for a Fellowship again. He is already working on the next submission and will be engaging several groups including Todd Walters of the International Peace Park Expeditions and Al Jubitz who runs a Rotary Action Group. Opportunities such as those described by Jeff Mow would also be included. He can't see how we can be turned down by RI. His goal is to get this done by the 2016 Assembly. A personal presentation to the BOD of RI is not an option.
- i. Waterton meeting facility potential project(s) – Terry Allen indicated that we had a visit from Mary Anne Reeves at our BOD meeting in Kalispell when she identified a number of potential projects to benefit the meeting facility in Waterton. Terry has moved ahead on the flag poles they requested. He went to Calgary South and requested a \$2,500.00 grant that he will use to apply for District 5360 Designated Funds to triple the money. If it comes through we will be placing three flag poles in front of the Community Centre in Waterton. A decision is expected by mid-May. If successful, Sheran will help locate a contractor to install the poles.

There has been no progress as yet on the acoustical challenges in the gym. We need to get specs from Mary Anne on the gym to John Vrolijk for him to work with an acoustical engineer in his Club.

- j. Financial planning for projects, how do we spend WGIPPA monies?
President Terry Allen mentioned that the WGIPPA doesn't have policies in place as to how the Association may spend its resources. Do we need to establish a committee to make some recommendations as to a policy?

Motion: Moved by Carl Prinzing/seconded by Greg Duncan that a committee of Glenn Coulter, Fran Leggett, Kees van der Pol, Greg Duncan and Millie Baycroft be formed to make recommendations as to a spending policy to the next BOD meeting. – Carried.

- k. Update on WGIPPA lapel pin design and production. – Carl Prinzing reported that the Rotarian that made the Kalispell Assembly pins will be able to produce a pin with the flags reversed for Canadian Assemblies.
- l. Revision of WGIPPA fiscal year, bylaw requirement – Glenn Coulter reviewed the background as to why he was recommending that the WGIPPA change its fiscal year from October 1st through September 30th to July 1st through June 30th following the Rotary fiscal year. To change the fiscal year requires an amendment to the WGIPPA Bylaws and appropriate notice to the Membership prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held September 12th, 2015.

Motion: Moved by Marshall Gingery/seconded by Greg Duncan that the Secretary of the WGIPPA notify the Membership of the proposed amendment to the WGIPPA Bylaws to change the Association fiscal year. – Carried.

7. Semi Annual Financial Reports:

- a. Glenn Coulter (Canada) reported that the current balance in the Canadian account was CDN\$7,433.17. Three expenditures had been made on the account since the last BOD meeting. They were \$159.24 to pay for Fran Leggett's registration at the Crown of the Continent meeting; \$78.75 to reimburse Glenn Coulter for payment for the Past President's recognition gift; and a \$500.00 deposit to the Waterton Lakes Lodge Resort for the September 2015 Assembly.
- b. Millie Baycroft (USA) reported that the current balance on the US account is US\$6,474.25. Revenues of \$600 have been received from District 5390, \$200 from District 5370 and a that \$400 from District 5360 has not been received as yet. District 5080 has not been assessed dues as yet. Kees van der Pol suggested that District 5080 should be assessed dues.

Motion: Moved by Carl Prinzing/seconded by Millie Baycroft that, for now, District 5080 should be assessed dues of \$200 to be paid to the US account. – Carried.

8. New Business

- a. Correspondence – Peace Conference. Glenn Coulter reported that he had received a telephone call from John Russell (son of Andy Russell) he is a member of the Waterton Natural History Association. He wanted to know what the WGIPPA was doing. He has gone back to the Waterton Natural History Association and asked them if he can pursue discussions on a Peace Conference. He subsequently sent Glenn C. an email saying that he is not too sure what they would do differently than what we are already doing. Glenn indicated that the Peace Conference was something the WGIPPA had talked about doing, but upon which we have not acted as yet. He is going to be attending the Assembly in Waterton this September, so this will be an opportunity for us to talk with him, and for him to glean information from us. This could be an opportunity for a potential collaboration for a joint effort between the WGIPPA and the Waterton Natural History Association to establish some sort of a peace conference. Apparently, there might be some interest in such a conference within the University of Montana at Missoula.
- b. Some discussion occurred about the potential inclusion of a Rotaract representative(s) and First Nation representative(s) on the BOD of the WGIPPA. This would require an amendment to the WGIPPA Bylaws. Possibly, a Rotaract representative could be a District Board member. This should be discussed further at the September BOD.
- c. Legal status under Alberta Societies Act. – Glenn Coulter reported that the last time the WGIPPA changed their Bylaws, about two years ago, that this change was not officially reported under the Alberta Societies Act. The Bylaw changes have now been officially registered and we are fully up to date as of March 9th, 2015.
- d. New Stationary and Its Approval - Discussion focused around the new logo and the use of the Rotary logo. All logos are to be emailed to Millie Baycroft. Glenn Coulter indicated that we can't officially use the RI logo and that when we apply for a Rotary fellowship, be careful of the stationary we use! Millie indicated the web site would be included. Once "mocked up", it will be emailed to the BOD. Glenn Coulter will send out an email vote to determine the final version.
- e. Support for organizations with similar objectives - Crown of the Continent, Headwaters Montana, Y to Y, and others – Terry Allen indicated that we are not members of these groups, but invited friends. By supporting the Crown of the Continent Roundtable, we are actually supporting all of these groups.

Motion: Marshall Gingery moved/seconded by Sheran Carter that the WGIPPA support two registrations (one from Canada and one from the US) to attend the

Crown of the Continent Roundtable in 2015 and secondly, investigate the WGIPPA' responsibilities and financial commitment if it was to take out full membership in the Crown of the Continent Roundtable. – Carried.

Glenn Coulter will send out an email soliciting interest as to those that might want to represent the WGIPPA at the 2015 Roundtable.

9. How do we advocate for the expansion of Waterton Lakes National Park into the SE corner of BC? – Terry Allen asked Kees van der Pol how we should move that forward. Kees suggested that should be the second question. The first should be how does the WGIPPA get District 5080 to understand what it and peace parks are all about, and what kind of commitments there are. We have to get the word out!

Marshall Gingery suggested that the spring BOD be held in Cranbrook next year and that MLAs be invited to talk on the pros and cons of expanding the park to a park or other designation into BC. What is the political question?

10. Next Meeting, Friday September 11th, 2015.

11. Adjourned 12:05 pm.