

Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Friday, September 13, 2019 – 2:00 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.
2. Welcome. President, Bill Gordon welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the WGIPPA Board of Directors.
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 as Exhibit. A.
4. Additions to and approval of the Agenda: The agenda was discussed. Fran Leggett asked to make additions regarding (1) the Historical Designation of the WGIPPA and (2) Rotaracts in Montana and Idaho. Dan Barsz moved that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed.
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. 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 300 people attend and that the event brought

in \$15,530.00. There were \$11,803.00 in expenses, leaving a \$3,726.00 surplus. 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. 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.

7. WGIPPA Financial Reports:

a. Glenn Coulter, Canadian Treasurer, gave the Canadian Report. He reported there was \$4,897.47 in the account. In the past year two (2) checks have been written. He stated that all 4 Districts had paid their fees.

Dr. Glenn Coulter moved to adopt the report. It was seconded by Chris McLean. The Motion passed unanimously.

b. Millie Baycroft, U.S. Treasurer, gave the American report. She reported the account had \$8,904.49 in it. There had been \$1,625 income, \$125 from the sale of bags, and \$1,500.00 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.

Millie Baycroft moved to adopt the report; Greg Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

a. Dr. Glenn Coulter gave a report stating that everything was prepared for the AGM on Saturday, September 14th, 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.

c. Update regarding expansion of Waterton Lakes National Park to include the Flathead Valley. John Vrolijk was not able to attend but he did provide a written report. That

report is attached a Exhibit B. In addition, an article entitled “The Missing Piece” from the Flathead Beacon was circulated. The article generally discusses the status of British Columbia’s Flathead Valley. Bill Gordon reported that John Vrolijk was scheduled for a hip replacement, so he could not attend. He was continuing to work with various groups connected with the efforts to expand the park.

Bill Gordon asked that a link be set up on the organizations website linking it to the Flathead Beacon Article. It was reported that John is pleased with the article.

It was discussed that there is currently an issue with timber rights and there is discussion about trading the timber rights in the Flathead for rights some other place. In addition, there are on going discussions between the indigenous people and the government of British Columbia and the Canadian government on the nature of any protective status. Another issue stems from the fact that there is a ski resort proposed for the general area. Currently there are discussions, which may result in the resort being restricted to a smaller area.

Apparently all parties involved believe that there should be a protected status for the area, but they do not agree on what that status should entail.

Maria Kliavkoff volunteered to help on this project if there was anything that she could do to help.

d. India and Pakistan International Peace Park. Kees van der Pol and Norm McCarval were not present. It was reported that because of hostilities between India and Pakistan, that there had been a set back in the negotiations. It was reported that Kees would be attending a Peace Builder Club conference in Ontario, California on June 17-18, 2020, at which time he would be presenting.

e. 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. 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.

f. Glacier Park Update. Jeff Mow, Superintendent of Glacier Park, gave a report on the park. He reported on how the fires had affected the Burton K. Wheeler Center. In restoring the center, the University of Montana is getting involved with a \$400K grant. He explained that the fire had burned a number of the outbuildings, but the fire fighters had managed to save the main structure. As part of the preservation, the Glacier Institute has pledged \$60k and Glaceir Park has pledged \$200k to the project. The center could be used for day programs and other

educational programs. He suggested that WGIPPA look at setting up a center at the Wheeler Camp. He said that because of the lack of utilities at the site on Waterton Lake, the Peace Park Pavilion on Waterton Lake has be shutdown due to Montana State Regulations.

g. Waterton Lakes Update. Salaman Rasheed was not able to attend the BOD Meeting.

h. WGIPPA Logo Updating. An open discussion was had regarding the design of the WGIPPA Logo. It was determined that the 4 Rotary Districts needed to appear on the logo, 5080, 5370, 5360 and 5390.

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.

i. Dr. Glenn Coulter asked to approve the changes to the By-Laws. A vote was taken and the changes were approved by a 23-0 vote in favor of the changes. The Board ratified the changes. Dr. Coulter indicated that under Alberta Law, a copy needed to be filed with the Alberta Corporate Registry. He volunteered to register the changes.

Bill Gordon discussed the future direction of the WGIPPA and how the new rules would fit in. In addition, Bill Gordon indicated that an outgoing board member, Nicole Konkin, District 5370, requested that the Board take a look at the current “Hands Across the Border Pledge”. Since Rotary is a secular organization we should consider a re-write of the pledge without a specific reference to God and instead use a more generic and non-religious terminology. President William Gordon asked that the membership think about it and make suggestions at the Spring Meeting. removing God and current numbers.

William Gordon then read a letter from John Pilcher. In that letter John resigned from the Board and made suggests to the WGIPPA to keep its focus. That letter is attached as Exhibit C.

j. 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. Fran Leggett lead a discussion regarding the SOAR exercise conducted at the spring meeting in 2019. She encouraged us to all choose our select area for strategic planning. She was going to get the information, photos, etc gathered and have it sent to the web master and put on the site.
- aa. 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.

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

Greg Duncan, Secretary