

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2020 3:30 – 4:30 pm via GoToMeeting

Present: (ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE MISSING SO MAY NOT BE COMPLETE) Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Ed Handl, Maria Kliavkoff, Bill Gordon, Carl Prinzing, Greg Duncan, Norm McCarvell, Glenn Coulter, Kees van der Pol, John Vrolijk, Ingrid Neitsch, Jim Hutcheson, Jay Sheppard, Millie Baycroft, Roy Beekman, Marshall Gingery, Bryan Walton, Dean Wood, ???

1. President Bill Gordon called the meeting to order.
2. The Proposed agenda was approved.
3. President Bill Gordon welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Committee, the Directors and Special Guests.
4. All in attendance participated in a moment of silence to honor the deceased members of the WGIPPA.
5. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 14, 2019 held in Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta were approved as submitted by Secretary Greg Duncan.
6. Glenn Coulter presented the Financial Report for the Canadian Account with an estimated balance in the WGIPPA Canadian account as of the AGM projected to be CDN\$9,556.74. Carl Prinzing presented a report on the finances for the US account.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Betsy Mulligan-Dague presented a report on the 2020 Assembly as a representative of the host club, Missoula Sunrise. We missed having an in-person event but appreciated the attendance of folks virtually and felt it went very well. Final Eventbrite registrations expanded to 115. Most registrations were from Canada.
- b. Carl Prinzing gave a short update from his attendance at the Crown of the Continent and also addressed the effort to get an International Fellowship of Peace Parks recognized at RI.
- c. John Vrolik gave a short update on the possible expansion of Waterton lakes National Park to include the Flathead Valley.
- d. Kees van der Pol updated attendees on the proposed India-Pakistan International Peace Park (Indus).
- e. Incoming President Ed Handl issued a challenge to all present to see our peace pledge as not just something we do this day each year, but to take it and spread it like a virus to everyone we meet.

"In the name of all we hold sacred, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom and demand equal opportunities for all. May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example."

He also referenced the four teams that were established at our Spring 2020 meeting and committed to getting them activated – Peace & Conflict Resolution, Marketing, Indigenous Relationships and Outreach.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bill Gordon introduced the slate of Officers for the 2020/2021 year and they were approved as nominated.

President: Ed Handl
Vice-President: Maria Kliavkoff
Past-President: Bill Gordon
Secretary: Greg Duncan
Treasurer (Canada): Glenn Coulter
Treasurer (USA): Carl Prinzing

b. Bill Gordon introduced newly appointed Board members.

District 5370: Ingrid Neitsch
District 5390: Jim Hutcheson
District 5080 (USA): Jay Sheppard

c. There are still vacancies to be filled – one delegate from District 5390 to fill Carl Prinzing’s position, preferably from the eastern part of the District and on delegate from District 5080 (Canada) to fill Maria’s position.

d. Bill Gordon thanked and recognized outgoing members of the Board of Directors
Millie Baycroft – Outgoing USA Treasurer
Roy Beekman – District 5390 and organizer of our annual Golf tournament
Marshall Gingery – Outgoing Past President

9. The host club (s) for the 2021 Assembly were announced by Bryan Walton, organizer. The primary host is the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park (D5360) with a co-host of the Rotary Club of Fort Saskatchewan (D5370) and support from The Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview (D5370). It was also noted that Rotary International’s Conference will be in Calgary in 2025 which will present a great opportunity for us to showcase our work and the Association.

10. Incoming President Ed Handl made a few remarks and outlined some goals to include

- 1) Continuing efforts at environmental protection
- 2) To expand from celebrating peace to spreading peace
- 3) To continue work to establish a Peace Park Fellowship (Carl, Norm and Kees)
- 4) To work on improving relationships with the indigenous peoples of the area
- 5) To effect a viral peace movement – in effect a “Peace Pandemic”

11. The next meeting of the WGIPPA Board of Director’s was set for Thursday, May 6, 2021

12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Secretary, 9-11-21