

Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

**May 6, 2021– 6:31 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Additions to and approval of the Agenda: The agenda was discussed and Sandy Wong moved to approve, Greg Duncan seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. President Ed Handl welcomed everyone and reported that 3 of 4 action teams had been established and that the 4th team will be established. Ed requested that other members of the Board volunteer for the 4th team rather than the same members being on all the teams.

4. The secretary had lost the minutes of the Sept 9, 2020 AGM due to a computer breakdown. The minutes from the BOD September meeting have now been recovered and dispersed to the Board. There was a request for additions and comments. There being none, Greg Duncan moved that they be approved and Sandy Wong seconded.
In addition, the minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting were presented and a request made for corrections or additions. There were none, Sandy Wong made a motion to accept and Chris McLean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Vacancies. President Ed Handl introduced Charlene Porsild of the Helena Noon Club as the newest member of the board from District 5390.
 - 5b. A discussion was had that there was a vacancy in District 5080. Ed Handl asked for nominations. Norm McCarvel indicated he knew someone in Cranbrook that may be interested.

 - 5c. Several directorships will expire at the end of the 2021 AGM. President Handl suggested that a nominating committee be formed so that they could be ready to fill the vacancies.

6. Treasurer's Report. 6a. Dr. Glenn Coulter, the Canadian Treasure was unable to attend, no report was given for Canada.

6b. Carl Prinzing, who was replacing Millie Baycroft, gave the U.S. report. He stated there had been no activity since the last meeting. That the organization had received \$2,000.00 back from the 2020 AGM. The new balance was \$8,548.79 and there were no outstanding amounts expected to come in.

A request was made to Carl to provide an accounting of all amount that had been given the parks in the last 10 years. He indicated that he would have that prepared for the September meeting.

7. Waterton Superintendent's Report Salman Rasheed reported that the outlook was optimistic. He reported that the park was almost totally open. He said that there had been a lot of work to get it opened. The Crandall Campground remained closed. He also reported that Bull Trout were being designated a species at risk, that they were doing a Cutthroat Trout inventory and an indigenous inventory. He reported that 6 Bison had been released in the park and 40 on the Reserve with the blessing of the tribal council. He reported that the visitation between October 2020 and March 2021 was the highest ever. That they were concerned with the large volume they were going to have to shut the parks gates to control the numbers. He reported that there were high rates of Covid-19 in Alberta and that the future of the park was uncertain with new restrictions coming. The border remained closed as of 5-6-2021

8. Glacier Superintendent Report. Jeff Mow was not able to attend so there was no report for Glacier.

9. Action Team Reports.

9a. Peace Action team. Betsy Mulligan-Dague reported that she believes peace building is the most important thing Rotary does. She stated she was going to request some records and that she wanted to educate everyone on the 8 pillars.

9b. Branding and Promotions Action Team. Bill Gordon reported that his team had met one time since the last meeting. They have mused over the thought of promoting a branding for WGIPPA know and its involvement in the park. Some of the ideas are:

1. Set up the logos, both U.S. and Canadian on the website home page, with permission of the Board.
2. Print a 2 sided card with information and history on it.
3. Produce shirts with a WGIPPA logo on them that represents WGIPPA regardless of time.

4. Request a brochure about WGIPPA's involvement in the parks. It could be both paper and paperless.
5. Develop revised pins for both Canada and the U.S.
6. Create bumper stickers.

Maria Kliavkoff discussed places for a brochure and for a peace center. She said that there are a couple of options for a place of Peace. One being a decommissioned administrative building in Waterton that could be modified as a Peace Center. The other being the Falls Theater Heritage Building that is scheduled for demolition. She said that requests for proposals had to be in sometime in May or June.

In Glacier, at the Wheeler Center Cabin, a brochure telling about WGIPPA could be placed in a weather proof case.

Betsy reported that on May 11, 2021 their team was having another meeting.

9c. Indigenous Engagement Team. Tom Esch reported that his group had 2 meetings. They got organized and adopted a mission statement. They developed three avenues to promote their work. Those being:

1. Listen
2. Learn
3. Act

It was discussed that the Board did not have any indigenous members. Governor Sandy Carlson challenged the group to extend Rotary into communities with indigenous communities, starting with Browning, Montana.

9d Outreach and Extension Team. It was noted that the committee needed a captain to organize the team.

9di. Kees Van der Pol, Norm McCarvel and Carl Prinzing, discussed the Indus Peace Park. There was a meeting on April 2, 2021. As a result of that meeting Carl has become a director. There are now 16 directors, with 2 having stepped down.

Kees showed pictures and discussed the tensions in the area. They have talked and it appears that it will be in Pakistan where they will get the first parcel of land to start a peace park.

9dii. Carl Prinzing reported on the fellowship. He reported that RI said they would look at it again in 202. In July they will start getting ready to try for an approval.

10. Fall 2021 Assembly. Bryan Walton reported that the arrangements for the 2021 meeting were progressing. They had the venue arranged at Waterton with the 16-18th of September booked and they have sent letters to speakers. They are currently planning an in person AGM but have also made a contingent plan. Bill Gordon commented that last year it was on July 7 when the decision was made to conduct the Assembly by Zoom. Other discussions were had about getting hotels arranged, updating the mailing list, etc.

Marshall made a suggestion that a meeting be called by July 20th to make final plans.

The Motion was made by Marshall Gingery and seconded by Carl Prinzing. It passed unanimously.

Marshall further recommended that the Chairs of each Action Teams meet with the President to keep all the teams together and not duplicating efforts. Ed will take this under consideration and discuss it with the Action Teams.

11. 2022 Host Club. It was announced that the Rotary Club of Great Falls would be hosting the 2022 Assembly at East Glacier. Ed Handl was going to call Melinda Connors and talk to her about moving forward.

12. A Virtual Meeting was set for January 13, 2022.

13. A discussion was had for an additional meeting before the Assembly. It was agreed the meeting would happen on July 20, 2021.

14. Greg requested that a copy of the recorded meeting would be forwarded to him by the President, Ed Handl. Also it was noted that Fran Leggett received a significant award at their District Conference. DG Mary Turner indicated that it was the prestigious Dr. Monte J. Odenart Inspirational Service Above Self Award for her years of leadership and the first female DG in their District.

15. Bryan Walton made the Motion to adjourn and Maria Kliavkoff seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Date ___9-3-21___

____Betsy Mulligan-Dague_____

Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Secretary