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## ***Gyro District VIII – Minutes of Annual Business Meeting Held Virtually on September 24, 2021***

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- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Governor Derm Jackman at 10:00 am.
- ❖ Governor Derm called on Jim Lochhead to give the invocation and then asked that we observe a moment of silence for those who had passed on.
- ❖ Governor Derm gave his opening remarks, introduced those who had served in International and District chairs, and congratulated Edmonton, Calgary, and Regina clubs on their 100 years in Gyro.
- ❖ Minutes of the last business meeting held in Drumheller, AB on May 25, 2019 were posted on the Gyro District VIII website and distributed to all members with an email address. A motion was made to accept the minutes. That motion was seconded and carried. (Note that there was no Convention in 2020 due to Covid and therefore no official business meeting that year).
- ❖ Peter Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, gave greetings from Gyro International. He spoke of the work that was being done by the membership committee, of the fact that the new Members Portal was now fully functional, and of how the Website has been updated. He thanked Governor Derm Jackman and Sid Slade for their efforts on the Tech Committee as well as their efforts over the last two years as the leaders of District VIII.
- ❖ Lt Governor, Sid Slade reported that in June of 2019 he travelled to Regina to install the Officers of the club. He spoke of his involvement in the Tech committee and of his participation at virtual meetings with the International Executive council and Governors of other Districts. He thanked the Edmonton club for the invitation to attend their Centennial celebration marking 100 years as members of the Gyro Fraternity.
- ❖ IPDG Larry Fenton spoke of his participation in the selection of possible candidates for District Office. He stated that the decision had been made to cancel the Past District Governors meeting this year. He felt that all that needed to be accomplished could be done by email and that there was already a list of potential candidates for District office on record.
- ❖ Governor Derm reported that he represented our District at the International Convention in Reno Nevada in June of 2019. Over the next months, he installed the Executive of clubs in Nelson, Sherwood Park, Calgary, the Stampede Club, Cranbrook, and Wallace (in February of 2020). And then Covid stopped in person attendance at club events. He reported that he had attended 14 virtual Board of Governor Meetings and issued 10 Governor Bulletins. Governor Derm and Lillian attended the Edmonton Centennial Gala and thanked the club for a wonderful evening. He spoke of his involvement in both the Tech and Membership committees. He thanked all who had worked with him over the last 2 years all levels in our Gyro Organization.
- ❖ The financial statements for the two years 2020 and 2021 were distributed to the membership by email and also reviewed with those at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the financial statements. Motion was seconded and approved.
- ❖ International Vice President, Peter Carter spoke about the International convention to be held in Cleveland in 2022 and stated that all details could be found on the Gyro International Website.

- ❖ Brian Stein talked about the Stampede Club hosting the District convention from September 23-25, 2022 and detailed their preliminary plans. He also spoke about financial concerns and also the possibility of District support.
- ❖ There was discussion regarding hosting of conventions for 2023 and “beyond. If no clubs have come forward to host a convention by the end of January, the District executive will have to host the convention in Fairmont Hot Springs.
- ❖ Secretary-Treasurer Ken Baker put forward a motion that the Constitution be amended to formalize the District’s policy of reimbursing expenses. The motion read, *“The registration fees and hotel accommodation expenses incurred by the International representative and his escort in connection with their duties at a District convention shall be paid by District”* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- ❖ Brian Stein, of the Stampede Club, spoke of the financial risk for clubs who undertake the responsibility for hosting a convention. A motion was made by the Stampede City club that it be reimbursed for costs totalling \$719.34 that had been incurred to host the 2020 Convention that had been cancelled due to Covid. Much conversation took place and the motion was eventually carried. A second motion was made that District advance \$2,000 to the Stampede City club to back stop any potential losses with the understanding that any profits up to \$2,000 would be returned to the District. Again, lots of discussion with the motion eventually being carried.
- ❖ A motion was put forward by Ken Baker to have a “Sunset Clause” inserted in constitution. This clause would deal with remaining assets in the event of the winding up or reorganization of District VIII. After much discussion the motion failed (40 votes to 34 votes).
- ❖ Incoming Lt Governor, Sid Slade, made a motion that dues be suspended for the year ended April 30, 2022. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.
- ❖ Lt Governor, Sid Slade, presented his budget for the year ended April 2022. It was agreed that the budget should be amended to reflect the \$719 to be paid to Stampede City. The revised budget was approved.
- ❖ IPDG, Larry Fenton, reported on the nominations for the District chairs for the upcoming year. They included, Ken Williamson as Lt Governor, Sid Slade as Governor, and Derm Jackman as IPDG. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers. That motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- ❖ District VIII awards:
  - Best Bulletin Award was presented by Lt Governor Sid Slade to Editor Fred Schulte
  - Man Mile Award was presented by Ken Baker to the Edmonton Club
  - Russ Carter Award for the most new members this year was presented by Ken Baker to the Calgary Club
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned