

Gyro District VIII - Annual General Meeting Minutes

Medicine Hat, Alberta September 23, 2022

- o The AGM was called to order by Governor Sid Slade at 9:05 am.
- o PDG Jim Malott gave the Invocation.
- o Governor Sid Slade introduced International President Peter Carter, Past International Presidents Dale Woodroffe, and Alan Pentney, as well as the PDGs. He thanked Stampede City Club President Dave Smith and Brian Stein and Alan Pentney (chair & co chair) for a well organised convention in their 60th year as a club. Alan thanked The Sherwood Park Club, namely Bernie and Brenda Kropp for co-ordinating the Bocce tournament.
- o **Credentials and Roll call** by District Secretary Rikke Dootjes determined there was a quorum.
- o Motion that the minutes of the **2021 AGM minutes** be accepted. Moved by Dave Smith and seconded by Mike Wagg – Carried. No new business arose from those minutes.
- o Past District Governor Bernie Kropp stated that the business of the meeting was to be conducted via Roberts Rules of Order, and if necessary, then - common sense.
- o Peter Carter gave **greetings from Gyro International**. He noted committees were progressing as follows: The **membership committee** run by 2nd VP Mike Eisner, acknowledged Gyro membership is diminishing but it is not unique to Gyro. According to Peter other clubs like Kiwanis, Kinsmen, Rotary are experiencing the same decline. Social media is more preferred by the younger generations, so the committee has checked with some of the newest members and some of the youngest members to get some input. A member survey led to a **Restructuring Task Force** led by 1st VP Dan Durbin exploring realignment of districts due to less clubs in certain districts. Fewer Districts may save some money. The **Technology Committee** headed by IPDG Derm Jackman, is continuing to enhance the website.
- o **Reports by District Executives** were received. All appreciated having the honor of serving and stated the club visits were a highlight with the caveat that clubs are shrinking although several clubs reported new members. As Peter stated, if each member brings in one member (neighbour, son, brother, brother's son) then Gyro will grow.
- o **Club Reports** were presented by the respective representatives while the reports of the non-represented clubs were read by Rikke Dootjes. There were no negatives in these reports. Some good news was that a few clubs had positive growth.
- o Rikke recognised that Ted Ewanchuk was President of the Sherwood Park club for two consecutive years due to Covid and thanked Ted for that.
- o **Finance Report and Budget** for the year 2022 /2023 was presented by Treasurer Ken Baker, everyone received an email on financials prior the Convention. The package included the revenues from 2013 to 2022. No dues were charged in 2021 and 2022. As of April 30, there are 10 clubs in the District (Lethbridge recently turned in their Charter) which represent 292 members, compared to 395, 10 years ago. There is a \$37,000 surplus which is excessive

according to some. The **Motion to approve the 2021-22 financial statement** was moved by PDG Hugo Hess and seconded by PDG Peter Carter - Carried. As for the 2022-23 Budget, the issue was to charge dues in the next coming year or utilize the surplus. With no dues the 2022-23 loss will be about \$7,500. A **Motion to approve the budget (with no dues)** as presented, was moved by Ray Guindon and seconded by PDG Larry Fenton – Carried.

- **Interim Convention:** Paul Stout suggested the Interim Convention held at Fairmont be reinstituted for the good of Gyro utilising some of the surplus and charge dues. It was concluded that since the dues are not going to be charged this year then it would be better to discuss this topic when the 2023-24 budget is proposed at the July 2023 Convention AGM. Then members will be advised for 23/24 season if dues will be levied and if an Interim Convention is planned.
- **Election:** Nominations by IPDG Derm: Ken Williamson for District Governor, Duncan Mills for Lieutenant Governor; Sid Slade as Immediate Past Governor, **Motion to approve the election of the slate of nominees** was moved by PDG Hugo Hess and seconded by Ron Carter – Carried unanimously.
- IPDG Derm thanked all members and clubs for their support during his 3 years on the district executive and promised to continue to work for the District in the future.
- **Awards:**
 - Man Mile Award won by Stampede City
 - Membership award went to the Calgary and Wallace clubs.
 - Bulletin award went to Fred Schulte of the Edmonton Club.
- For the Good of the Order - Dale Woodroffe, spoke about membership improvements and social media influence.
- Incoming Governor Ken Williamson announced that Ken Baker was appointed as DVIII Secretary Treasurer for the 2022-23 year.
- Rikke sang Cheerio with all Gyros present.
- Meeting adjourned!

Rikke Dootjes

Gyro District VIII Secretary