



**Gyro District VIII Minutes of business meeting held in
Fairmont Hot Springs**

May 28, 2016 at 9:30am

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- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Governor Alan Pentney at 9:30am. He called on Al Clark to give the Invocation.
 - ❖ Governor Alan introduced all Past District Governors present at the meeting.
 - ❖ Secretary-Treasurer Ken Baker did the roll call and advised that there was a quorum present.
 - ❖ Cliff Deis of the Calgary Gyro club advised those present that Robert's rules of order would apply to the meeting.
 - ❖ The minutes of last meeting held in Fairmont Hot Springs, BC on May 23, 2015 were distributed by email to all members in District VIII with an email address and were posted on the District VIII website. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as distributed. There was no business arising from those minutes.
 - ❖ 1st Lt Governor, John Hodgson, reported on Club Installations he had done during the year and travel to the Interim convention in February.
 - ❖ Governor Alan expressed his appreciation for the support he received in his year as Governor, spoke of the installations he had done and the travel to the Interim convention in February and AGM in Buffalo.
 - ❖ Club delegate reports detailed interesting events that club members participated in during the year, membership issues, aging of members, etc, etc.
 - ❖ Curl-o-rama report was presented by 1st Lt Governor John. The next Curl-o-rama will be held in Banff November 4th to 6th 2016.
 - ❖ Financial statements had been distributed by email to all members. Secretary Treasurer Ken reviewed the financial statements with the members. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded and carried.
 - ❖ As a result of declining membership and the declining value of the Canadian dollar, Gyro International is faced with the problem of balancing its budget. The Districts were asked if they would be able to assist by way of a donation to Head Office. The general consensus was that our District would favour an increase in dues over a District donation as a dues increase impacts each Gyro member equally.
 - ❖ 1st Lt Governor John presented his budget for the 2016 -2017 fiscal year. A motion to approve the budget was made, seconded, and carried.
 - ❖ Under the constitution, as it currently reads, District VIII does not cover the expenses of the 1st Lt Governor to attend the International Annual General Meeting. A motion was made, seconded , and carried to change the District VIII constitution to read as follows:

Article IV - Finances

1. (b) The expenses of the District Officers incurred in connection with their official duties shall be paid by the District upon such expenses being approved by the District Governor for payment out of the District funds.

(c) Included in the expenses referred to in IV 1 (b) above, shall be the following:

(i) The full reasonable expenses of the ~~District~~ Governor and his escort to attend the International Interim Meeting **and the International Convention** in his year of service ~~and the immediately following International Convention.~~

(ii) The full reasonable expenses of the First Lieutenant Governor to attend the International Interim Meeting **and the International Convention** in his year of service.

- ❖ Immediate Past District Governor, Dave Deroos , presented the slate of officers to the convention. For the upcoming year the District Executive will consist of John Hodgson as Governor, Peter Carter as 1st Lt Governor, Alan Pentney as Immediate Past Governor. Ken Baker will be appointed as Secretary Treasurer.
- ❖ Governor Alan spoke of the difficulty of attracting members to serve at the District level and offered possible changes that could be made to the current selection process. In the end it was decided that we would continue as in the past. If it was found that no candidate could be found to serve, the clubs would convene to determine how to proceed.
- ❖ Future conventions. IPDG Dave Deroos volunteered that his club would be willing to host the District Convention in June 2017. President Harold Arnet from the Nelson club offered that he would discuss the possibility of hosting the convention in 2018 (subsequently this was confirmed). Peter Carter of the Edmonton club indicated that they would have discussions about hosting a District convention in 2019 or 2020.
- ❖ During the year Jim Copeland of the Sherwood Park club created a new District VIII website. He presented a very informative overview of what the website contained.
- ❖ 1st Lt Governor John presented the best bulletin award to Scott Brisbin of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club.
- ❖ The man mile award was presented to Lethbridge. The Russ Carter award for the most new members this year was shared by Edmonton and Calgary.
- ❖ Resolutions were presented by Bernie Kropp of the Sherwood Park Club, and finally
- ❖ Meeting adjourned

