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GYRO INTERNATIONAL 2017 CONVENTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver, BC

June 13, 2017

President Dana Davidson called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on June 13, 2017. Bringing order to the room, he then called for the **Invocation**.

Invocation was offered by VP Matt Johnson – following which he asked that we pause for a moment to vocally honor of our departed Gyro friends. Many names were offered.

The president then asked that when anyone wished to speak he raise his hand, then stand and identify himself by name. He then identified the various committee chairman as listed below. He followed by naming aloud the PIPs in attendance. They received a hearty round of applause for their continued dedication to the organization.

He then called upon Secretary-Treasurer Emil Baijot for the **Roll Call**. Emil called on each Gyro club by district in turn to signify whether a delegate or proxy, asking only that those who were delegates to answer in as much as the district governor was otherwise automatically awarded the proxy. Emil reported to the President that the roll call was complete and a quorum was present.

Dana then noted appointments of the various **Committee Chairman** as follows:

Rules	Chris Randall	PIP, D-4
Financial Review	Ken Baker	PDG, D-8
Nominating	Lonnie Turner	IPIP, D-10

President Dana then called upon the **Rules** Chairman, PIP Chris Randall. Chris indicated that as in the past, we would use the Bylaws of Gyro International and if found lacking, the standing rules for the meeting would be according to Roberts Rules of Order, but where they are silent, then it would be by Randall's Rules of Order.

President Dana then indicated that the **Minutes** of the previous General Meeting were available to be read. He then called for the minutes to be adopted as circulated. **(m/s/a)**. *(Note: This was done out of turn.)*

The President then moved to **International Officer report** ... President Davidson reported on the several issues from the EC and BOG meetings, indicating that we have a balanced budget. He indicated the EC had discussed all the agenda items - duplicating the BOG Agenda, primarily the duties of the S/T, and an amendment re: dissolutions. The EC would be looking to replace Membership Director Duba in the next year. He touched on several of his efforts during the past year. He reminded everyone that the upcoming meeting was scheduled for Lake Geneva, WI, and hoped that many would attend. He thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve as President.

Dana then called upon S-T Emil to give the **Financial Report**. Emil indicted among other incidentals, that the budget for 2017-2018 was balanced, even showing a slight surplus. We managed to hold the line this past year and so that estimated surplus was achieved as well.

Emil then called upon Ken Baker, Financial Administrator to present his **Financial Review**. Ken reviewed in more detail a few of the more salient points in the budget, noting that everyone in attendance had already heard it the BOG meeting. He noted that due to membership loss, etc., that as an ...

organization we continue to struggle. Prospects for any further cutting of expenses were dim if we are to continue to operate as the bylaws indicate. Ken received a round of applause for his efforts. President Dana then asked for a motion to approve Ken's report. (m/s/a). S/T Emil then asked for a motion to approve the budget as submitted. (m/s/a).

Emil then reiterated re: several questions – all the financial information was included in the convention package and it was also on the website. To find it on the website, go to the index page and find the menu bar in the middle of the page. The menu bar has direct links to the budget and other financial data.

Dana then called upon Chairman Bessinger to review the issues of the Governor's meeting. Blanton summarized those issues (note: they are reviewed in the BOG minutes and his report). Blanton received a nice round of applause for his efforts as Chairman.

Constitution and Bylaws - the S/T read the amendment to eliminate the 3rd VP position. (m/s/a).

New Business - PDG Alan Pentney rose to offer a proposal from his club. He reviewed various efforts to reduce costs by cutting bylaw mandated action. None of these have worked since they were primarily an effort to appease some clubs that indicated they would quit rather than pay more dues. Unfortunately Gyro is not able to function as intended. Therefore the club was formally proposing an International dues increase of \$10 per annum. It was suggested the motion should not be retroactive, i.e. starting at the next invoice period. Another recommendation followed for a \$5 increase instead.

There was considerable discussion (mostly parliamentary procedure) on various aspects such as Ken Baker suggesting that it was more convenient bookkeeping-wise to consider increases in 12th's. Eventually the motion became a request for a \$6 vs. a \$10 annual increase. This required a roll call vote count using clubs by membership. The vote was 59.8% in favor of the \$6 increase rather than \$10.

Another vote was called to approve raising dues \$6 per year. The vote was taken and following a short recess, the vote was tabulated by S/T Emil and 1VP Dale. The result was the vote for a \$6 annual dues increase failed a simple majority - the vote being 323 no, and 317 yes. A six-vote differential.

Awards – Emil indicated the winners were as follows, noting that normally several would remain unknown until the evening, however there had been no requests for any of the other “major” awards. He reminded everyone that there are deserving members that should be recognized and it was too bad that we often fail to make that effort. For the following awards he suggested that President Dana make the award presentations for the camera.

Expansion Awards: med - Dixon, D-II; large - Clinton, D-II; small -Minneapolis, D-II Bulletin
Awards: small – Fraser Delta; med – Canton; large – Edmonton
Governors Bulletin (tie): John Hodgson, D-VIII and Lowell Gist, D-IX

For the record, thos awards at the banquet were:

Bob Keller - appreciation for 65+ years in Gyro;
George France Award to Peter Evans;
Hubbell Awards to Paul Fogh-Dohmsmidt, Rick Senkler and Denis Moffatt for the new Sidney, BC club, and
Honor Key to outgoing president Dana Davidson.

Future Meetings -

Dana noting that there would be no Interim in 2018 then called on D-II Deleat Bob Keller to report on the 2018 Convention. Bob reported that in the spirit of the new system of district rotation for hosting, D-II would be hosting at Lake Geneva, WI. Abbey Resort is on its own website – check there for more details.

The planned following conventions: 2019 in Reno, Nevads; 2020 in Victoria were highlighted by Larry Duba and Peter Evans respectfully.

Nominations Committee --

IPIP Lonnie Turner then presented his Nominations Report. He stated that first the group had to confirm the BOG recommendation for a new Directors on the Betterment Fund – Chris Snyder goes on from International and from PDG's (m/s/a/).

Next was the nomination for a new Trustee of the Funds – IPIP Chuck Field (m/s/a/).

Lonnie then announced the slate of officers for the **Executive Council for the year 2016-2017** was:

Immediate Past President	Dana Davidson, D-III
President	Dale Woodroffe, D-VIII
1 st Vice President	Matt Johnson, D-IV
2 nd Vice President	Ted Shewchuck, D-VII

Lonnie then asked for a motion to close the nominations and then another to approve the slate of officers as presented. Both were (m/s/a/). The slate of officers was received with a loud round of applause.

Good of the Order –

Dana then offered some comments re: his appreciation of his terms in office

It was then noted that the group should rise and extend their appreciation to the Lower Mainland Gyro Clubs for a grand convention and especially to IPIP Chris and Linda Snyder for their five years of service to Gyro! Loud applause throughout the room! Another round of applause for the exceptional effort by Ted and Annwyl for exceptional bar service.

There being no further business to come forward, President Dana thanked everyone again for making the year so pleasant and for moving this meeting along so quickly ... he then requested a motion to adjourn. (m/s/a/).

Respectfully submitted,
Emil Baijot
Secretary-Treasurer, Gyro International