

, ~ MEETING MINUTES ~  
GYRO INTERNATIONAL 2018 CONVENTION MEETING

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

June 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Woodroffe at 8:38 a.m. He indicated we had a tight schedule with many issues to cover, so we'd move right along and get started – also asking to please take turns in talking.

He then called upon VP Matt Johnson to offer the **Invocation**.

Matt asked all to stand, then he requested blessings from the Lord and thanked the early Gyros who laid the groundwork of the organization. He then asked for a moment of silence in memory of departed Gyros.

President Dana then called upon Secretary-Treasurer Emil Baijot for the **Roll Call**. Emil then started the **Roll Call**, indicating that all present should speak up for the recorders benefit and signify by saying aye. Present were the following:

EXEC. COUNCIL	President	Dale Woodroffe
	First Vice President	Matt Johnson
	Second Vice President	Ted Shewchuk
	Immed. Past President	Dana Davidson
	Secretary-Treasurer	Emil Baijot
INTERNATIONAL	Financial Administrator	Ken Baker
DISTRICT I 2	Governor	Bryan Flanigan
	2LG	John Hollondonner
	IPDG	Randy Tarrier
DISTRICT II	Governor	Neil Baker
	LG	Don Hollender
	S/T\	Dave Langfitt
	IPDG	Bernie Saylor
DISTRICT III	Governor	Brent Malafara
	IPDG	Ned Barber
DISTRICT IV	Governor	Peter Evans
	Lt. Governor	Jordan Henry
DISTRICT VI	Delegate	Harold Bernard, PIP
	Governor	Blanton Bessinger
	LG	John Barber
DISTRICT Vii	IPDG	Ross Davis
DISTRICT VIII	Governor	Larry Fenton
	IPDG	Peter Carter
DISTRICT IX	Governor	Roger Lindley
DISTRICT X	Governor	Al Sinicrope
DISTRICT XIII	Delegate	Larry Duba, PIP

The S-T reported to President Dale all the Districts were represented and the Meeting indeed had a quorum. The president then took a moment to recognize the PIPs in the audience. Davidson, Snyder, McNally, Bernard, Duba, Roberts, Sinicrope, Crass, Randall, Field & Baijot. The group received a generous applause for their past efforts.

It was then moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated. **m/s/a**

### **Executive Council Officer Reports –**

Each EC member gave his report detailing activities since the last meeting. Copies are attached to summary package report.

President Dale indicated in his report that the S/T Emil would be stepping down as of Jan 1 and the EC would be interviewing several candidates for his replacement. Further, that Emil would stay on as Editor; that Membership Director Larry Duba was also stepping down, but he would remain as an advisor to the new director Peter Evans; that Ken Baker would continue with Financial assistance; and that the Database would be reviewed by a Technology Committee and hopeful brought up to a more current level of Gyro needs, i.e. mass emailing.

### **Secretary-Treasurer Report –**

S/T Emil indicated his report would be brief and that Finance Administrator Ken Baker would answer any detailed questions. Emil indicated that projections from last year we should show a year-end surplus, which we managed to do – mostly because of not having an interim meeting. The budget for this current year also shows a small surplus, perhaps about \$635 after taking into consideration the dollar differences, tc., but it is minimal so will require close watch. There are signs the Canadian dollar will drop further, He then asked for questions, indicating that Ken's report would offer details, and in the interest of time there was no reason to duplicate.

### **Reports –**

**Financial Report:** Financial Administrator Ken Baker then provided a lengthy overview summary of the financial documents. He answered numerous questions re: incidental details, dollar exchange rates, etc. Ken offered his opinion that a dues increase might be disastrous for the organization. Emil noted the financial details and the new budget would be posted on the website. Ken received applause for his efforts and report.

**Budget Review -** since copies were not included in the package, further discussion was delayed until copies could be made.

President Dale reviewed the **EC meeting**. He noted that there was lively discussion on membership and clubs. Conference calls have become a success and will be continued. The EC highly recommends that districts also use WebEx to communicate. The EC discussed variables re: dues increase. Considered costs of updating the database; Matt will create a Tech committee to plan and advise for improvements to the database. The EC approved a modest hourly raise for the HQ staff.

VP Matt Johnson noted that upgrading the database was essential and that mass emails is our biggest concern – thus we have great hopes that the tech committee will resolve the problem quickly.

Dale indicated that everyone now had a copy of the budget and asked for questions. Several minor questions were resolved such as building maintenance fund. He then asked for approval. It was **m/s/a**.

**Past District Governors Meeting:** Report was given by the chairman. Copy to be attached to summary package. Governor Bessinger observed that all the issues from the PDG meeting were already in place on the Governors meeting agenda and would be discussed thoroughly.

**Betterment Fund:** PIP Chris Snyder gave a report as to the funds available and recent requests. He gave a review of a singular request and the on-going confusion.

**Membership Committee:** Larry Duba, Chair, gave an overview of his published report. He discussed the advantages of having a Gyro “business card” that can be given to interested individuals. Larry answered several questions regarding possible dues and/or reporting of really senior members. (*Reports are available within the Summary Package.*)

No further reports were presented.

### **New Business / New Business -**

President Dale noted that the items under New & Old Business would be addressed as introductory only, with discussion to continue within the separate Governors Meeting. He read them aloud in case of relevant questions. A variety ensued that were related to the new tech committee. Mat indicated he had D4 covered, but he asked for knowledgeable people from all districts to be on the committee.

Other issues such as dues increase and constitutional changes would also be discussed first by the Governors.

*The BOG meeting was then adjourned at 10:03 a.m. and following a short recess, the Governors Meeting would commence. The full BOG would resume whenever the Governors would so determine. (Note: At the request of the Governors, the BOG meeting would reconvene following lunch, per normal, i.e. 1:30 p.m.)*

### **BOG Meeting Resumes -**

Governors Meeting Chairman Blanton Bessinger summarized the issues discussed in the Governor's meeting. He indicated that the Governors did look at the budget and offered their approval.. Communications – the Governors reaffirmed that all efforts be made to improve, especially down to the club level; especially by developing a communication tool (e.g. universal conference call) that could be used at all levels of Gyro. Further, perhaps some thought could be given re: scheduling of meetings. The Governor's did not support a dues increase at this time. It would likely support an increase if it is shown a plan and need. There was discussion on some sort of membership incentives – unresolved. *For detailed review of the Governors Meeting, see the meeting minutes attached to the convention package.*

### **Old Business –**

**Status of various Positions:** The ECs efforts at securing volunteers and/or filling the vacancies was lauded by the BOG.

**Status of bylaws change:** The text as changed by PIP Chris Randall was approved. Although the bylaws change was already approved in Vancouver, it was left for Chris to determine the final language. This was only to affirm the text.

**Committee reviewing Communication:** PDG Randy Tarrier indicated the thrust of the committee was to find or develop a method that would facilitate communication at all levels of Gyro. He reviewed they looked at a number of possibilities, some with visual activity and had selected WebEx. So far it had been a learning process and has gotten better and with more participants.

**Review of action taken:** President Dale reported that all the issues approved at the Vancouver convention had been set in motion.

### **New Business –**

**Membership Director funding:** The new Membership Director would be given time to get up to speed and determine a plan of action. Any future funding or expenses involved would be based on this plan. Such funding might be obtained from the Betterment fund or by a dues increase.

**Technology Committee:** VP Matt discussed at length what he hoped this committee would resolve – improved access, better appearance, more useful menu migration, ability to once again have mass emailing, etc. He noted he already had several participants from D4 but he was hoping there would be a rep from each district – people who were up to speed on technology and willing to participate. He expected to have the committee formed shortly.

**Women members and voting:** PIP Harold Bernard related the ongoing discussions from D6. They were likely to vote to leave Gyro if women were not allowed as members and had voting rights. Discussion reiterated that it was up to each district to allow membership changes, however Gyro overall would not change to a men's and women's organization. An earlier vote on the issue was almost unanimous.

**Governors issues:** As noted above, issues like dues increase, membership incentives, etc., were already addressed in the Governors Meeting report.

**Constitution & Bylaws:** The text re: dissolution of clubs was approved, and a change to the minimum age for membership of 21 to 18 was also approved. **m/s/a.**

**Membership:** it was determined that reports by President Dale and Director Duba had already covered the topic.

**Awards –**

The S/T noted that he would be presenting an Honor Key, the George France Award, and a s Gyro of the Year award at the banquet, the other awards i.e. bulletin awards, would be presented at the AGM.

**Future Meetings –**

**Convention 2019** – Larry Duba reported it would be in Reno, Nevada, June 6-9. It will be a four-day meeting, Rooms are relatively inexpensive, as is the registration. He handed out color brochures of the venue and extra page of information.

Planned is a \$20 bus excursion to Silver City. Larry thanked the S/T for his assistance on preparing the brochure. Details are also available on the website and in the GyroScope.

**Convention 2020** – Victoria along with District IV offered to host because it will mark the Victoria clubs 100<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary in Gyro. Details to come. Third week of June.

**Convention 2021** – possibly to be requested by District VII.

The following conventions will be hosted by D-6, then D-1 and then D-10 in that order. Districts are reminded the BOG resolution allowed for negotiations between districts to make substitutions to the order as determined by the BOG.

**Comments for the Good of the Order –**

***District Reports:*** President Dale then asked the delegates to submit their district reports. With regards to the time, he asked if they would like to read them now or submit them to be read online. It was determined that due to the lengthy proceedings of this meeting that individual verbal reports would be unnecessary. Copies are attached to the summary package.

PDG Ross Davis did offer a summary of the D-I efforts at training and communicating. He felt they were on the right track and the effort would continue.

A number of incidental questions, comments and answers ensued.

Hearing no further comments, President Dale thanked everyone for attending and their friendship, and thanked them for their perseverance through the long Governors and BOG meetings.

He then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was so made. **m/s/a.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Emil Baijot  
Secretary/Treasurer,  
Gyro International