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GYRO INTERNATIONAL 2016 CONVENTION

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Super 8 Motel, Red Lake, ON (McKenzie Island)

July 16, 2016

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President Chris Snyder called the Annual General Meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. on July 16, 2016. Bringing order to the room, he then called for the **Invocation**.

**Invocation** was offered by VP Dale Woodroffe – 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 – Baijot, Randall, Larson, Field, Sinicrope, Nightingale, Roberts, Bernard, Duba, McNally and Turner. 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.

Mike then noted the other 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 Lonnie 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 Snyder 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).

The President then moved to **International Officer report** ... President Snyder reported on the several issues from the EC and BOG meetings, indicating that with a few adjustments we had a balanced budget. He offered his appreciation that PIP Larry Duba who has taken on the new position of Membership Director. He touched on several of his efforts during the past year. He reminded everyone that the upcoming meetings were scheduled for San Diego and Vancouver BC and hoped that many would attend. He thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve as President.

Chris then called upon S-T Emil to give the **Financial Report**. Emil indicted that using the generated data from the new software including past history of expenses, AND the unexpected challenge of the Canadian dollar exchange rate, it appeared that initially the budget would show an \$20k shortfall. However, by cutting the GyroScope budget in half, finding several cost savings areas, and the infusion of nearly \$5000 in donations from two districts and several clubs, the budget does now show a slight surplus. So the budget for 2016-2017 is balanced.

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. He noted that due to membership loss, etc., 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 Chris 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, simple go to the index page and find the black menu bar in the middle of the page. The menu bar has direct links to the budget and other financial data. Another question from VP Johnson to clarify a point from the Governors Report, re: \$60 dues. This was explained that the Governors were requesting no dues change. It was then noted that the Bylaws already had a resolution in place that would allow up to \$70 in annual dues. This was a requirement necessary before any dues increase could be approved. However, no dues increase has been proposed. A motion by Chairman Alan Pentney to keep the \$60 dues for the coming year was m/s/a.

An item on the Agenda relating to **Constitution and Bylaws** changes was determined to not be necessary, however, a later Resolution was offered for approval. Sec. 8, Chapter V was requested to be changed because since there would be no Interim in 2018, thus causing only one annual meeting for that year. The bylaws require two annual meetings each year. (m/s/a).

Chris then noted under **Old Business** the approval from Savannah to add four years of financial data on the website. This is already done and in place. Secondly, another approval to shorten meetings by one day – since the San Diego interim is already locked in there can't be a change, and since there won't be an interim in 2018, and because the 2017 Convention in Vancouver is set as a 4-day meeting because of the associated cruise, it seems this has automatically been resolved, and perhaps should be revisited for 2019. The motion to remove one day from future meetings was tabled. (m/s/a).

In as much as it had been approved that future conventions would be by rotation, the District II Governor Neil Baker noted that the 2018 Convention would not be near a D-II club, but would be hosted in Lake Geneva, WI.

Chris then called on Governor's Chairman Alan Pentney to revisit the various requests from that meeting. These are contained in the Governors meeting minutes. One of the significant issues approved was that all clubs would pay their dues fully when invoiced – not in two installments. (m/s/a).

President Chris again touched on **New Business**, i.e. what had been discussed by the EC and BOG, noting that as this meeting progressed, the items had already been reviewed. Alan noted a proposal from Savannah re: dissolution of funds if a club or district were to fold. This would be studied. Alan also proposed an agenda item that resolutions be well published prior to the meetings.

Larry Duba offered a proposal that true costs be shown on the expense reports albeit some are donations to the organization. Considerable discussion followed as to whether it meant anything to the members, and whether whatever an officer spent out of pocket was any business of anyone else. It was offered that it might scare away prospective officers if they felt there was a lot of personal expense involved. Larry Duba made a motion that all EC officers provide personal as well as charged expenses. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**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 “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 Chris make the award presentations for the camera.

**Expansion Awards: med - Davenport, D-II; large - Camosun, D-IV; small -Kitimat, D-IV**  
**Bulletin Awards: small – Caloosa; med – Sherwood Park; large – Indianapolis**  
**Governors Bulletin: Alan Pentney, D-VIII**

**Merit Award: Jim Mallott, D-VIII**

**Best Website: no award because the winner had already won the two previous years**

**Jimmie Hubbell Award: no candidates**

**Honor Key: IPIP Lonnie Turner** (unfortunately the award was missing, thus becoming overlooked, and not presented on Saturday night. It will be presented at the upcoming District X meeting).

***Future Conventions –***

President Chris asked VP Davidson to report on the **2017 Interim Meeting** to be held in San Diego, CA. Dana handed out flyers and advised that there would be copies in the Hospitality Room as well as on the website. Dates were starting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday through Thursday and the weather would be wonderful. \$115 per night; no shuttle from airport.

D-IV Governor Saul Hilchey then discussed the next convention to be the **2017 Convention in Vancouver, BC**. June 9 through 13. He described the diverse atmosphere of the location and the different things to do, and noted there was a non-Gyro cruise to Alaska as an option. Details will soon be available on the website.

Chris noting that there would be no Interim in 2018 then called on D-II Governor Neil Baker to report on the **2018 Convention**. Neil 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.

***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 – PDG Bill McKinnon and Glen Hamilton. From the International, McNally goes off and Turner goes on. All (m/s/a). Next was the nomination for a new Trustee of the Funds – IPIP Harold Bernard. (m/s/a).

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

Immediate Past President	Chris Snyder	D-I
President	Dana Davidson	D-III
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dale Woodroffe	D-VIII
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Matt Johnson	D-IV
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Ted Shewchuk</b>	<b>D-VII</b>

Ted received a loud round of applause and was seated at the head table. 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. Ted then offered a few words of thanks and appreciation for his selection.

***Good of the Order –***

Chris then offered some comments re: his appreciation of his terms in office He followed with “Hello Gyro!”

PDG Steve Anderson then noted that the group should rise and extend their appreciation to the Red Lake Gyro Club for a grand convention and especially to IPIP Lonnie and Betty Lou Turner 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 handling the convention in spite of a power outage and some weather.

There being no further business to come forward, President Chris thanked everyone again for making the year so pleasant and for moving this meeting along so quickly ... he then requested a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. (m/s/a).

Respectfully submitted,  
Emil Baijot  
Secretary-Treasurer, Gyro International