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GYRO INTERNATIONAL 2018 CONVENTION

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

June 29, 2018

President Dale Woodroffe called the Annual General Meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. on June 29, 2018. Bringing order to the room, he thanked everyone for attending.

The president then told a humorous anecdote that was received with modest smiles and groans. Seeing that Alan had copies of the budget he asked that they be passed out to the delegates. He then recognized the PIPs in attendance who received applause for their service.

**Invocation** was offered by VP Ted Shewchuck – following which he asked that we pause for a moment in honor of our departed Gyro friends.

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	Dana Davidson	IPIP, D-3
Resolutions	Mike McNally	PIP, D-3

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 indicate all clubs responded and thus a quorum was present.

President Dale 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 Dale 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 reports** ... President Woodroffe reported on the several issues from the EC and BOG meetings, indicating that with a few adjustments we had a balanced budget. He offered that several committees were now formed to review and plan for improvements in the database and communications. He noted the conference calls were successful and getting better each month – suggesting that districts should make an effort to initiate these calls between the district and the clubs. The communication committee, mostly Randy Tarrier, made the conference calls operational, and minutes of those meetings are available online. Further, Gyro would have a new S/T starting the first of the year; Emil will continue in two-year increments as Editor; Peter Evans will become the new Membership Director – Larry Duba is retiring with much thanks. He thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve as President - it has been a wonderful experience. His remarks were followed by applause.

Dale then called upon S-T Emil to give the **Financial Report**. Emil indicted that using the generated data from the software including past history of expenses, initially the budget would show a small surplus, it has however become a slightly larger surplus because of the EC efforts. He indicated it would be superfluous for him to offer highlights on the financials as Ken Baker would only duplicate the same information in his Financial Report, so Ken was called upon to make his report. *(The financials and budget are available online).*

Ken covered the general highlights within the budget, noting that on the final page were notes showing several years of officer travel expense – which supports why the increase in the surplus. A few administrative questions were asked and answered.

Ken then reviewed the new budget indicating any significant numbers - suggesting he thought this was a pretty good effort at what will happen. President Dale then asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget as distributed. **m/s/a.**

**Resolutions for the Good of the Order:** Dale called upon PIP Mike McNally to offer his response. Mike did so with his usual aplomb – receiving generous laughter.

**Summary of issues from BOG meeting:** Dale reviewed the major issues i.e. officer changes, committee efforts database and website, women membership and voting, dues increase. All issues detailed in the BOG minutes and the Governors Meeting minutes.

**Constitutional Change:** a bylaws change making the minimum age for membership to be 18 rather than 21; supporting the needs of District 13. **m/s/a.**

**New Business:** No new issues or resolutions were offered.

**Awards:** Emil indicated he would call out the winners, Dale would present the and Larry would take photos.

**Large club internal expansion to Edmonton. Internal expansion, middle clubs to Prince George  
Small club expansion to Stampede City. Governors Bulletin to Peter Evans, D-4. Best small club  
bulletin to Caloosa. Best large club bulletin to Calgary. Best mi-size club bulletin to Stampede  
City. Best Website award to Stampede City.**

Emil noted a few more awards would be given at the evening banquet.

The following awards were announced at the banquet:

**George France Award: Matt Williams, Nanaimo**

**Honor Key: IPIP Dada Davidson, IPIP**

**Gyro of the Year: Randy Tarrier, D-I**

**Future Conventions:** Larry Duba, convention chair offered a color brochure and supporting information re: the **2019 Convention** to be held in Reno, Nevada. Larry spoke about the hotel, the convenience, the side trip to Silver City. All the details are available on the website online, and will be shown in upcoming GyroScopes.

The **2020 Convention** will be hosted by Victoria and D4 with special emphasis that it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victoria Club joining Gyro International.

**2021 Convention:** several clubs are in discussion to host.

#### ***Nominations Committee --***

IPIP Dana Davidson then presented his Nominations Report. He stated that first the group had to confirm the BOG recommendation for a new Director on the Betterment Fund – PDG Peter Carter. Next was the nomination for a new Trustee of the Funds – IPIP Dana Davidson.

Dana then announced the slate of officers for the **Executive Council for the year 2015-2016** was:

Immediate Past President	Dale Woodroffe
President	Matt Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ted Shewchuck
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Alan Pentney</b>

A motion to approve the list of officers was obtained. **m/s/a.**

Alan received a loud round of applause and was seated at the head table. Alan offered a few words of thanks and offered a few attributes he brings to the EC

The slate of officers was received with a loud round of applause.

Dana then asked for a motion to accept Peter Evans as Membership Director. **m/s/a.**

He then informed everyone that Mike McNally was selected by the EC to be the new S/T.

***Good of the Order*** –

Mike McNally then read his convention resolution to generous applause.

The S/T then noted that the group should rise and extend their appreciation to the District II for a grand convention and especially to IPIP Dana Davidson for their five years of service to Gyro! Loud applause throughout the room!

PIP Harold Bernard then rose to relate a story that he felt depicted the effort that the outgoing S/T Emil has offered for almost 20 years. This brought forth much laughter and congratulations from those assembled.

There being no further business to come forward, President Dale 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 – for the last time,  
Emil Baijot  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Gyro International