

# International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Minutes of IFFR Annual General Meeting held on 12/06/17 at Atlanta commencing at 1600.

**Present :** Svend Andersen, Ian Jenner, Dale Read, John Dehnel, Vladimir Kogan, Lynn Miller, Burt Dibble, Rodney Spokes, Pam Spokes, Jeff Middleton, Bob Tucknott, Phil Pacey, Tony Watson, Vicki Puliz, Eidad Deff, Gerhard Wrede, John Ockenfels, Marlene Marsden, Judy Pacey, Carina Andersen, Dan Linebarger, Julie L. Dunbar, Bruce Dunbar, Tom Johnston, Lisa Bishop, Adi Fuchs, Eric Chin (DG D3450), Fung Hing Wang (D3450), Fu Irene (D3450), C. Ho (DGN D3450), Linda Ho (D3450), George Chaffey, Giuseppe Bernardo, James Alexander, Michael Oeff, Renate Schafer, Thomas Morf, Edith Morf, Catherine Alexander, Tony Stubbs, Tim Puliz, Vicki Puliz, Bev Fogle, Dan Nalven, Barbara Nalven, Dan Radtke, Jack Welge, Bruce Dunbar, Michael Graves, Loren Swanson, George Alderman, Judge McWhorter, Emily Oetjen, Bob Oetjen, Dave Daniels, Karen Hicks, Eric Charlez, Elena Laborde-Bishop, Sam Bishop, Bob Rausch, Sandy Rausch, Tony Stubbs, Tim Powers, Linda Cooke, Richard Mauldin,

**Apologies:** Brian Souter, Ian Hope, Peter Jude, Ern Dawes, Feroz Wadia, Angus & Alisma Clark, Han Klinkspoor, Charles Strasser, Rolf Mikkelsen, Ulrich Starke, Bo Johnsson, Ian Kerr

**Confirmation of Quorum:** Confirmed

**Minutes of previous AGM held in Berlin:** Moved Jack Welge, seconded Sam Bishop the Minutes be taken as read & approved. Confirmed

**Matters Arising:** Approval of funds transfer to Sections was complicated by the IFFR Rules requiring 2 authorised signatories but only 1 required by Bank of America for on-line banking. Matter discussed by Board Members by email & funds were transferred under 1 signature. Since then a system has been set-up within IFFR for the Secretary / Treasurer to seek approval from WP for on-line payments with one signatory & to keep that approval on file for audit purposes.

**Reports: W.P.** Svend presented his report & commented on the welcome he & Carina had received at all the fly-ins they have attended. He thanked Gerhard Wrede & his team for the superb organisation of the post-convention fly-in at Berlin. He commented on his aims regarding membership, in both gaining new members & in re-activating some existing members. Also commented on the formation of Regional Squadrons to generate more local initiatives to involve more members. He thanked Dale Read & his team for organising the the fly-about this year. He expressed his thanks to Lynn Miller for her help in many ways, to George Chaffey for advice & support, to Bo Johansson for his work on the website, to John Bowden for his help in reviewing the Guidelines, & to Carina for her total support & help.

**World Secretary:** The Report prepared by WS Ian Kerr was presented by Ian Jenner. In particular he reported on the demise of Member Manager & the selection of Membermojo as the replacement.

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report for the year to 30/06/17 was presented following auditing by Angus Clark. Moved Ian Jenner, seconded Tom Johnston the accounts be approved. Accepted.

**Budget:** The proposed Budget was presented by Svend & discussed. Svend proposed the funds be held at around USD25000 – 30000 & that this level be maintained by the Executive Board annually adjusting the Dues paid by Sections. Svend proposed that Sections not pay any dues to International this year to retain money in the Sections & avoid amassing surplus money in the International account. Moved Jack Welge, seconded Tom Johnston this proposal be approved. Accepted unanimously.

**Appointment of Auditor:** Moved Rodney Spokes, seconded Phil Pacey that Angus Clark be appointed Auditor for a further term. Accepted.

**Safety Committee:** Chairman Jack Welge reported there had not been any incidents this year; there had been a greater focus on safety, prior briefings etc. He drew attention to the need for pilots to not be complacent about safety. Safety Committee would like to receive comments back from members.

**Australasia Section:** Ian Jenner reported the Section is in good heart with good fly-ins being held in NZ & Australia. Also reported on work carried out with DG of District 3450 Eric Chin (present at meeting) to establish a Squadron in Hong Kong. Eric reported he had 23 members ready to join.

**World Section:** Vladimir Kogan reported there were 21 members in his Section but it was difficult to get & maintain membership without any formal structure & activities.

**Europe:** Thomas Morf reported the European Sections were in good shape & are all very active with regular fly-ins organised by the Sections

**Americas:** George Chaffey reported on an active year & thanked Larry Wolfson, Tony Watson & Peter More for their hard work to keep the region active. Also thanks to Lynn Miller & Jack Welge for organising activities & attending District Conferences & Training Seminars to generate interest in IFFR. Thanks also to Brian Anderson for his work to gain Rotaracters as members of IFFR including setting up Rotaract Clubs at suitable educational facilities. George also stressed the value of the Squadron structure to generate local activities in areas.

## Confirmation of Members of the Board:

- 1 President
- 1 President Elect
- 1 Secretary /Treasurer
- 12 Past world Presidents
- 1 Americas Vice President
- 1 European Vice President
- 1 Australasian Vice President
- 1 Rest of the World Vice President
- 17 All Section Chairmen
- 1 International Webmaster

**International Fly-About June 2018:** The Fly-about following the Toronto Convention will run from June 28 – July 7 2018 commencing in on the American side of the border in (Buffalo) & finishing in Portsmouth near Boston to provide a good coverage of the New England area.

**General Business:** WP Svend introduced DG Eric Chin who has worked to establish an IFFR Squadron in Hong Kong. He advised he has secured 23 members to establish the Squadron. Eric was introduced to IFFR by Peter More & Eric had joined us for the dinner at Jade Garden in Hong Kong after the Bangkok Jet-about.

**By-Law changes:** Moved Sam Bishop, seconded Jack Welge the proposed amendments to the By-Laws as distributed to members be adopted. Approved.

**Next AGM:** The next AGM will be held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Toronto

Meeting closed 1655.