

# International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Minutes of IFFR Board Meeting held on 12/06/17 at Atlanta commencing at 1520.

**Present:** Svend Andersen, George Chaffey, Tom Johnston, Ian Jenner, Phil Pacey, Vladimir Kogan, Thomas Morf, Tony Watson, Giuseppe Berardo, Sam Bishop, Vicki Puliz, Bob Tucknott, Jeff Middleton, Michael Graves, Dan Radtke, Peter More, Jack Welge, James Alexander, Wayne Smith, John Ockenfels, Rodney Spokes.

**Apologies:** Brian Souter, Feroz Wadia, Angus & Alisma Clark, Peter Jude, Ern Dawes, Charles Strasser, Craig Bledsoe, Bo Johansson, Rolf Mikkelsen Han Klinkspoor, Ian Kerr.

**Confirmation of Quorum:** Confirmed there was a Quorum present.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:** Moved Jack Welge, seconded Tom Johnston the minutes of the previous Board Meeting be taken as read & approved. Passed.

**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.

**Reports: W. P.:** Svend presented his report detailing in particular the fly-ins he & Carina had attended during the year. He advised of the Review of the By-Laws to be undertaken & to be presented to the Board for their meeting in October.

**World Secretary:** The Report prepared by WS Ian Kerr was presented by Ian Jenner

**Accounts:** Moved Ian Jenner seconded Phil Pacey the Accounts as presented be approved. Passed.

**Budget:** Moved Svend Andersen seconded Vicki Puliz the Budget as presented be approved. Passed.

**Safety Committee:** Jack Welge presented the Report & noted in there had not been any reported Safety Incidents during the year. Thanks were expressed to the members of the Safety Committee & to all IFFR members for their efforts to maintain safe flying.

**V.P.s: Australasia:** Ian Jenner reported the Section was in good shape. The Sections had each had good fly-ins which were well-organised & attended.

**World:** Vladimir Kogan reported 1 new member had joined the Section this year. He suggests we need to produce new promotional material for IFFR.

**Europe:** Thomas Morf reported all Sections in Europe are very active with many fly-ins. He commented on the reactivation of the Italy Section with a fly-in due shortly.

USA: George Chaffey highlighted 3 challenges faced being

- 1) South America & expanding IFFR there
- 2) Gaining new younger members
- 3) Complacency over past years & the need to grow membership numbers.

He thanked Tony Watson for his work on the America's Newsletter & Peter More for his work on the website. He drew attention to the new Squadron structure to really push local activities & grow membership in the 5 or 6 defined regions.

**Membership:** Han Klinkspoor sent a report. It was also reported that 65 new members had been signed up at the Booth during the first 3 days of the Convention.

**Confirmation of Board Membership:** Currently Board consist of 37 members

- 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

**General Business:** The proposed amended By Laws as distributed in March were discussed. Moved Phil Pacey, seconded George Chaffey these be presented to the AGM, agreed by those present. It was noted there were other possible amendments to be considered in the future.

Noted there is more money in the International account than IFFR requires to operate. Svend proposed the funds be held at around USD25000 – 30000 & that this level be maintained by adjusting the Dues paid by Sections. Tom Johnston noted the proposal is good & he commended Svend for bringing this matter forward in this way. Michael Graves brought up the potential problem of members being confused by dues varying year by year; Svend advised the variation in payment would be at a Section to International level rather than at member level & would not affect what each Section charged its members. Moved Phil Pacey, seconded Vicki Puliz this proposal be approved. Agreed by members.

Rodney Spokes brought up the need to have an International brochure with information on all Sections to give out at Convention.

**Date & Venue of 2018 Fly-Away:** June 28 to July 7 starting from Toronto & finishing at Portsmouth near Boston in New England USAA. Moved Svend Andersen seconded Vicki Puliz this be approved. Agreed. AGM to be held Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> preceded by a Board Meeting at the Convention venue in Toronto.

Meeting close 1540.

