



GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12/13 AUGUST 2020

1. Present.

Richard Bent (Chair), Melissa Jardine, Bill Stronach, Auke van Dijk, Ian de Terte, Jennifer Woods, Nick Crofts, Stan Gilmour

2. Apologies

Inga Heyman, Pat Griffin

3. Confirmation of the agenda

Agenda was confirmed

4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. Treasurer's report

The Annual Financial Report to June 30, 2020 had been previously circulated.

Motion: That the report be accepted with a correction on page three amending 2018 to 2019.

Moved: Nick Crofts Seconded: Jennifer Woods Carried

6. Membership update

A brief update had been previously circulated. Melissa indicated that (a) the new one year fee was now available on the website and (b) it was intended to promote it when the newly designed website is launched in the near future.

7. LEPH conferences

7.1. LEPH2021

☐ Jennifer indicated that planning was proceeding and that the Call for Abstracts was imminent. A special flyer had been designed to support this task.

☐ A number of SIG activities were in various stages of preparation.

☐ Nick reported that he will start on the program – a lot of matters waiting to be 'activated'.

- ☐ Nick indicated that he has spoken to many organisations that are keen to associate with LEPH2021 and/or GLEPHA. These include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, NACCHO, LEAP.
- ☐ Bill raised issue of securing a few major conference partners (like those listed above) but it was recognised that sector leadership is very different in the US – dispersed and no singular leaders in the LE or PH areas.
- ☐ Orator (or orators) were discussed – need to think ‘outside the square’; interfaith leader was suggested.

7.2. LEPH2022 – no update

7.3. Regional conferences/events

- ☐ A series of African webinars has commenced and some in Portuguese will be held in the future
- ☐ CLEPH have employed Munya Katumba to support Nick in developing these activities during the 2020 year.

8. **New Business**

8.1. Transition of LEAHN to Law Enforcement and Harm Reduction Network (a new SIG)

- ☐ Nick reported that Stuart Bateson (a commander in Victoria Police, Australia) agreed to co-convene this new group which will replace the LEAHN network that has been operating for about a decade. A co-convenor from PH is being sought.
- ☐ The existing 20 country focal point members will need to become GLEPHA members.
Agreed: To provide these CFPs with free two-year memberships.

8.2. AGM & GLEPHA succession planning.

- ☐ The AGM cannot be pushed back to March 2021 so will be held in October or November.
- ☐ There are a number of options for holding the meeting – Richard and Bill exploring options to ensure that governance requirements are met.
- ☐ Six Board positions are vacant (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & 3 ordinary members). Melissa will not be seeking re-election.
- ☐ One co-opted position is also still vacant – preferably to be filled by a PH person.

9. **Special Interest groups.**

- 9.1. Education – book taking shape
- 9.2. Health of Police – Stuart Bateson has agreed to convene
- 9.3. LE & mental health – Nick reported that a pre-conference webinar being planned on ways of responding to 911 mental health calls
- 9.4. LEAHR (see above) – also Canadian Association Chiefs of police’s support for decriminalisation of drugs could possibly be highlighted at LEPH2021
- 9.5. Gender and policing – Melissa is planning a webinar for next month
- 9.6. LE and violence – no progress but Stan and Richard to activate groups in UK and Canada who have shown interest and/or are relevant.
- 9.7. Diversion – Auke seeking input re activities; Stan to link up and assist
- 9.8. Prosecution – an active group; planning pre-conference meetings and webinars around three identified themes

9.9. Harm reduction – no report

9.10. PH & organised crime – Stan proposed this as a new SIG. To be discussed further.

10. General business

Auke commended Melissa on most recent newsletter which has been well received.

NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to continue to meet monthly; Richard to schedule meeting.