

Orange County Council, BSA International Committee
Minutes of Feb. 19, 2008

Present: Marc Aarons, International Chairman; Council Executive Les Baron, Adviser Steve Smith, Mickey Anderson, Ralph Bill, Ed Cadena, Chuck Hand, Albertus Hoogeveen, John Mara, Peggy Priver, Al Remyn, Don Roberts, Dianna Slone, Bill Thornley, Chuck Williams and Barbara Parks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Marc Aarons.

Minutes: The Jan. 15, 2008 minutes were approved.

International Patches. The CSPs are being sold at the front desk of the Service Center for \$10. The money is to be credited to our account. Chuck Williams is handling sales on EBay.

Committee Account. The number is #832. There is a deficit of \$502.50.

Michigan International Camporee 2008. John Mara reported that the airline reservations have been made for Troop 241. At this time there are 244 Scouts from 26 countries attending. They are expecting their largest turnout.

Finnish National Sea Scout Jamboree 2008. Donna Stoica wants a permit for this event. Don Roberts offered to help her with it.

New Zealand "Wonder Down Under." Dates are Dec. 18-30, 2008. Don presented the patch set for New Zealand to Steve Smith for his assistance with getting the approval letter. Down payment has been made for the airfare, which is \$1,227 after taxes per person. The count is 36 youth and 10 adults. Two days will be spent in Fiji at a cost of \$150. The cost for New Zealand is \$600. Right now they are below what was budgeted. They will have a neckerchief as NZ requested that. The first Crew meeting will be Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 111 Las Palmas, Fullerton.

Committee Membership. Marc again stressed the importance of committee members recruiting one more person from their district. Representatives are needed for El Capitan, Orange Frontier, El Camino Real, Saddleback, Rancho Del Mar, Portola and Awahanee.

Committee Reports.

Awards Vice Chairman: Rusty Carter.

Web site Vice Chairman: Randall Frank.

Secretary: Barbara Parks

JOTI/JOTA/JOTT Vice Chairman: Ralph Bill with Peggy Priver assisting. Ralph distributed a flyer about Jamboree on the Trail for May 10. It will be part of our Scout-O-Rama and we will order 200 patches to sell.

Philmont, European and International Camp Staff Vice Chairman: Mickey Anderson said that the International program at Philmont is full, however, Marc said to contact him

if any committee members want to attend. Mickey also shared a flyer about the International Camp Staff Program.

Council Events Vice Chairman: John Mara. Scout-O-Rama is our next event on May 17; Steve said a space has been reserved for our committee.

New Events Vice Chairman: Don Roberts. Scouts from First Hersham in England will be coming July 26-31. Space is needed for four more adults. Then the Aspley Guise Scouts will be at the Grand Canyon the second week in August. Don recommends that we form a subcommittee for World Jamboree after Scout-O-Rama. The Vietnamese Jamboree is in San Jose in 2009.

International Fundraising Vice Chairman: Albertus Hoogeveen. He does not know the amount in the World Friendship Fund.

Asian Pacific Relationships Vice Chairman: Bill Thornley. Bill is communicating with Masa.

European Relationships Vice Chairman: Chuck Williams; Assistant Vice Chairman: Al Remyn. Chuck reported that five to 10 events are scheduled for Europe.

District Roundtable Liaison. Chuck Hand agreed to be the Vice Chairman.

Future Scouting Adventures

Aspley Guise. This group from the UK plans a trip to the Grand Canyon in 2008.

International Week at Philmont Training Center. June 22-28, 2008.

International Sea Scout Sailing Championship, July 13-19, 2008, at the United States Naval Academy. More information is available at www.seascoutcup.org.

Finnish National Sea Scout Jamboree, July 28-Aug. 4, 2008, at a Finland national park.

International Friendship Camp. This is Aug. 9-16, 2008 in England.

International Scout Conference. It will be held in Korea in July of 2009. This is an adult conference where the decision is made about giving money to countries for their Scouting programs.

Kilimanjaro/Britain in 2009. July 18, 2009-Aug. 16, 2009. Cost estimate is \$4,100.

Information is on the International Web site. The deadline is September of 2008. Don reported that 18 people have signed up.

Aspley Guise in 2010. Involves home stays here but it conflicts with National Jamboree. Don suggested we find someone not attending National Jamboree who can spearhead this. They will go to Emerald Bay for one week and have a homestay the second week.

Nippon Jamboree in 2010.

Council-wide Camporee in 2010.

BSA National Jamboree: 2010. Scoutmasters will be chosen in early February and some time in March the leaders will be in place.

World Jamboree in Sweden, 2011. It will be held July 29-Aug. 10, 2011. Committee needs to begin thinking about staffing.

Web Site Updates

Ralph will e-mail JOTT to Randall Frank.

Open Forum

There was a discussion about changing to quarterly meetings. Most of the members felt that we would lose momentum by doing this but that we should consider not meeting in December and during one or two summer months.

Bill suggested that we have troops from other countries at Lost Valley as it is a good way to promote international Scouting. This happened in the past when Masa's troop visited from Japan.

Marc noted that the Baden Powell Fellowship has started a new program at a lesser cost to attract younger Scouters in the 18 to 30 age category.

Bill Thornley reported that his troop went to the United States Naval Academy Jamboree in January.

Les Baron spoke about the 100th anniversary of BSA and the possibilities for a special celebration in Orange County Council. He wants our International Committee to suggest ideas. Ralph said we might want to participate in the Huntington Beach Fourth of July Parade which is a big event in the county with media coverage. Don suggested the Parade of Lights in one of the harbors as another possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Parks, Secretary