

# Orange County Council BSA International Committee

September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 by Chairman Marc Aarons.

May 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Marc raised a question as to the location of the remaining international patches. Item was left unresolved.

Mickey Anderson announced he is moving to Arizona October 6. We'll miss you, Mickey! Don't be a stranger.

## Recent Events:

John Mara and William Bulman gave a presentation on the Michigan International Camporee which was attended by scouts from 14 non-US and Canada countries.

Don Roberts summarized the First Hersham Troop B visit and Homestays including the excellent cooking by Marc Aarons at the barbeque.

Randall Frank and Don Roberts discussed the PTC International week which was attended by them as well as Ralph and Lori Bill. The next PTC International week will be in 2009. No discussion of the new PTC square knot award was presented.

Don Roberts gave a brief summary of the Finland trip led by Donna Stoica

Bruce Finnsson reported on his experience on the Iceland National Jamboree IST. The USA was well represented and a youth from Orange County also attended.

## Committee Reports:

Rusty Carter presented the Awards committee report. Mickey Anderson was presented with his International Scouter award. Several International Scouting worksheets were turned in and approved. Ed Cadena's application for an International Scouter Award was approved.

Randall Frank presented on issues with the website. It is presently very difficult to access and if you do access, there is a strong likelihood that you will get obsolete information. Marc Aarons said he would raise the issue with Council.

Secretary Barbara Parks was unable to attend due to the birth of a new grandchild (congratulations Barbara!).

JOTA/JOTI/JOTT chair Ralph Bill and assistant Peggy Priver were unable to attend. Randall Frank provided a flyer to be put in the roundtable boxes for the event. No mention of JOTA events in the county was made.

International Camp Staff Vice Chair Mickey Anderson reported that Council is taking no action in this area at this time.

European Relations Vice Chair Chuck Williams was absent.

Asia Pacific Vice Chair Bill Thornley was absent.

New Events Vice Chair Don Roberts discussed the following: New Zealand 18-30 Dec 2008; Kilimanjaro/Britain 29 July-16 August 2009; 13<sup>th</sup> PanAmerican Jamboree (Mexico City) 26 Dec-3 Jan 2009/2010; Potential visits for home stays here in 2010 by First Hersham Scouts, Aspley Guise Scouts (both from England) and New Zealand Scouts; 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden;

2012 PTC International Week; 2015 World Jamboree in Japan; potential 2019 World Jamboree in USA.

International Fundraising Vice Chair Albertus Hoogeveen discussed his latest fund raising efforts. District Roundtable Vice Chair Chuck Hand was absent. Don Roberts was given the JOTA/JOTI flyers to be given to council for Roundtable distribution.

Upcoming Activities:

Jota/Joti October 18

LTC Booth schedule November 1 – John Mara to have sign up at October meeting. Don Roberts to contact Jim Kruse re teaching the international classes.

2011 WSJ Sub-Committee. Donna Stoica was suggested committee chair. Marc Offered to Donna who accepted.

February 22, 2009 is next Thinking Day celebrating the birthdays of BP and his wife Olave. Considering having some observance.

Discussed next two World Moots (Kenya 2010, Canada 2013) and whether we would want to support.

Discussed Panamerican jamboree and Marc to contact BSA International Division and suggest that we take the lead in putting together an NSO contingent.

Open Forum:

Randall Frank reported that the 2010 Boy Scout stamp was rejected by the USPS and it has now been appealed to the executive branch.

The 2010 Boy Scout coin was approved by the house but is stuck in the senate.

Meeting Adjourned at 9PM

Next Meeting October 14, 2008 at 7:30 PM, William Lyon Homes Center for Scouting.

Respectfully submitted

Don Roberts