

Orange County Council, BSA International Committee

Minutes of Jan. 20, 2009

Present: Adviser Steve Smith, Chairman Marc Aarons, Ed Cadena, Randall Frank, Albertus Hoogeveen, John Mara, Peggy Priver, Don Roberts, Donna Stoica, Barbara Parks and guests Alex Hadden from Vancouver and Michael Occhipinti from Troop 121.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes: The Nov. 18, 2008, minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Mexico: Michael Occhipinti attended the meeting to ask about taking Scouts to Mexico. He was told to check with the national BSA office but we had heard that they were not approving tour permits. Also, committee members said they would not recommend it.

New Zealand Trip: Don gave a recap and noted lessons learned. He reported that 46 people was too many; it took longer than planned to get that many people on and off the bus which made their schedule tighter. Some adults didn't understand their role so youth weren't always supervised well enough.

A youth caught drinking beer was reported to council.

They budgeted \$2,200 per person and were on target with maybe \$100 left. They were able to add two activities that had not been planned. It was a good experience and photos show how much fun the youths had.

Committee members are invited to a post-trip party on Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fullerton as long as they have given an RSVP.

World Jamboree: Donna distributed an information sheet that Don created. Sweden has about 10 people assigned to work on the World Jamboree. The next recruitment will take place at Scout-O-Rama.

International Friendship Recruiting: If we know Scouts who are interested in attending international Scouting events, then they should fill out application forms from BSA. The SAJ exchange is Feb. 7-16. There is a Saudi Arabia exchange in the future. The BSA International Department uses a database from these applications to alert Scouts about these opportunities.

BSA Uniform Exchange: This is a new program to send used uniforms overseas. We will do a flyer to promote it.

Committee Reports.

Awards Vice Chairman: Rusty Carter.

Web site Vice Chairman: Randall Frank. The 2008 committee minutes are on the site. He will put up the New Zealand report. He will add the International Contingent Youth Nomination Form.

Secretary: Barbara Parks

JOTI/JOTA/JOTT Vice Chairman: Ralph Bill with Peggy Priver assisting. Someone has expressed interest in doing Jamboree on the Air.

Philmont, European and International Camp Staff Vice Chairman: Position is open.

Council Events Vice Chairman: John Mara.

European Relationships Vice Chairman: Chuck Williams; *Assistant Vice Chairman:* Al Remyn.

Asian Pacific Relationships Vice Chairman: Bill Thornley.

New/Upcoming Events Vice Chairman: Don Roberts.

2009 Finland Summer Home Stay. They will come the week of July 9 or 16. Homestays are covered.

2009 International Week at Philmont Training Center. July 13-17.

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 28, 2009-Aug. 18, 2009. Information is on the International Web site. 15 spots are reserved with the airline.

2009 Panamerican Jamboree. It is Dec. 26, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010 in Toluca, west of Mexico City. BSA said councils can put together contingents and let them know.

100th Anniversary of Sea Scouting. Aug. 1-9, 2009.

2010 New Zealand The New Zealand Scout Assn. is working on bringing a group here. 2010 British Home Stay. Involves home stays here but it conflicts with National Jamboree. Perhaps someone not attending National Jamboree can spearhead this. They will go to Emerald Bay for one week and have a home stay the second week.

2010 Possibly join British Scouts to New Zealand

2010 BSA National Jamboree: International camp staff.

Nippon Jamboree in 2010.

Council-wide Camporee in 2010.

World Jamboree in Sweden, 2011. It will be held July 29-Aug. 10, 2011. Donna Stoica is chairs the WJ Subcommittee. There is a Yahoo group for WJ participants. So far, 36 people have expressed interest in attending.

2012 Philmont Training Center International.

2012 Peru/Machu Picchu. Don wants to organize a group for this. It would include climbing, white water rafting and the Amazon.

2015 World Jamboree in Japan. They have a Web site and logo.

2019 World Jamboree. USA will bid for it.

International Fundraising Vice Chairman: Albertus Hooegeveen. He reported that \$445.80 was sent in September. He would like to have a box that lists a project to which people can donate.

District Roundtable Liaison. Vice Chairman position is open.

Council's 100th Anniversary Committee. Chuck Williams is on the committee. We have an opportunity to participate.

Open Forum

Ed Cadena was presented the International Scouter's Award.

Randall reported that he should know by the end of the month if there will be a stamp to commemorate the centennial of Boy Scouts of America.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Parks, Secretary