

Orange County Council, BSA International Committee

Minutes of March 17, 2009

Present: Marc Aarons, Ralph Bill, Ed Cadena, Randall Frank, Albertus Hoogeveen, John Mara, Al Remyn, Donna Stoica, Barbara Parks, new members Cliff and Kevin Guice (and Kevin's service dog Gabby) and guest Calvin Togashi. Marc announced that Bill Thornley has resigned from the committee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by IR Marc Aarons.

Minutes: The Feb. 17, 2009, minutes were approved as e-mailed.

World Jamboree: It will be held July 29-Aug. 10, 2011. Donna reminded the committee to distribute the information sheets about the Jamboree. The next recruitment will take place at Scout-O-Rama. Our goal is to fill one unit. Four-five youth are interested so far. There's lots of interest among young adults. Marc will contact BSA about getting a kit.

International Friendship Recruiting: If we know Scouts who are interested in attending international Scouting events, they should fill out application forms from BSA since the International Department uses a database from these applications to alert Scouts about these opportunities. Marc wants us to promote this at Scout-O-Rama and have lots of applications there. We don't have a date for the Saudi Arabia exchange.

13th PanAmerican Jamboree: The dates are Dec. 26, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010. Local Scouts who are interested are being referred to National BSA. There will only be a contingent. The location is in Toluca, an hour from Mexico City. Marc wants to have a flier.

PTC International: It's July 13-17 and for International Representatives only. Donna is interested in attending; Marc will check to see if she can go.

Kilimanjaro/Britain in 2009: July 29, 2009-Aug. 16, 2009. A troop from the Tanzanian Scout Assn. (TSA) will join with our group on the climb. A service project will involve brick making in a community.

Committee Reports.

Awards Vice Chairman: Rusty Carter.

Web site Vice Chairman: Randall Frank. The International Newsletter from the BSA International Dept. will go on our Web site. The minutes are posted on our site (international.ocbsa.org)

Secretary: Barbara Parks

JOTI/JOTA/JOTT Vice Chairman: Ralph Bill with Peggy Priver assisting. Ralph introduced Cliff Guice and his son Kevin who provided lots of information about Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). It's the world's largest Scouting event internationally with 500,000 Scouts participating and has been held for 51 years. Internet radio linking is part that has been successful. The next one is set for Oct. 17, 2009, and the hours for our council will probably be 6 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. Marc will talk with Derek Clark, the facilities manager for the council, to see if we can have it in the council parking lot and if possible, have equipment on the roof. Scouts could get a partial Radio Merit Badge that day. If available, the Guices will come to Scout-O-Rama. Their e-mail addresses are cliffguice@yahoo.com and kg6mih@yahoo.com.

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

Council Events Vice Chairman: John Mara. He has banners for SOR but one or two are missing.

European Relationships Vice Chairman: Chuck Williams; *Assistant Vice Chairman:* Al Remyn. Al reported no activities except World Jamboree in Sweden. There are 25 international Scouts coming this summer to be on staff at Lost Valley. Al will find out more details.

Asian Pacific Relationships Vice Chairman: Position is vacant. We don't have exchange contacts anymore. Barbara will contact Dr. Toshi Iwai and Ralph will contact Masa.

New/Upcoming Events Vice Chairman: Don Roberts.

Possible events are the following: Crew 83 in Pacifica District is thinking about going to Australia during Christmas of 2009 or in 2010; Scouting for Peace Jamboree is in Cairo, Egypt in the summer

2009 Finland Summer Home Stay. Donna said they might not come.

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.

2009 Panamerican Jamboree. It is Dec. 26, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010. See notes above.

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 BSA National Jamboree: International camp staff.

2010 Nippon Jamboree.

Council-wide Camporee in 2010.

World Jamboree in Sweden, 2011. See notes above.

2012 Philmont Training Center International.

2012 Peru/Machu Picchu. Don wants to organize a group for this.

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

2019 World Jamboree. Possibly USA

International Fundraising Vice Chairman: Albertus Hoogeveen. We can designate a project. One possibility is fundraising for repair of a Baden Powell monument. Albertus will talk with Scott Teare, the International director for BSA, and Don Roberts.

District Roundtable Liaison. Vice Chairman position is open.

Council's 100th Anniversary Committee. Chuck Williams is on the committee.

Open Forum

Randall reported that Zazzle.com under license from the Boy Scouts of America has produced an array of 41 BSA postage stamps but they are costly. The address is www.zazzle.com/boyscouts. He is still hoping that the US Postal Service will have a BSA stamp. There will be a coin.

Donna said that about 20 people are going to the Sea Scout Centenary Jamboree in England Aug. 1-8. After that the group will go to Scotland for some sailing. The total cost is about \$2,000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Marc will contact National BSA about getting a World Jamboree kit.

Marc will see if Donna Stoica can attend PTC International this summer.

Marc will talk with Derek Clark regarding use of facilities for JOTA Oct. 17.

Barbara will contact Dr. Toshi Iwai in Japan about their relationship with our council. Ralph will contact Masa.

Al will look into international Scouts coming to work at Lost Valley.

Albertus will contact Scott Teare and Don Roberts regarding a project for the International Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Parks, Secretary