

Orange County Council, BSA International Committee

Minutes of September 15, 2009

Present: Marc Aarons, Al Remyn, Ralph Bill, Rusty Carter, Cliff Guice, Albertus Hoogeveen, Donna Stoica, Steve Bisbing, adviser John Miller and Randall Frank.

The meeting was held at the Outdoor Education Center of the Irvine Regional Park, Orange, CA. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.

Minutes: The June 16, 2009, minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Welcome: New member Steve Bisbing joined the committee. Also our new Staff Advisor, John Miller attended. Departing Staff Advisor, Steve Smith, stopped by before the meeting began to wish us well.

World Jamboree: It will be held July 29-Aug. 10, 2011. Albertus gave us a computer picture walking tour through the Jamboree site on the occasion of the Swedish National Jamboree which he visited during a Baden-Powell Fellowship meeting.

Recruitment is still ongoing. You must sign up on the National web site. Donna reported that 18 have registered: eight youth, including two Ventures, five older IST Scouters over age 25 and five under 25. Word is not getting out about WJ so we need to publicize it to our districts and units.

Committee Reports.

Awards Vice Chairman: Rusty Carter.

Web site Vice Chairman: R. Frank. We requested the assistance of John Miller to see if a link to our site at international.ocbsa.org could be added to the Council web site.

Secretary: Barbara Parks

JOTI/JOTA/JOTT Vice Chairman: Ralph Bill with Peggy Priver assisting. OCBSA will be hosting a JOTA event at the Council Headquarters on October 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cliff reported that volunteers from several local ham radio groups and service organizations, including the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross, will be supporting this event, providing ham radio equipment and hands-on instruction for Scouts. What is really needed is advertising for the event. John Miller will email the flyer to the District Executives and place copies in the Round Table mail boxes.

Derrick Clark of OCBSA joined the meeting to discuss some of the physical preparations. We would prefer to use the front parking lot rather than behind the building. A schedule for placing the antenna on the roof and having the cord hang down the side of the building was agreed. We discussed that the Red Cross' emergency response vehicle needs electric power and that building access for the rest rooms will be needed.

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

Council Events Vice Chairman: John Mara.

John Miller announced that the next Leadership Training Conference will be held Feb. 6, 2010 at Santa Ana College.

European Relationships Vice Chairman: Chuck Williams; Assistant Vice Chairman: Al Remyn.
Asian Pacific Relationships Vice Chairman: Ralph Bill
New/Upcoming Events Vice Chairman: Don Roberts.

Marc briefly mentioned the following events in Don's absence.

2011 World Jamboree in Sweden.

2012 Philmont Training Center International. This is for IRs only.

2012 Cairo or Peru/Machu Picchu.

2013 BSA National Jamboree. (new location - Goshen Scout Reservation near the border of Virginia and West Virginia.)

2015 World Jamboree in Japan. Location is in Yamaguchi.

2019 World Jamboree. USA, Italy and Spain will bid for it.

Donna reported that it is possible that Staffordshire, UK Scouts may be visiting for two weeks next summer.

International Fundraising Vice Chairman: Albertus Hooegeveen.

District Roundtable Liaison. Vice Chairman position is open.

Marc described the general purpose of each of the committees so that Steve Bisbing could pick an assignment. The choice is pending.

Open Forum

It was reported that the chances of having the United States Postal Service issue a Scout stamp next year are high and that we hope for a positive announcement soon.

Steve Bisbing was interested in Philmont training, but we don't know the future dates of an International Scouting Conference.

Our International Scouting banner is still missing. Please check if you might have it with other Scouting equipment.

Donna will give a UK Sea Scout Centenary powerpoint presentation next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2009 at 7:15 pm at the OCBSA Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
R. S. Frank, Substitute Secretary