

Orange County Council, BSA International Committee

Minutes of July 19, 2011

Present: Chair Don Roberts, Rusty Carter, Albertus Hoogeveen, John Mara, Barbara Parks, Peggy Priver, Dean Yamanaka, Don Zweifel, Donna Zweifel and adviser Rachel Rash.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Don Roberts.

Our account number is 832.

Minutes: The June 21 minutes were approved.

BP Memorial at Rowallan Scout Camp in Kenya: Don reported that the BP Memorial project continues to be on hold.

SDIC International Committee: A joint PTC-like international training will probably be held in November with the International Committee in San Diego.

Getting the Word Out: Don emphasized that everyone on the committee needs to be involved in communicating about international events. He wants everyone to write a press release about what we are doing internationally. John is doing a newsletter; it should be distributed at Roundtables. If we are on other committees, we need to mention international events to them. Other avenues are through Facebook, twitter, Scoutweek, etc. If we have a Facebook presence, someone will need to maintain it.

Committee Reports.

Awards: Rusty Carter. Rusty has a list of 11 awards to be processed. He will have the certificates printed and distributed at Roundtables.

Web site: Randall Frank. Our address is international.ocbsa.org.

Secretary: Barbara Parks.

JOTI/JOTA/JOTT: Peggy Priver, Lito de los Reyes, Don Zweifel. Don Z. gave an update on Jamboree on the Air that's set for Oct. 15; Rachel needs to check the council calendar. Gordon West will provide prizes for the Scouts. The Gieses will design the flyer. Rachel will call BSA to find out about ordering the patches. The Red Cross will assist with JOTA. Don Z. will teach radio merit badge. JOTI can be done by the Scouts at their homes. John will write a press release about JOTI.

European and International Camp Staff: Donna Stoica. This is a good opportunity for the older Scouts from ages 18-30. Good target groups are Eagle Scouts and Scouts who are in college and not working. They get room and board and the BSA pays one-half of the airfare; when they're finished they can travel around the country. It would be good to have a flier to place in the Eagle packet.

Asian Related Scouting. Nothing to report.

European Relations. Chuck Williams

International Fundraising: Albertus Hoogeveen. Monies are being collected at Lost Valley this summer.

District Roundtable Liaison: Don Zweifel.

Council Events: John Mara. John contacted Wiatava Lodge about having an international session at the OA Conclave in Palm Springs in October. The Lodge Officers Training on Sept. 30-Oct. 2 is another event where we could promote international Scouting.

Trip Subcommittees:

World Scout Jamboree: Contact Don Roberts. Don said he might have a different assignment at World Jamboree other than IST by working with the Scout executives from other countries about publicity. Three Webcams are set up for the Jamboree; go to www.worldscoutjamboree.se.

2012 May San Diego Imperial Council International Camporee Mataguay: Contact Dianna Slone. The date has not been set; we should start publicizing it.

2012 Visit by Taiwan Scouts July 15-28: Contact Calvin Wu. The logistics need to be worked out. They will be with Troop 1201 from Los Amigos District at Camp Fiesta Island in San Diego from July 15-21, Midway Museum on July 21 and have a home hospitality July 21-28. There will be eight adults and 20 youth. They might take the train from Fullerton. Their activities will include Disneyland, Hollywood, a beach party and time with host families.

2012 Michigan International Camporee/NOAC July 20-Aug. 5: Contact John Mara. It's July 20-29 at Northwoods Scout Reservation followed by NOAC through Aug. 5 at Central Michigan University in East Lansing.

2012 1st Hersham Olympics/Edinburgh Art Festival. Contact Don Roberts. This will probably be canceled.

2013 BSA National Jamboree. Contact Albertus Hoogeveen. The location is the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia.

2013 Trip to Taiwan to NSSG 60th Anniversary. Contact: Calvin Wu. Dates to be determined.

2013 Nippon Jamboree. Contacts: Dean Yamanaka and Chuck Williams. Dates conflict with our National BSA Jamboree.

2014 D-Day 70th Anniversary Encampment. Contact Don Zweifel. The dates are about April 11-13, 2014. We have been invited by Trans Atlantic Council (American Scouts in Europe) to attend the Normandy Camporee for this special anniversary of D-Day. There was discussion about getting veterans involved; perhaps they could provide scholarships. The Web address is www.tac-bsa.org/Normandy.html.

2014 PTC International. Contact Donna Stoica

New/Upcoming Events Vice Chairman: Don Roberts.

2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan. They have a Web site and logo. Location is in Yamaguchi on Japan's west coast. The theme is "Knots." In September we will form a committee. There's a possibility of Japanese Scouts hosting us. We need to have a publicity plan.

2019 World Scout Jamboree. The location is in the U.S. at The Summit in West Virginia.

Open Forum

Barbara shared that she just returned from West Virginia and was in the area where The Summit is located; it's quite beautiful but difficult to reach.

Dean reported that a group of eight Explorers and four adults are coming from Scotland Oct. 9 and 10.

Don R. said that for World Jamboree BSA has changed their flights to charter flights because of complications with the commercial airlines.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. There will not be a meeting in August so the next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Everyone look for two missing white International banners with purple lettering, one printed International Committee and the other World Jamboree.

Everyone write a press release about one of our international activities.

Rusty will have the certificates printed and distributed at Roundtables.

Rachel needs to check the council calendar for holding JOTA on Oct. 15. Also, she will call BSA to find out about ordering the patches.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Parks, Secretary