

## Orange County Council, BSA International Committee

### Minutes of Nov. 15, 2011

Present: Chair Don Roberts, incoming International Representative and Chair Howard Dutra, Rusty Carter, Lito de Los Reyes, Randall Frank, Albertus Hoogeveen, John Mara, Barbara Parks, Peggy Priver, Chuck Williams, Dean Yamanaka, adviser Rachel Rash and new member David Ruiz, who is vice president of programs for Trans Atlantic Council.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Don Roberts who said that Howard Dutra was the new chair and IR. Don then announced his resignation after explaining his reasons and promptly left. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

Our account number is 832.

**Minutes:** Barbara apologized for not sending out the October minutes until late this afternoon. Since members did not have a chance to review them, they will be considered for acceptance in January along with the minutes from this meeting.

#### **Business**

##### **A. Relationship with SDIC International Committee**

International Camporee is at Mataguay May 18-20, 2012, with Mexican Scouts. SDIC contact is Jessie Munoz. The cost is \$20 per person. Lito plans to attend with his troop. He will handle publicity and see if other Scouts are interested in attending.

##### **B. Getting the Word Out**

E-mail, Web site, Facebook, Twitter, Scout Week, Round Tables, etc.

##### **C. International Camp Staff**

There is a new flyer.

##### **D. Committee Reports**

*Awards:* Rusty Carter. Nothing to report.

*Web site:* Randall Frank. Randall talked about his two initiatives. One is to compile a combined list of events that he would solicit from all of the international Web sites plus what we are doing and he would put them all on our site. He said that 20 BSA councils have some type of international activity. The other project is putting together a list of all the Scout Associations throughout the world. This would be on our site. Our address is [international.ocbsa.org](http://international.ocbsa.org).

*Secretary:* Barbara Parks.

*JOTI/JOTA/JOTT:* Peggy Priver, Lito de los Reyes. Peggy said that the Derryberrys will do JOTA next year. The Outdoor Education Center was suggested as a good location. JOTT is coincidental with Scout-O-Rama. Peggy has the application for our participation and will follow up at the next meeting.

*European and International Camp Staff:* Donna Stoica. Howard said he received an e-mail asking if we wanted to be a site for International Camp staff. Our council had expected to have a girl from Bolivia on staff this past summer but she never showed up.

*Asian Related Scouting.* See Nippon Jamboree below.

*European Relations.* Chuck Williams. Two senior Venturing youth are going to Denmark this coming summer. There are several activities in Europe this summer but we have no organized group attending.

*International Fundraising:* Albertus Hoogeveen. He received a letter about the successful fellowship in Saudi Arabia that was limited to honor members. The Saudis gave a \$37 million check to the Scouting Foundation so that it now has \$100 million. The BP Fellowship will be held April 19-22 in Madrid, Spain next year. More information is available at [worldscoutfoundation.org](http://worldscoutfoundation.org). The Order of the Condor benefits Scouting in Central and South America.

*District Roundtable Liaison:* Open. Howard would like each district to have a representative on this committee so more information would be shared about international Scouting.

*Council Events:* John Mara. He will have a table at the Lodge Banquet on Jan. 7, 2012. The University of Scouting is March 3, 2012 at Santa Ana College. Other events are the Council Dinner on March 14 and the Eagle Dinner on March 28.

#### *Trip Subcommittees:*

2012 NESAJamboree at USNA: It's Jan. 13-15; Don Roberts is taking a contingent.

2012 PTC International: It's limited to IRs.

2012 San Diego Imperial Council International Camporee Mataguay: See notes above.

2012 Visit by Taiwan Scouts July 15-28: Contact Calvin Wu. They will be with Troop 1201 from Los Amigos District at Camp Fiesta Island in San Diego from July 15-21 and have a home hospitality July 21-28. There will be eight adults and 20 youth. T1201 is handling most of the home stays but other families are needed.

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. He has six youth so far and can have eight. A total of 38 countries will be represented.

2013 BSA National Jamboree. Contact Albertus Hoogeveen. The location is the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia from July 10-25.

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

2013 16th Nippon Jamboree. Contacts: Dean Yamanaka and Chuck Williams. It's also the 30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree and Pre-Jamboree for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. The dates are July 31-Aug. 8. The location is Kirara-hama in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The Web site is [www.scout.or.jp/event/16NJ](http://www.scout.or.jp/event/16NJ). Dean is working on getting a Venture Crew to attend.

2014 D-Day 70th Anniversary Encampment. 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. David said the location is near Omaha Beach. The purpose is to get all of the American Scouts in Trans Atlantic Council to experience Normandy. The troops plan their own events. The Web address is [www.tac-bsa.org/Normandy.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Normandy.html).

2014 PTC International. Contact Donna Stoica

#### *New/Upcoming Events Vice Chairman:* Open.

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." Howard said it's a little far out to plan now but good to form an interest list of those who want to help interview interested Scouts.

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

#### **Open Forum**

David Ruiz shared with us about the Peace Light from Bethlehem. A special event will be held at Oso Lake Scout Camp in Rancho Santa Margarita on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m. For the last 26 years, a child from Austria has lit two blast-proof miner's lamps from a lamp at the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. These lamps are then transported to Vienna, where the living flame is distributed at a Service of Dedication to Scouts and Guides from across Europe. Since 2002, Austrian Airlines has flown the miner's lamps containing the Peace Light from Vienna to New York City. Scout leaders then light their lanterns from the miner's lamps and spread out across the U.S. and Canada to share the Peace

Light. The light will arrive in New York next Wednesday. His contact will start a drive from Michigan to California on Dec. 10. Scout units can bring an oil lamp or enclosed candle to Oso Lake on Dec. 15 and take it home with them. If units want to participate in the ceremony, they should send an e-mail to [david.ruiz@peacelight.org](mailto:david.ruiz@peacelight.org). The committee agreed that this would be an official BSA council event. Rusty will order 200 patches and will replace the words Trans Atlantic Council with Orange County Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting is Jan. 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Parks, Secretary