

M I N U T E S1973 AIDE-de-CAMP COUNCIL

March 30, 1973, 9:15 a.m.

Meeting opened by everyone praying in unison. Presided over by Chairman Johnnie Barnes.

The chairman discussed the availability of western-style hats through the Miller-Stockman Co., Box 5407, Denver, CO 80217. Two official styles are: (1) Open Road Felt, #R-8305, price \$11, and (2) Tanbark Shortbrim Straw, #R-188-2307, price \$6. Write for a free catalogue.

Paul Voorhees introduced the "Ranger Joe's" catalog services.
 John Eller introduced the "Frontier Supply House" services.
 Les Hughes introduced the "Canoe Trails" program in Minnesota.
 Ed Duddy introduced the large (6" cloth) Royal Rangers emblem and Royal Rangers license plate availability.
 Fred Deaver presented a new source for flintlock rifles: Charles Kaywood, Rt. 4, Box 192A, Huntsville, AR 72740.

A motion by John Eller "To approve the name of our first national Pow Wow as the National Royal Rangers Camporama" was carried.

A motion by John Yates "That we accept the document of the National Camporama as presented, including clarifications, and that the National Office reserve the prerogative to make adjustments as necessary to complete the formation of proper plans expedient for the success of the National Camporama" was unanimously approved.

A motion by George Giere "That the term, 'National Camporama' be used exclusively by the National Office, and that regions, districts, and sections not use the word 'Camporama' for camping experiences" was carried.

A motion by Fred Deaver "That churches be encouraged to assume the responsibility of paying chartering fees, instead of individual boys" was carried.

A motion by Paul Johnson "That we recommend that churches be given the choice of paying their chartering fees at the time they send in their application or have the option of being billed later for the same; that all districts exclude from Royal Rangers district and sectional activities those outposts who have failed to renew their charter." A substitute motion by Russ Primrose "To table the present motion until the first order of business tomorrow morning (Saturday)" was carried.

Saturday morning's first order of business dealt with the tabled motion and a report from a committee which was appointed to study the problem, chaired by Russ Primrose. The committee report is as follows:

"The problem of chartering seems to center in churches who (1) aren't acquainted with the procedures (2) tend to forget or procrastinate (3) deliberately choose not to affiliate. We believe our major effort will be most effective with the first two items, #1 and #2.

"It should be acknowledged that there is, perhaps, very little which can be added in this area of rechartering which (1) is now being done or (2) hasn't already been tried. It is suggested that we prayerfully join the National Staff in first recognizing our ministry to win boys for Christ, and second in continuing to fast and pray for God's guidance and intervention and third to act out our faith in some of the following steps as any appear timely or by other methods as they are revealed to us.

A. The concept of self-chartering districts be encouraged (1) by selecting an anniversary rechartering date that coincided with a Pow Wow event, National Royal Rangers Week publicity, or some other selected date designed to work in favor of the program, (2) annual billing to the church directly for an estimated amount of rechartering fees, (3) aiding the District Commander through a "sales meeting orientation" on before-and-after charter followups and an explanation of how the present policy of partial rebate is designed to aid his program, (4) by a listing of people within the area who use Royal Rangers materials as an identification of potential interest, (5) by continually supplying the district with printed testimony of success stories written by his peers.

Cutting off a church from use seems last resort, but may be a necessary threat (let's remember the boy!)

B. It is recommended that as a source of information a graph be prepared with the last ten years along the bottom and the following parameters along the left side be constructed as an educational device: (1) Boys in Royal Rangers, (2) men in Royal Rangers, (3) number of boys saved, (4) men trained, (5) magazine subscriptions, (6) number of countries using the Royal Rangers program. A similar document should be prepared over the same time span showing: (1) charter monies received, (2) cost of program operation.

C. It is recommended that the difficulty of operating a program on a pledge system be documented because: (1) The local programs are maintained on a "you-pay-for-it and you will be allowed to have it" basis. Monies, shared with the National Office, are therefore often done so at the expense of the local boy's program, (2) The "oft-to-the-well" concept has diminished the reserve of dedicated men in making up the deficiencies in local programs, all of which tend to keep us poor in material goods, but with accomplishing riches in Christ's work.

It is recommended we continue to challenge men in Royal Rangers and allow them the blessing of participation. (End of committee report, chaired by Russ Primrose.)

Don Shelton, Stewardship Division Secretary, Assemblies of God, introduced the Stewardship services available to the Assembly of God constituency. A film was shown concerning disposition of estate management and wills. Literature was distributed.

A motion by Floyd Larson "That we accept as printed on the agenda, item #3 of the 1973 ADCC minutes ('In order to assure that as many boys as possible will benefit from the ministry of High Adventure, it is suggested that an additional \$1 be added to the charter fee and would include a subscription to High Adventure for each boy'), with one exception: in the event more than one boy of the same family lived at the same address, only one charge would be made at that address. By adding it to the chartering fee, it would automatically become mandatory at the time of registration" was carried.

The actions of the National FCF Committee were ratified by the Royal Rangers Executive Committee. See attached document entitled, "New FCF Information" with FCF letterhead, for the full report of the FCF Committee.

A motion by Allen Fields "That our National FCF President prepare a small handout brochure to contain in simplified form the basic information about the FCF program" was carried.

The 1972 Aide-de-Camp Council minutes were read (page 4, paragraph 1): "The National Office tool out some form of recognition to be worn on the uniform in recognition of Red Cross First Aid training." A motion by Paul Johnson "To rescind the decision of last year (1972) regarding some type of recognition of the Royal Rangers uniform" was defeated.

A motion by Allen Field "That we adopt 'Plan A' (small ARC cloth patch to be sewn on left sleeve)" was defeated.

A motion by Russ Primrose "To adopt 'Plan B' (small ARC metal pin to be worn over left pocket)" was carried. See attached sheet entitled, "Red Cross Recognition For Leader" with drawing and information regarding placement and source of supply.

A presentation was made of the Royal Rangers slide and cassette narration series entitled, "How To Organize Royal Rangers," and "How to Conduct A Successful Outpost Meeting." Single series projected cost will be \$7, or both series for \$13, available through the National Office.

The Aide-de-Camp Council banquet was held in the Crystal Room of the Kentwood Arms. Speaker was the Reverend Silas Gaither, National Director, Church Ministries Division, Assemblies of God.

The evening business session was conducted in the banquet room, convening at 8:30 p.m.

The chairman reiterated that "Whichever position or title you deem most important should be worn on your plastic name tab."

A motion by Paul Voorhees "That we request GPH to supply patterns for ladies' uniforms" was carried.

Chairman reiterated that the Fall issue of Dispatch will carry an evaluation sheet for the Outpost Commander's Award (OCA) competition. Candidates are to send their evaluation sheet to their District Commander, not to the National Office. The District Commander will evaluate each candidate and then will request from the National Office the number of OCA medals needed for awarding. The District Commander will be billed for medals received, and he, in turn, will collect the medal's expense fee from the recipient, or whatever system he chooses to use for payment. If all the Outpost Commanders in church receive the OCA, then the Senior Commander becomes automatically eligible to wear the OCA as well. It was suggested that special written permission must be obtained from the host pastor attesting that his OCA-candidate (if he is the only acting leader and less than 21) is qualified to compete for the OCA.

The subject of "Women Leaders" was discussed. A re-emphasis was made on the official policy regarding women leaders in the Royal Rangers program and the suggested uniform for the women involved. It was suggested that women leaders may not attend Pow Wows.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Russ Primrose, met and indicated their conclusions. Committee members were: Russ Primrose, Alan Gell, Ralph Palmerton, Paul Johnson, John Eller, Les Hughes. Their conclusions are as follows:

"The following action is proposed:

Whereas:

In an effort to obtain the highest possible quality of leadership in the furtherance of God's work with the young men of the Royal Rangers program in general, and with the efforts of the Aide-de-Camp Council specifically, and

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In view of the added importance of the selection of our most qualified leadership since two of that number are further selected to represent Royal Rangers on the Men's Department executive Committee, and

Whereas:

In recognition of the existence of qualified potential leadership within the ranks of the Regional Aide-de-Camp and the District Aide-de-Camp, and

Whereas:

A concern is expressed for an equitable mechanism that will allow qualified and acceptable District Aide-de-Camp members to the ranks of the Aide-de-Camp Executive Committee and still insure quality leadership, the following action is moved:

A motion by Russ Primrose "That Article 2 of the Constitution and By-laws of the National Royal Rangers Aide-de-Camp Council be amended to include the following: (1) A Nominating Committee be formed consisting of the National Royal Rangers Committee whose members are: National Commander, National Training Coordinator, National Men's Department Secretary, and the existing elected officers of the Aide-de-Camp Council (presently the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President) and charged with presenting at the appropriate annual meeting of the Aide-de-Camp Council a slate of six (6) candidates from which election will be made, (2) Nominees should be from the ranks of the District Aides-de-Camp and the Regional Aide-de-Camp who have attended a minimum of at least three (3) recent Aide-de-Camp Council meetings, with special attention given to recent participation in national Royal Rangers functions, (3) No individual is to hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, (4) Elections of officers at the appropriate National Royal Rangers Aide-de-Camp Council meeting will be by majority of votes and by secret ballot, one officer at a time, starting with the office of president, then 1st vice president, and concluding with 2nd vice president, officers will be elected only from the list of nominees provided by the Nominating Committee" was unanimously approved.

A motion "That a committee be appointed, composed of a District Aide-de-Camp from each region; each District Aide-de-Camp on the committee in turn will appoint a subcommittee within his region and that this committee be charged with the responsibility of studying and making recommendations regarding chartering procedures" was lost.

It was requested that the information contained within the "Self-chartering Districts Sequence of Events" information sheet, be made available for all District Commanders and Aides-de-Camp, for implementation of improved chartering and re-chartering procedures.

A motion by Alan Gell "That we consider next Agenda item #16, "Citation Cords" was carried.

A motion by Paul Johnson "To abolish citation cords for all positions in Royal Rangers and that the citation cord will not be a part of the official Royal Rangers uniform under any circumstances" was carried.

The duties of the Aides-de-Camp were discussed and a recommendation that an annual report be sent to the National Office. A motion by Wes Kilcrease "That the Regional and District Aides-de-Camp send the National Office a quarterly report" was lost. By elimination, the said report will become a yearly function.

Chairman reported on the new Adventures in Camping handbook, now available as an official camping handbook for all youth groups, as well as Royal Rangers. Price is still \$1.25, and is much larger and more extensive than ever (144 pages).

Chairman reported on his recent trip to Caracas, Venezuela, and a discussion of the proposed missionary project, as a result of his consultation with missionaries.

Policy procedures were reviewed. It was pointed out that a boy may wear only a maximum of 16 advancement award patches; a boy must be at least 15 before becoming eligible for the Gold Medal of Achievement. After achieving Gold Medal of Achievement status, he may enroll in the Leadership Training Course but may not wear the award pins until he reaches age 18. A boy, upon reaching age 18 and eligibility as a Lt. Commander, may no longer wear any sewn-on awards or patches indicating rank earned as a boy, but may wear only the Gold Medal of Achievement as the sole award indication of boy's advancement awards. It was reiterated that all Advanced Training Courses are handled through the National Office only. The criteria regarding self-chartering districts was reiterated.

The National Training Center acquisition was discussed. A tentative deadline for pledges to be received was set at June 1, 1973. Each district representative was urged to make every effort possible to raise the pledged amount and send to the National Office. A reiteration of the 1972 pledges was reviewed by the chairman.

A motion by Alan Gell "That we incorporate into our National Training Camp program some system or opportunity to be set up on the schedule to allow for expressions of viewpoints and questions and clarifications of National Office policy, procedures, etc., regarding the Royal Rangers program in general" was carried.

Wes Kilcrease reported on criteria involving Royal Rangers blazers. It was revealed that the Identity Image Co. is now defunct. Contact the National Office for blazer information.

A motion by Alan Gell "That those persons appointed to the Aide-de-Camp Council secure a formal blazer outfit as soon as possible" was lost.

A motion by Paul Voorhees "That the National Office prepare a simplified organizational booklet for districts to use for setting up their district Royal Rangers program" was lost. The chair stated that he would endeavor to condense some of the material in the District Commanders Notebook for this purpose.

Wes Kilcrease reported on the actions of the Aide-de-Camp Council Executive Committee and the National Men's Committee: (1) The National Camporama discussions, personnel selection, criteria, etc., (2) The review of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Wilderness criteria, (3) A report on the National Committee meeting at Phoenix, Arizona attended by Wes Kilcrease, Floyd Larson, and J. Barnes at which a re-emphasis on the broad ministries of the Men's Department was stressed.

It was suggested that each Royal Rangers leader who requests special orders or emergency assistance from the National Office, after receiving such special assistance, notify the National Office that supplies did or did not arrive. This will greatly assist the National Office in quality and service procedures.

It is urgently requested that the National Office be notified of any changes in address as soon as possible. This will materially assist the National Office in communication procedures.

A closing prayer of praise was offered by everyone as a benediction of this Council.

Adjourned at 12:42 p.m., March 31, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

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