

M I N U T E S

1974 AIDE-DE-CAMP COUNCIL

March 14, 1974, 6 p.m.

Following registration, a banquet was held in the headquarters cafeteria. Chairman Johnnie Barnes presented outgoing ADC Council President Wes Kilcrease a handsome plaque with attached gavel, symbolic of his five years of meritorious service as the first Council president. Also, a special bronze medal with the words, "Past President" inscribed, was also presented to Wes Kilcrease.

The Council was addressed by Silas Gaither, National Director of the Church Ministries Division.

Following the banquet, presentations, address, and reports of the Council officers, the Council adjourned to reconvene at the Evangel College recreation center for fellowship and recreation. Numerous Aides-de-Camp were accompanied by their wives, providing an opportunity for them to meet and greet others with similar interests.

Chairman declared the 1974 Aide-de-Camp Council officially in session at 9:23 a.m., March 15, 1974. Chairman suggested we establish agenda priorities. Additions to the agenda were: constitution and by-laws change, uniform change, Gold Medal of Achievement requirements and presentation suggestions, special patch for Aides-de-Camp, district staff patches, and Gospel Publishing House quality control.

John Tyler moved "to follow agenda as listed." Carried.

John Eller moved "to extend our appreciation to Joyce Palmerton (Mrs. Ralph Palmerton) by an appropriate floral arrangement with accompanying card." Carried. Chairman explained the significance of these good wishes - the Palmertons were involved in a very serious automobile accident in 1973. Ralph sustained very severe injuries and is still recovering from them. His presence at this Council indicated God's miraculous intervention, for which we are grateful.

John Eller moved "that we send Ollie Dalaba and Virgil Palmer (both of whom are ill and could not attend this Council) the Aide-de-Camp Council's best wishes by means of an appropriate card." Carried. This was acted upon immediately.

John Eller moved "to allow Wes Kilcrease (outgoing ADC Council President) to retain his present rank insignia of one star." Carried.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of six candidates for election for the Aide-de-Camp Council. They were: Floyd Larson, Fred Deaver, Russ Primrose, Alan Gell, Bob Simpson, Clarence Green. The results of the first ballot were: Floyd Larson 14, Fred Deaver 8, Alan Gell 5, Bob Simpson 2, Russ Primrose 3, Clarence Green 2. A total of 34 votes were cast requiring a simple majority of at least 18, for election. A second ballot was cast with the following results: Floyd Larson, 20 votes. Mr. Larson was declared the new president of the Aide-de-Camp Council.

Ballotting for first vice president resulted in the election of Fred Deaver, 19 votes. He was declared the new first vice president of the Council.

Ballotting for second vice president required three ballots. The result of the third ballot was an election of Alan Gell, 22 votes. He was declared the new second vice president of the Council.

The new slate of Aide-de-Camp Council officers are: Floyd Larson, President; Fred Deaver, First Vice President; Alan Gell, Second Vice President. Appropriate responses were given by each newly-elected Council officer.

The National Camporama was discussed at length. A progress report on plans for the Camporama, ways and means, and suggestions on the involvement of each Aide-de-Camp were given.

A New Charter Certificate was discussed. Bruce Martin moved "that one charter be issued for one church." A tabling motion by Paul Voorhees "that we refer the action of the motion by Bruce Martin to receive further consideration." Carried.

John Yates moved "that we accept agenda item #4 as presented." Carried. Item #4: "To present a suggested plan for issuing a larger, more attractive charter certificate. Blank space will be provided on the certificate to attach four seals, one for each consecutive year. On the fifth year a five year charter certificate will be issued. Another for the tenth year, etc."

High Adventure magazine was discussed. Russ Primrose moved "that a committee be appointed to study High Adventure strengths and weaknesses and subscriptions." Allen Fields amended "that the members of this committee be selected from each of the eight regions; committee to report findings back to the national committee within six months." Amended motion lost.

John Eller moved "that the chairman of the Aide-de-Camp Council appoint a committee to study High Adventure magazine and that he use as resource material the Regional Aides-de-Camp." Carried.

Les Hughes moved "that we leave High Adventure magazine as it is now, with a changing of the wording, when we reprint the charter application, with the word 'mandatory' dropped." Carried.

Silas Gaither offered a comment to the effect that we should keep in mind the fact that High Adventure magazine must "pay its own way."

Leadership Training Course discussion. Bruce Martin moved "to accept item #6 as stated." Carried. Item #6: "Due to heavy promotional costs, we are now requesting that trainees send a donation of at least \$2 at the beginning of the course to cover the cost of printing; and those instructors who are paying for the printing cost of the courses and taking their own offering be charged 50¢ a copy for each of the sections."

Elton Bell moved "that we establish one anniversary date for the nation, January 1 to December 31 of the current year." Lost.

David Johnston, representing the Gospel Publishing House Merchandising Division, addressed the Council. He conveyed the good news of special discounts offered

when items of five (5) or more are ordered through the district office and charged to district accounts. No single items will receive a discount. Individuals will not receive discounts. Again, all items must be ordered through the district channels. The following discounts are offered under the foregoing stipulations. Royal Rangers order blank section 1-4 = 10%; sections 5-10 = 20%; section 12 = 10%; sections 13-17 = 20%; section 18 = 40%; section 20, items 08 MR 5613 and 14 MR 6840 are 20%; all other items in section 20 are 40%; sections 21-24 = 20%. A brief question and answer period followed.

Self-chartering districts discussion and clarification followed. Guidelines were examined by each member present.

National Training Center. A report and discussion of the present status of our projected National Training Center followed. Chairman described activities thus far, disposition of funds, and present plans regarding search for new site. West Texas District offered their funds for use to obtain equipment.

Communicating Directives. Chairman conveyed complaint from many local leaders that they never have passed on to them decisions made by the National Aide-de-Camp Council and District Commander's Conference. Better communication was urged by all concerned.

Dispatch magazine. John Eller was introduced as new editor of Dispatch. Content and format was discussed. Ways Dispatch can be projected were also discussed. John Eller's qualifications will enable him to make a substantial contribution to the publication of this leader's magazine.

Russ Primrose moved "whereas, John Eller has been in Royal Rangers lo these many years and, whereas John has exhibited enterprise beyond measure and, in recognition of his distinguished service to Royal Rangers in counsel, writing, and other participation such as making with the "whereases" and, even forgiving him for his bodacious profits on Frontiersmen trinkets and, wishing him well on his new position, I do hereby move that we do hereby extend to John Eller the privilege of keeping his present rank in his new position (sic)." Carried.

Military Titles. Wes Kilcrease moved the adoption of the motion printed in its entirety as follows: "Whereas there has been an overemphasis on the rank that the leader holds in the Royal Rangers program, rather than upon the position the man holds in the Royal Rangers program, the Executive Committee therefore recommends that it become mandatory that all references to military title be dropped from the Royal Rangers program in referring to leaders; that it be mandatory, when referring to leaders, that their job description or position be emphasized. It not only be mandatory that references to military titles be dropped in oral references but also in written references, such as letterheads, business cards, etc." Carried. This will be referred to the District Commander's Conferences.

New Items. A report and inspection of new items, such as the new plastic advancement awards and the slightly changed Royal Rangers emblem, were received. It was pointed out that the newest Royal Rangers emblem simply replaces the one with the pointed tips, and is equal in use. Both forms are for use.

Patches on fatigues. A discussion of use and non-use of patches and insignias on military fatigues clarified the fact that use of patches and insignias on military fatigues is not authorized. Please refer to the Royal Rangers Uniform Booklet regarding proper use of military fatigues in Royal Rangers activities.

Enlisting Leadership. A discussion of ways and means of enlisting leadership on a local level. Ideas were shared, printed forms were distributed, including a copy of a suggested "Meeting Plan For Royal Rangers," which is an amplified form which offers extra assistance in planning outpost meetings on paper. This form is now being inserted into each section #3 of the Leadership Training Course.

Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (FCF). FCF President John Eller reported on recommendations made by the National FCF Committee: (1) That the FCF president's term of office be four years to coincide with the National FCF Rendezvous (beginning at the next National FCF Rendezvous). (2) That the National Scout's term of office be two years, and his election be held at the National FCF Rendezvous and Camporama. Nominees to be selected from territorial and district scouts. The age for the National FCF Scout would be 17 or under at the time of election. (3) To add the requirement of tutoring or sponsorship of a boy for membership into the FCF as a requirement for Buckskin and Wilderness status. An amendment was added: that the requirement of tutoring another boy-candidate for FCF membership apply to boy members for Wilderness status only. However, the requirements for men be for both Buckskin and Wilderness status. All of these recommendations were approved and will be presented to the District Commander's Conference for further consideration.

New Fund Raising Plans. These were discussed and clarified. Chairman urged that each member give this item great consideration.

Fred Deaver suggested that one part of the support for the national office could come from the district, and one part represent one hour's work per month.

John Eller moved "that we receive this report and begin to act on each item that needs tooling, that is necessary to put it in motion." Carried.

Ralph Palmerton moved "that funds to be raised for the national office be split percentage-wise with the district." Lost.

Outpost Commander's Award. A review and evaluation of the new Outpost Commander's Award. Comments were received as to its acceptance and participation. Procedure was clarified. A re-evaluation regarding points of growth (#10) will be made.

Girls in Royal Rangers. John Eller moved "to limit debate to two (2) minutes." Carried.

Wes Kilcrease moved "that we refer this to a study committee to determine if discrimination is involved in Royal Rangers, to become a mandate." Motion was amended "that the policy statement in the December-January-February 1972-73 issue of Dispatch magazine, page 2, regarding women leaders in the Royal Rangers program, and the precedents established in each of the boy's manuals be observed." Motion and amendment carried.

District and Regional Training Coordinators. Paul Voorhees moved "that we accept this item as stated. Item #19: "To discuss the appointment of District and Regional Training Coordinators."" Carried. The job description was clarified by chairman. The appointment of such persons will be made by the National Committee.

Idea Sharing. A free exchange of ideas occurred. Items of interest to Royal Rangers leaders were briefly demonstrated and shared.

Training Course Instructors. Bruce Martin moved "that all instructors of the Leadership Training Course be required to have been verified before instructing the Leadership Training Course, including those on a local level. And that this certification be based on the instructor's attendance at an instructor's seminar; that continuation of their teaching status be based upon an annual review of a committee within their district." Carried.

Age Change For Royal Rangers. Should the age divisions of Royal Rangers be dropped one year for each division? It would apply as follows: Buckaroos = ages 6 & 7; Pioneers = ages 8-10; Trailblazers = ages 11-13; Air-Sea-Trail Rangers = ages 14-17.

Floyd Brooks moved "that we give consideration to dropping the age level for Royal Rangers one year on all levels (each division), no time limits stipulated." Carried.

Gold Medal of Achievement. Fred Deaver suggested that we make our presentations more impressive and dramatic, to promote this highest honor to which a boy can attain, to give the presentation a fuller emphasis.

John Tyler requested that a copy letter be sent to all district Aides-de-Camp and Regional Aides-de-Camp, regarding boys who have received the Gold Medal of Achievement. (Criteria regarding the Gold Medal of Achievement may be found on pages 222 & 223 of the Air-Sea-Trail Rangers Manual.)

Dates for 1975 Aide-de-Camp Council: March 20-22, 1975. Les Hughes moved "that we accept these dates for the 1975 Aide-de-Camp Council." Carried.

Installation of New Officers. At the evening banquet, Kentwood Arms Hotel, Silas Gaither, National Director of Church Ministries Division, installed President Floyd Larson, First Vice President Fred Deaver, and Second Vice President Alan Gell. Special prayer was offered by all present for the newly-elected Council officers. Evening sessions immediately followed in the Gold Room. At the conclusion of all business sessions, the 1974 Aide-de-Camp Council was adjourned.

All referral motions to be tooled out will be considered by the National Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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