

NATIONAL ROYAL RANGERS COUNCIL

MARCH 11-13, 1987

The 1987 National Royal Rangers Council was opened by Johnnie Barnes, national commander and chairman of the National Council.

Silas Gaither, national director of Church Ministries gave the devotional.

Russell Primrose was appointed to serve as the official parliamentarian for the council.

A motion made from the floor not to read the minutes of the 1986 National Council, carried.

POCKET SIZE
ADVENTURES IN
CAMPING

The pocket size edition of Adventures in Camping is available from the Gospel Publishing House. The order number is 02-0720, and the cost is \$2.75.

RIBBON TYPE AWARDS

A proposal and motion by Ed Link that the leader have the option to wear the ribbon type award on the Class A and Class B uniform in lieu of the medal, carried.

AGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR OUTPOST COMMANDER

Mark Gentry reported on the findings of the study committee on lowering the age from 21 to 18 for the outpost commander.

After study and deliberation, it was the recommendation of the committee that the age for the outpost commander be left as it is. In the event the church cannot secure leaders of this age, we recommend they be given the prerogative of appointing a qualified provisional commander, who is 18 years old or older, until such time as they can secure a commander of the required age. The provisional commander would continue to wear the Lt. Commander bars even though he is the acting commander.

Inasmuch as this person will be responsible for the welfare of many boys, we recommend that the church give careful consideration to the qualifications of this younger leader. We further recommend that they check out any possible legal problems with their church with the appointment of a younger leader.

A motion from the floor to accept the report, carried.

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GOLD MEDAL
PRESENTATIONS

Mark Gentry gave a report on the study of minimum requirements for the Gold Medal of Achievement.

In order to place more emphasis on this medal, we recommend the following:

- a) That the minimum ceremony should be the Gold Medal of Achievement ceremony on pages 63 and 64 of the Outpost Activities Book.
- b) Each District Commander should secure letters from schools, government officials, school superintendents, mayors, senators, councilmen, Chamber of Commerce presidents, President of United States, etc. These letters should be placed in a notebook and presented to the Gold Medal of Achievement recipient.
- c) That a reception be planned following the ceremony.
- d) Arrangements should be made with the press to assure media coverage of this important event.
- e) A printed program should be made available.

A motion made by Mark Gentry that a uniform cover be printed by the Gospel Publishing House, and used for this ceremony, carried.

RANGER OF THE YEAR

A progress report on a request for uniform Ranger of the Year materials was given by Johnnie Barnes.

Ranger of the Year materials will be placed in the Leader's Manual at the next reprinting. A paragraph on the Ranger of the Year will be included in each of the boys handbooks at their next reprinting. That an article on the Ranger of the Year be included in High Adventure Leader in the near future. Supplemental materials will continue to be made available as they are now until such a time as they are printed in the handbooks.

A motion to accept the report of this committee, carried.

UNITED MEN'S
CONVENTION (1988)

This event has been cancelled.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPORT

Ellis Stutzman, chairman of the National Council reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee. Items reported on were:

- a) New guidelines for Regional Coordinators.
- b) Regional finances.
- c) Gold Bar Association.
- d) Training report given by Ralph Williams.

A motion to accept the report of the Executive Committee, carried.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Ideas were shared for celebrating the 25th anniversary of Royal Rangers.

INTERNATIONAL
CAMPORAMA

A report from the Steering Committee for the 1990 International Camporama was given. The location will be at the National Training Center, Eagle Rock, Missouri.

A motion to accept the report, carried.

CAMPORAMA RECAP

An evaluation on the Camporama was given by Johnnie Barnes. Some of the improvements to be made before the next Camporama included: installation of a water system, better facilities, better administration, more security, etc. A study is also being made to provide swimming at the training center site.

CAMPORAMA DATES

A motion that the dates for the 1990 International Camporama be June 26-30, carried.

AGE OR ADVANCEMENT
REQUIREMENT

A motion that all Pioneer boys who have earned the Master Rating and Advanced Camping award be allowed to attend the Camporama, carried.

CAMPORAMA REQUIREMENT

A motion to table the proposal that all age (Pioneer, Trailblazer, and Air-Sea-Trail Rangers) be required to earn the Advanced Camping Award as a prerequisite for attending the Camporama, until next year's council, carried.

A motion that only experienced, mature, responsible leaders, approved by their district commander, who have completed the Leadership Training Course or National Training Camp be allowed to serve as Camporama leaders. Furthermore, that the pastor's name be included on the Camporama application, that legal council be sought in preparing the application forms, that the national office spell out specific guidelines for leaders, carried.

FCF COMMITTEE REPORT

Fred Deaver, president of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity reported on the meeting of the FCF Committee. A motion to accept the report, carried.

HIGH ADVENTURE

The consensus is to keep going in the present direction.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

A motion that all districts who publish a newsletter, place the National Aide-de-Camp John Eller on their mailing list, carried.

GRADE RATHER THAN AGE
FOR ROYAL RANGERS

A motion that Royal Rangers be grouped by grade rather than age, lost.

(Because of the close vote on this issue, the National Royal Rangers Committee has made it optional for churches to use either grade or age in determining the classification of their local Royal Rangers.)

NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS
DATES AND LOCATION

The date for the National FCF Rendezvous is June 21-25, 1988. The location will be the National Training Center, Eagle Rock, Missouri.

LIMITED EDITION PATCHES

A proposal and motion by Alan Gell to make available a series of collector patches featuring a district logo on each patch, carried.

ADDITIONAL BUFFALO
AWARDS

A proposal and motion by James McHaffie that additional Silver Buffalo awards be awarded to boys who have earned eight (8) additional awards, and that only two (2) buffalo awards be worn on the Gold Medal of Achievement at one time, and that additional buffalo awards be worn on the awards vest, carried.

SERVICE STAR

A proposal and motion by James Barger to make available a 10 and 20 year service symbol for Royal Rangers, that these symbols be a gold bar for 10 years, and a silver bar for 20 years, carried.

A motion that the service stars begin with Straight Arrows, carried.

GRADING OF
CORRESPONDENCE LTC

A proposal and motion by Paul Stanek that all Leadership Training Courses taken by correspondence be graded by the national office, and that the district be informed when an individual enrolls in the LTC, carried.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
COURSE AS A GOSPEL
PUBLISHING HOUSE ITEM

NAME CHANGE FOR AIR,
SEA, AND TRAIL RANGERS

A proposal and motion by Paul Stanek that all Leadership Training Course booklets used by certified instructors become a Gospel Publishing House item, carried.

A proposal and motion by Dean Kimber that the name of the oldest boys age group currently known as Air-Sea-Trail Rangers, be changed to a name which denotes a singular identification of all boys within this age group, carried.

A motion that the name for this age group be called, "Master Ranger," lost.

A motion that the Executive Committee review the suggested names, and that their recommendations be brought to the council next year, carried.

CHI OMEGA RHO REPORT

A progress report on Chi Omega Rho was given by Mike Harris, Chi Omega Rho representative. A motion by David Craun to accept the report, carried.

WOMEN IN ROYAL RANGERS

RANGER OF THE YEAR

An explanation of the role of women in Royal Rangers was presented.

Point of Information: A boy who has been selected as National Ranger of the Year is not eligible to compete again.

A motion by Ralph Williams that the date for the 1988 National Council be March 16-18, carried.

A motion that all the cities interested in hosting the 1988 National Council submit a proposal in reference to the site, accomodations, transportation, etc. to the national office, to let them make the determination based on budget and other considerations, and let the council know as soon as possible, carried.

It was noted that the majority of the council preferred the council be held in a central location, preferably Springfield.

NOTE: The National Committee has made the decision that the site of the National Council will be Springfield, Missouri. The tentative location is Howard Johnson's Convention Center.

The 1987 National Royal Rangers Council was adjourned with prayer.

Submitted by Donna Jester, recording secretary.

Special Offer

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