



MINUTES OF THE RRI COUNCIL MEETING

March 29-31, 2004

Attendees:

RRI Director/LAC Regional Coordinator
Europe Regional Coordinator
Eurasia Representative & CIS Coordinator
Asia Pacific (Invited to audit)
Europe (Invited to audit)
Director of AGWM Specialized Ministries
National Commander, USA

Doug Marsh
Jukka Piirainen
Mark Broberg
Terry Hanna
Yngvar Aarebrot
Lamar Headley
Richard Mariott



Brother Headley opened with prayer.

Business & Reports:

- 1) Introductions were made by each individual.
- 2) Doug Marsh reviewed the agenda.
- 3) Doug highlighted RRI from its inception in June 2002 to the present. Highlights included: a Royal Rangers presentation in Malawi, Africa; the 1st National Commanders' Conference in Russia, information about Royal Rangers in Germany, Kenya, Mexico, Malaysia & Singapore; training and a Regional Commanders' meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean; the 2003 Eurocamp in Finland; strengthened partnerships with Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, MAPS

PathFinders Buildings, and Light for the Lost; curriculum and training development currently underway; and the EuroLeaders' Conference in Italy that included Jukka Piirainen's election as European Regional Royal Rangers Coordinator.

- 4) Doug gave a power point presentation on Camp Summit. He discussed the camp's name, history, purpose, and construction development as well as the positive effect the camp has had on Royal Rangers in LAC.
- 5) Each individual briefly discussed the history of Royal Rangers in the various countries of their region.
- 6) Doug made a power point presentation on the RRI Partnership Plan. This presentation was divided into two parts.
 - i) Assessment of current condition of Royal Rangers worldwide:
 - Current membership was reviewed by region
 - The history of international growth was reviewed, and it was pointed out that there is an urgent need for a "central nervous system" to coordinate the worldwide expansion of Royal Rangers
 - Essential resources, which include curriculum, training standards, ministry promotions, and camp ideas, were identified as obstacles that must be addressed to strengthen and expand Royal Rangers
 - Immediate objectives for RRI were reviewed
 - ii) The RRI Partnership Plan (strategy for expansion) was discussed. The plan addresses five areas:
 - The players: *RRI Council, regional boundaries*
 - The principles: *relations, autonomy, service agency, flexibility, expansion, ministry health*
 - The policies: *protecting the Royal Rangers trademark & intellectual property, and the coordination of international expansion*
 - The priorities: *evangelism curriculum, training, promotions, camps*
 - The projects: *awareness, partnership, mobilization*
- 7) The *RRI Operational Guidelines* was reviewed, discussed and revised. This included the name and purpose, goals, prerogatives of the council, members and duties of the RRI council, meetings of the council and regional committees, finances, and updates to the Operational Guidelines.

Note: The RRI documents state that the Regional Coordinator will serve a term of three years (section 4.3). However, it has been agreed upon that the Regional Royal Rangers Coordinator of Europe will serve a term of four years and is elected by the National Commanders within the region.

The *Operational Guidelines* was approved by the Council.

- 8) The *RRI Cooperative Values and Practices* was reviewed, discussed and improved upon. This included the statement of faith, global identity and purpose, chartering stewards, process for introducing Royal Rangers in a nation, availability of the ministry, services rendered by RRI, the international expansion of the ministry, Royal Rangers, a ministry for boys, or for boys & girls; and the role of the national-level ministry. The *Cooperative Values and Practices* document was approved by the Council.
- 9) The *RRI Global Curriculum and Training* was presented on a power point and was reviewed and discussed. The presentation included various aspects of the curriculum, including the four different groups within Royal Rangers (determined by age), the various patches and stickers that may be earned, specific examples of the curriculum, uniforms, training tracts, and communication. The Council was very enthusiastic about the curriculum and anxious for it to be completed early 2005.

10) Future RRI vision & growth was discussed:

- i) Growth Opportunities: The main objective of RRI is to strengthen Royal Rangers where it currently exists and to expand it into countries that do not currently have it.
- ii) RRI and Regional Websites: The council discussed the need for regions to develop their own websites and viewed the recently launched RRI website.
- iii) Communication: RRI website, e-mail, newsletter, and personal visits were discussed as means to establish effective communication with the National Commanders in the various regions. Doug stressed the importance of answering e-mails in a timely manner and of being “customer-focused.” Doug also requested that Regional Coordinators copy him on e-mails and letters of significance.
- iv) Trademark and Copyright Agreement: A time of discussion and brainstorming followed reviewing the steps necessary to fully protect the Royal Rangers global identity and intellectual property. Doug will be prepared with a proposed document to be distributed via e-mail for members to review as soon as possible. It was agreed that past and future authorization to use the Royal Rangers name and identity must be given to an organization, not to individuals.

11) The council discussed dates and locations of future RRI Council meetings for the next three years:

- i) 2005: May 11-13 in Finland
- ii) 2006: April 25-27 in Costa Rica
- iii) 2007: April 24-26 in Egypt

12) Regional reports were presented and discussed:

- i) Mark presented his regional report on Eurasia including the various countries and the level of Royal Rangers activity in each.

It was affirmed by the Council that Royal Rangers leaders, pastors, or missionaries should refrain from starting Royal Rangers in any nation until the time is right; all future efforts should be coordinated through the respective Regional Royal Rangers Coordinator's office.

- ii) Jukka presented his regional report including a brief history of the ministry in Europe, the situation today, and future plans and dreams. Yngvar also spoke of his desire for unity and for the expansion of Royal Rangers in the European countries.
- 13) Time was spent in open discussion.
- 14) Meeting closed in prayer.