

**Council Venturing Committee Minutes**

Atherton Hall 7:00 PM

**March 16, 2005**

**Attendance:** Jeff Barnes, George Hyde, Steve Koci, Doris McCarthy, Greg Morris, Ben Pfeiffer, Steve Pfeiffer, Josh Rogers, Bob Swanson

**OPENING:** The meeting began at approximately 7:05 PM at the Service Center Camp Balboa.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting were approved as sent by email.

**Committee Reports:**

**Teen Leader Council.** Ben Pfeiffer reporting:

TLC Meeting was held tonight with a good number of youth present.

2005 Venturers Nite Out: May 7, First United Methodist Church, Chula Vista, \$10, Chair Ben Pfeiffer. Flyers are out and an article was submitted for Scout News.

2005 Venturing Rendezvous: Oct 21-23, MSR, Chair Chris Koci. Chris submitted an article for the Rendezvous and for the Beach Weekend to be published in Scout News.

2005 Beach Weekend: July 15-17, Silver Strand; Chair Ryan Efert. Flyers were distributed at TLC. Fee is \$12 and parking \$4. Gates close early – to confirm time of closure.

2005 Scout Fair: April 23, Chairs Kristina James and Cari Swanson.

2005 Powder Horn: May 28-30 & Jun 3-5, five youth staff, had their first meeting last evening.

2005 VLSC: May 21, Chair Bob MacDermot, information is on web site.

There was a question regarding the Varsity Triathlon to be held in two weeks and the Varsity Rendezvous. Both need to be publicized.

**Sea Scouts.** Mike Philbrook sent report by email:

SSS Fiesta Island sent a group to the Long Beach Invitational this past weekend. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 12 teams in attendance. Congratulations to them!

2005 Sea Scout Academy was held Feb 18-21 at YAC. It was very successful, even with the rain on Saturday that cancelled the water activities. Attendance included 40 youth, 31 adults representing six councils (one from Nevada), and 10 Ships (six local). Scouts attended from the following local units: Ships 1001, 363, 4024, 488, 727, and 8642. One unit attended from each of the following: CA Inland Empire, Long Beach, Nevada, and Western LA. The full story is posted on the web site. Plans are already underway to hold a bigger and better one next year in Feb or Mar, and a council in Wisconsin will copy our format to conduct a Sea Scout Academy at their location.

Other Sea Scout Committee considerations with no reports: 2005 Safety at Sea; 2006 Sea Badge

**LDS Relationships.** R.D. Dennis sent report by email: Mini Philmont is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2005.

**Training.** Steve Koci reporting:

Heartland is putting together a training competition for participants to complete HALT, Water Trek, Recertification, or Specialist Training, with prizes donated by A16.

See the council web site for further dates of Venturing leader training.

**Advancement/Recognition.** George Hyde reporting:

A list of award recipients was distributed. Let George know if there are more awards to be presented at Venturers Nite Out. The Hornaday Award will be presented.

Bob MacDermot is still working on a special recognition ceremony for youth receiving the Silver Award and sent a draft to be reviewed.

Two new awards were discussed: Vale la Pena Service Award and Asian American Spirit of Scouting Award to be awarded to individuals with an impact on Hispanic and Asian American youth. Discussed steps to take for unit advancement for new leaders.

Four Adviser Award of Merit will be given: Bob Swanson, Robert Yslas, Lisa James, and Barbara MacDermot. Congratulations to them!

**Activities/Civic Service.** Steve Pfeiffer reporting:

2005 Scout Fair April 23: Several crews have submitted their own booth request for the Scout Fair. 7,500-10,000 people are expected this year. Steve Koci may coordinate a geocaching event this year.

**Arts and Hobbies.** Bob MacDermot sent report by email:

The visit to Continental Data Graphics for an Auto System CAD on June 17 is still in the works with Mykka MacDermot as youth Chair. Participating youth will attend from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and they will be meeting the first requirements for Arts & Hobbies. Twenty youth are invited and lunch will be provided. A flyer will be out soon.

**Commissioner Service.**

Discussion was held concerning Roundtable and the appearance that Council has not supported the Venturing Roundtable and has withdrawn the position of Council ADC for Venturing Roundtable. At this time there is no representation on the council level and Venturing Roundtable has folded in most districts at a time when it was beginning to be successful in some areas. Mission District would like to continue and is actively searching for a volunteer to help with their Roundtable. Steve Pfeiffer will look into the possibility of holding a Venturing Roundtable at the YAC and will look at possible dates.

Discussion was also held on how Crews can help Troops in presenting troop program.

**Communications.** Jeff Barnes has finally received the password to enter input to the Venturing website; he will be doing the Venturing side and Mike Philbrook will continue to enter information for Sea Scouting. To access his email, click on the Venturing webmaster site.

Josh Rogers will send out updated Venturing leader rosters as soon as he receives updated information from others.

Scout News articles are due today. Doris Mc will ask Richard Drewery to submit an article regarding Kodiak, and Barbara MacDermot to submit an article for the Beach Weekend. Ben Pfeiffer needs to submit an article for Venturers Nite Out.

**Open Forum.**

John Cieslak is the new Council PR and Marketing person.

Steve Koci and Bob MacDermot participated in an Open House for a new Venturing unit in Tierrasanta Murphy Canyon. They encourage others to help other crews with this as it is a good way to promote the Venturing program. Steve Koci attended the Varsity Huddle.

**Adjourned:** 8:10 PM. **Next meeting:** **April 20, 2005;** 7:00 PM; Atherton Hall, Camp Balboa  
Doris McCarthy, Secretary