

International Fellowship Scouting Rotarians

Annual General Meeting - New Orleans

24 May 2011

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

1. Invocation was done by Terry King, Mississippi new member
2. Self Introductions proceeded for all those in attendance  
47 members in attendance including PRIP Cliff Dochterman and  
members from Canada, Czech Republic, Australia, Dominica BDT
3. Treasurer's Report read and approved Ralph Winter
4. Special Presentation was made by Cliff Dochterman of the Cliff  
Dochterman Award - to Larry Farnum of Arizona. Larry and wife Jeanne,  
daughter Donna Cole and husband and grandson were present to share, as  
well as President of his Rotary Club and District Governor elect of  
Larry's District in Arizona. Cliff Dochterman and BDT
5. Business Items
  - a. Report on Exhibit Area PDG GARY MOORE  
Great participation by several IFSR members staffing the booth; over  
40 new members from many different countries. Special thanks to new  
member Houston Costolo for extra help throughout
  - b. Endorsement of the disaster relief work done by Shelter Box,  
Inc and Disaster Aid. BDT

Several representatives were present from Shelter Box, and its Scouting focused literature was available for IFSR members to pick up and take back to their Rotary Clubs and Scouting units. Mention was also made of the Shelter Box web site that addresses Scouting/Shelter Box joint activities in different parts of the world responding to disasters. Shelter Box has entered into a joint agreement with The Scout Association (UK) and Boy Scouts of America. Upon recommendation of the executive team, it was moved, second and passed that

IFSR endorses the vital work of Shelter Box and Disaster Aid in responding to disasters around the world. Member are encouraged to inform Rotary Clubs and Scouting/Guiding units about the excellent work of these organizations and to jointly participate with Shelter Box and Disaster Aid in their exceptional work.

c. WAGGGS Triennial Conference Edinburgh, Scotland 11-15 July IFSR has been invited, due to the exceptional work of **Joie Hain**, to present at this Triennial Conference and both PRIP John Kenny and your President will likely assist in this important opportunity to enhance our joint work with Girl Guiding/Scouting around the world. BDT

d. 22<sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree Sweden Exhibit Booth 27 Jul - 8 Aug. **Dag and Christine Ivarsson** has done an excellent job of arranging for our IFSR Exhibit there and we have several IFSR members on the serving on the International Service Team (IST) who will also help. **Goran Hagerdal**, Rotarian and Swedish Scouts leader for the Jamboree, is helping set up one or two meetings on site for Rotarian make up. **PRIP Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar** has agreed to try to be at a meeting with us as well. BDT

e. Input re Newsletter - Special thanks to **Dan O'Brien**, Chair of our Publications Committee and to **Steven Kesler** and **Mark Francis** of the Scouting Rotarian editors, and **Steve Henning** and **Noel Beard** our web masters. Stories and photos are needed and members are urged to send them in by email ASAP to keep the publications alive and interesting. BDT

f. WOSM Consultative Status exploration. The President reported on a planned meeting to be held next week between your President and the Secretary General of the World Organization of Scout Movements, Luc Pannisau as well as World Scout Committee Chair Simon Rhee regarding a more formal linkage between IFSR and WOSM to avoid duplication of the debacle in Curitiba, Brazil, this year where we were invited to participate with an Exhibit 0but at the last minute WOSM decided to withdraw the invitation at substantial expense to us. It appears there is simply new WOSM leadership that is unfamiliar with our significant past historic partnership. BDT

g. Membership recruiting - In addition to those joining IFSR at this Convention, we need members to set up similar IFSR Exhibits around the world at District Conferences, IFSR Zone Institutes (a list of those pending was distributed to participants), PETS and GETS training programs, national and international Guiding and Scouting events - members are urged to contact your President or our Executive Secretary to volunteer to help - URGENTLY NEEDED! BDT

h. Election of Officers. The Nominating Committee report was provided and in addition Joie Hain has agreed to again serve as Vice President for World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The Nominations were moved, seconded and unanimously approved. BDT

I. GS-USA Triennial Convention in Houston 10-13 November. For the first time at a GS-USA Convention IFSR hopes to have an Exhibit there as well. We are working with current and past GS-USA leadership and invite IFSR members in that area, such as our own beloved past President Bud Allison, to put together that Exhibit! BDT

j. Reports from IFSR areas. A report on the Americas Region was summarized and presented. Also a report from Ken Scott on IFSR in the UK and their activities. BDT

k. Status of new IFSR logo. At last year's annual meeting it was m/s/p to add the WAGGGS logo to our logo. Those design recommendations were sent to RI for approval and it is still considering them along with dozens of other applications for joint use of the RI 'mark' or logo. BDT

6. Our next Annual General Meeting will be during the 6-9 May 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok - exact date and location will be known about March 2012.

7. Words for the Good of the Fellowship - members were invited to add any suggestions on how to make IFSR better or stronger. Fellowship was had by all and thence the meeting was adjourned.

Fred Gervat  
Secretary

Certified as Minutes of the Annual General meeting

Brian D. Thiessen  
President, International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians