



1969

Les
Voyageurs

CHARLES L. SOMMERS
WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

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(Would you believe?)

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AGENDA

REGION TEN CANOE BASE COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Paul, Minnesota - January 9, 1970

OPENING REMARKS

Robert D. Banks

1969 REVIEW

Clifford J. Hanson

1969 FINANCE REVIEW

Henry W. Schreiber

RANGER HOME

Clyde Sandy Bridges

"LES VOYAGEURS" - MOVIE REPORT

John M. Budd

1970 OUTLOOK

Clifford J. Hanson

1970 SUGGESTED BUDGET

Robert D. Banks

PROJECTS

Three New Buildings
Sanitation System
Needs for 1970
'Light-Pack' Foods

Clifford J. Hanson
Edward B. Chapin
Clyde Sandy Bridges
Clyde Sandy Bridges

NEW CAMP IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Kenneth G. Pringle

WILDERNESS ENCROACHMENT

Robert D. Banks

WORLD JAMBOREE - JAPAN 1971

Henry W. Schreiber

VIEWING OF OUR MOVIE - "LES VOYAGEURS"

DINNER

Summit Room

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Region Ten

CAMPING COMMITTEE MEETING
CANOE BASE

Hilton Hotel - St. Paul, Minnesota
September 27, 1969

ATTENDANCE

Robert C. Wood - Presiding

John C. Budd
Edward B. Chapin
Luther Ford
Mace Harris

Robert B. Lamont
William R. Lowe
Lyman T. Powell
J. Kimball Whitney

Paul R. Christen - Region Ten Chairman
John Shutt - Field Service Staff
Henry W. Schreiber - Regional Executive
Clifford J. Hanson - Director
Clyde S. Bridges - Asst. Director

1969 Review - Clifford J. Hanson

The 1969 season was very successful - not as big as 1968 but a much smoother operation. The attendance: 214 crews with 2715 total people; 52 crews with 614 people from Region Ten and all fifteen Region Ten Councils participating.

There were no major accidents or illnesses in 1969. No one spent a night in the hospital in Ely - a record for over 14 years. Most of the accidents were cut feet and shins on the rocks.

The success of the season again was largely due to the very fine staff working together for the improvement and benefit of the Base and the crews who participated.

We are sorry to lose Ron Walls, Assistant Base Director. He has served since 1955 in many capacities. He has completed law school and has passed the Bar Exam and has set up practice in Ely. We are very appreciative of the fact that congenial Clyde "Sandy" Bridges will be with us again. He serves as Assistant Base Director, specifically directing the trail operation at the Base.

RANGER HOME - William R. Lowe and Clyde S. Bridges

The story of completing the Ranger Home was told by William Lowe. He stated that we would be well under the \$20,000 total as approved and budgeted by this committee last year. Pictures of the exterior were displayed by Sandy Bridges. He also described the interior and the work completed to date.

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" LES VOYAGEURS " - John Budd

The cost and financing of the new Canoe Base movie was explained by John Budd. The story of the filming and production was told by Clifford Hanson. It appears to be a very fine film. When the final print is made, it will be about 25 minutes long. Mr. Budd stated he was pleased with the information about the film and the money raised to date but we still need about \$2,000. plus the money for the copies of the film.

ADDITIONS 1969 - C. Sandy Bridges

The new red guide packs were displayed by Sandy. He explained the new foods for the trail including meats, vegetables and cake mixes and how much they improve the trail menus. He also explained our experiment with the new lightweight, rip-stop nylon tents and tarps from the National Camping Service; the help and value of the new 14 foot aluminum boat and 20 horsepower motor for emergencies and for taking the fishing licenses to Prairie Portage.

SUGGESTIONS AND PLANS FOR 1970 - Clifford J. Hanson

The suggested plans for a new drying building; map and chart building which would include a photo lab were presented by Clifford Hanson. He showed suggested drawings. The old (small) sauna building will be torn down as it is rotted around the bottom of the sauna room and the building is becoming an "eye-sore". A new 10' x 14' building should be built to house the latrine facilities of the old sauna. Additional work needs to be done for ventilation in the Guide locker room and new lockers and arrangements in the other staff locker area.

SANITATION SYSTEM - Edward B. Chapin

The sanitation system was working very well this summer. The duckweed and algae has covered the lagoon. We were concerned and the U. S. Forest Service inspected it. They said this would not interfere with the processes of the lagoon but recommended that the drain pipe from the aerator be extended to the middle of the lagoon and a pipe or tube with air bubbling out the end be placed in the lagoon. It could be fastened directly to the new drain pipe. This would keep a small area open at the middle of the lagoon and help keep the water agitated.

January 9, 1970 was selected as the date for the regular winter meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



Clifford J. Hanson
Deputy Regional Executive
Director of the Charles L.
Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base

REGION TEN

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THE CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE
ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950*</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953*</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957*</u>	<u>1958</u>
Region Ten	246	217	247	480	583	534	710	789	873**	631**	920**
Other Regions	241	341	266	309	430	402	799	684	1099	927	1359
CREWS											
Region Ten	22	24	26	43	49	40	49	56	65	44	65
Other Regions	24	34	28	28	39	33	67	56	89	78	116
**	-----										
TOTAL CREWS	48	56	54	71	88	73	116	112	154	122	181
ATTENDANCE	487	558	513	789	1013	936	1509	1473	1972	1558	2279

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960*</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964*</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967*</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969*</u>
Region Ten	870	711**	968**	1196**	1044	836**	1079	855**	734**	970	727**
Other Regions	1226	736	1878	1757	2179	1872	2237	2592	2256	2666	1988
CREWS											
Region Ten	65	53	68	85	81	66	84	63	50	75	52
Other Regions	104	60	162	150	185	161	184	215	191	223	162
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TOTAL CREWS	169	113	230	235	266	227	268	278	241	298	214
ATTENDANCE	2096	1447	2846	2953	3223	2708	3316	3447	2990	3636	2715

* Jamboree Years

**Includes Scout Executive's Trip

12/4/9:s

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

Councils - States - Regions
1958 through 1969

YEAR	Councils Region X	Councils Outside	Total States	Total Regions
1958	15	68	29	8
1959	16	69	28	10
1960	14	47	21	10
1961	14	76	29	11
1962	15	83	29	10
1963	14	94	38	12
1964	13	89	33	11
1965	15	96	37	12
1966	14	107	36	12
1967	15	97	37	11
1968	15	121	36	10
1969	15	76	36	11

CANOE BASE ATTENDANCE SUMMARY FOR 1969

Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base

REGION TEN

52 Crews 538 Explorers 76 Advisors 614 Total

Crews Averaged 10.34 Explorers
Crews Averaged 1.26 Advisors
Crews Averaged 11.80 People

OUTSIDE OF REGION TEN

162 Crews 1649 Explorers 268 Advisors 1917 Total

Crews Averaged 10.17 Explorers
Crews Averaged 1.65 Advisors
Crews Averaged 11.83 People

TOTALS

214 Crews 2187 Explorers 344 Advisors 2531 Total

Crews Averaged 10.21 Explorers
Crews Averaged 1.60 Advisors
Crews Averaged 11.82 People

CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

REGION TEN	crews					attendance				
	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69
GAMEHAVEN Rochester	11	11	8	12	6	130	126	94	140	78
SIOUX Sioux Falls	9	5	6	11	5	113	53	66	140	54
TWIN VALLEY Mankato	10	3	2	3	4	116	38	24	35	52
PHEASANT Huron	4	2	3	2	3	44	22	37	31	36
BLACK HILLS Rapid City	3	4	1	3	1	32	42	15	34	12
MISSOURI VALLEY Bismarck	1	3	2	2	2	12	34	28	25	21
VIKING Minneapolis	17	13	9	17	11	194	155	104	190	124
YELLOWSTONE VALLEY Billings	7	5	2	2	1	77	62	24	23	11
LAKE AGASSIZ Grand Forks	2	2	2	4	2	23	24	23	44	20
CENTRAL MINNESOTA St. Cloud	3	1	2	2	1	28	11	24	31	20
RED RIVER VALLEY Fargo	5	3	2	6	7	61	34	23	64	82
INDIANHEAD St. Paul	9	9	9	9	5	106	100	106	99	60
GREAT PLAINS Minot	2	1	1	1	2	24	12	16	10	22
HEADWATERS Hibbing	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	15	11
LAKE SUPERIOR Duluth	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	11
TOTAL	84	63	50	75	52	971	724	595	881	614

CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

1969 SUMMARY

I ATTENDANCE

1969 was another great season with a total attendance of 2915 Explorers, Scouts, Staff and Guests.

All fifteen Region Ten Councils had crews participating, the first time in six years. We had a total of 52 crews; 538 Scouts and Explorers; 76 Advisors - for a total of 614 participating.

There were 162 crews from other Regions with 1649 Scouts and Explorers, 268 Advisors for a total of 1917.

We had 122 Staff members and 44 overnight visitors in addition to the above Scouts, Explorers and Advisors.

A grand total of 91 Councils from 11 Regions and 36 States participated during the 1969 season.

II STAFF

Our Staff continues to give the crews a true understanding of the wilderness and an experience to remember. This is the goal of every Staff man, whether he served as a guide or on the Base Staff.

We had 122 men on our Staff; 91 full time and 31 served only as Swampers. Fifty-one of the Staff were from twelve of the fifteen Councils in Region Ten. Twenty-eight States were represented by the Staff.

Clyde "Sandy" Bridges, Assistant Base Director, continued to be in charge of all trail operations and training. The six Voyageur Chiefs were responsible for guide training as well as the crews on his shift.

The Swamper Training Program was conducted by Blaine "Butch" Diesslin and was the best we have ever had. The "in Base" training was followed by the actual practice "on the trails" program and prepared the Swampers much better than in the past.

We were also very proud of the fine Waterfront Program this year, under the leadership of Hayden "Tink" Groth which emphasized safety instruction and included the wearing of the life jacket for at least a mile or more from the Base. The congenial "send off" and "welcome back" to each of the crews was an excellent moral and spirit builder this year.

Training continues to be emphasized for all of the Staff. Myron Chase of Red Wing again came to the Base and conducted an excellent course in "Living off the Land". The U. S. Forest Service and others were brought in to aid in special training. The smorgasbord again was the "highlight" of the training program.

Summary cont - (2)

III ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Last year we improved and remodeled the waterfront and it continued to be a credit to the Canoe Base. It has settled into the wilderness very nicely. The canoe storage on the hill has worked out fine and in spite of a "last" portage or two when the returning Explorers take the canoe back up the hill.

A new 20 H.P. Johnson outboard motor was purchased.

A new Smoker Craft-Marlin - 16 foot aluminum boat was purchased for emergency use and transportation to Prairie Portage with the fishing licenses etc.

New screen doors and screening were put on the front of the thirty-nine tents in "Tent City". A wonderful improvement.

The parking lot was improved both for the crews and the staff. In 1970 we will be able to use still more of the parking area that was graveled this past year. The gravel will have worked into the ground and not be as soft as it was this past summer.

Paths around the Base were improved with gravel, rock and logs.

Several of the buildings were scraped and varnished.

Three new tents and platforms were added to "Tent City".

Three new staff tents were put in the kitchen staff tent area.

A roof covering was mounted on log posts to help keep the rain off of the wood for the sauna stove. The staff nicknamed it the "Pagoda". The roof came from the pump building on the waterfront that was removed last summer.

Ten new Grumman Aluminum canoes were added to the fleet again this summer. They were purchased from the National Supply Service.

Five Seliga canoes were also added. The Seliga canoe continues to be the favorite of the staff.

Some pots, pans and a special food cart were purchased for the kitchen.

Three desks, 1 walnut and 2 metal; three desk chairs, three metal files, a book case and a typing table were purchased reasonably from the Region Ten office when it was remodeled.

An adding machine was given to the Base by Maggie Starr.

Fifty folding steel cots were purchased for staff and tent city.

Sixteen army folding cots were purchased to be used as "fill in" when more than twelve per crew arrive at the Base.

A different style paddle was purchased from Smoker Company through the Supply Service and seemed to be a better shape and quality.

Summary cont - (3)

Eight 'first mate' chairs were purchased. Four for the new Ranger Home and four for the Director's cabin.

An electric fireplace was purchased for the office along with six of the first mate chairs from the Mrs. Harris memorial fund.

Six large chairs and a clock were given to the Base by the Great Northern Railroad.

A refrigerator was given to the Base by Kathryn Marquardt.

A new fold-out daveno bed was purchased for the Director's cabin.

A new style and size pack was purchased for the guides to use as a personal pack. Sandy Bridges helped to design this pack. It is a red, pliable, impregnated plastic that is waterproof. A real favorite of the guides.

Many more books were added to the Robert Hedrick library.

A snowblower was given to the Base by Averill Kronick.

Our wonderful friend, Walter Wallace, sold his summer home on Moose Lake (the red one near the Base) and when he left he gave the Canoe Base so many things it is difficult to numerate them. There were 82 items on a list with many of them in pairs and in sets of 30 or 40 with a total value of over \$3500.00.

The gift included such items as 10 H.P. outboard motor; 16 foot boat with trailer; 2 fiberglas floats for the barge; fire pump and 200 feet of linen hose; band saw and ten spare blades; radial arm saw with seven attachments; chain saw and tools; power yard "tool" with motor, grass blades and bulldozer blades; 40 books and for Sandy's home - a Zenith combination stereo with AM/FM radio with 30 records; floor lamps and two sets of lawn furniture.

Mr. Wallace's home is in Indiana. We are going to miss him. He has given us many things in the past including the large floating barge we call "Cleopatra".

IV PROGRAM CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENT

The waterfront program and facilities was greatly improved. The system for swamping the canoes and the swimming tests was run very well. All members of every crew, including all the boys, advisors and guides wear life jackets for a mile or more from the Base on the first day to become acquainted with the use and how to put the life jacket on before an emergency.

Several new foods were used on the trail including chicken, beef and pork instead of the Argentine corned beef. New dehydrated vegetables; bacon in concentrated form as well as canned and in slab were used. Several food items were pre-packed before the crews arrived at the Base and several trail foods were heat sealed in plastic bags. These items were all of the "specific quantity per crew" foods and would not be changed by crew size.

We did some experimental work with new "rip-stop nylon" tents and tarps supplied by the National Camping Service at no cost to us. They are much lighter weight and have some changes in construction and were very well received by both staff and crew.

Summary cont - (4)

V NEW RANGER HOME

The new Ranger Home has been completed except for the reception room in the basement and some of the furnishings. Albert Koval Construction Company did the major structural and frame work. Our staff put up the wall paneling, ceiling tiles, electric work and plumbing fixtures. All the work has been inspected and approved by the electric and plumbing inspector in Ely. The beautiful carpeting in all the rooms was put in in August. The kitchen cabinets, sink, stove, refrigerator and hood were installed in July. The household furniture was in place by September. Sandy's mother made the draperies for the home.

Water from the drilled well by the dining hall and the septic tank and aerator were in operation in September. Everyone is very pleased and happy - especially Sandy Bridges.

VI LES VOYAGEURS

An excellent new 25 minute movie of the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base trail program was produced by the Empire Photosound Inc. of Minneapolis. The cost was \$25,000.00, the money was raised by Mr. John Budd, chairman of the Film Production Committee.

The Canoe Base Staff assisted in the production of the movie by serving in many capacities. Portaging; paddling, background, and as members of the cast etc. Mr. John Nemanich of Long Prairie, Minnesota and his Explorer Post were selected as the lead members of the cast. Charles Garriott of Kansas City, Kansas was picked as the representative guide. Three negro Explorers from Minneapolis participated as members of the background cast. The filming was done during July at the Base and on the trail.

The premier showing was held at the Great Northern-Northern Pacific Railroad theater on November 22, 1969.

We have borrowed the \$6200.00 needed to purchase 50 prints of the film. These prints are available for purchase by the local councils at \$125.00 each. We are encouraging the Region Ten Councils to purchase their own film.

VII FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

A HUGE CAKE was baked by our Staff. The GRAND-DADDY of them all---five feet high and six tiers tall. Each tier was built onto a six high- 8 x 8 inch cake - for a total of 366 cakes - 150 pounds of red, white and blue frosting and the cake was varied colors also----and ALL EATEN IN FIVE (5) DAYS??!!

REGION TEN

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE - 1970

Reservations

Council	Tentative	Paid
Yellowstone Valley Billings	4	-
Missouri Valley Bismarck	6	-
Lake Superior Duluth	4	-
Red River Valley Fargo	6	-
Lake Agassiz Grand Forks	4	-
Headwaters Hibbing	2	-
Pheasant Huron	-	1
Twin Valley Mankato	7	-
Viking Minneapolis	19	1
Great Plains Minot	2	-
Black Hills Rapid City	-	-
Gamehaven Rochester	6	4
Central Minnesota St. Cloud	1	1
Indianhead St. Paul	7	1
Sioux Sioux Falls	8	-

TOTAL CANOE BASE RESERVATIONS - 1970

Region Ten		Other Regions		Total		Total
Tentative	Paid	Tentative	Paid	Tentative	Paid	
75	8	28	169	103	177	280

Note: We are holding 7 paid reservations for potential cancellations.

1970

CAPITAL PROPOSED BUDGET

BASE EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY:

6 New tents for Staff @ \$80.00	\$ 480.00	
2 Typewriters - replacements @ \$325.00	650.00	
Pots and Pans for kitchen	300.00	
Additional maps and charts	100.00	\$ 1500.00

TRAIL EQUIPMENT:

15 Aluminum canoes @ \$215.00	3225.00	
5 Canvas Canoes @ \$240.00	1290.00	
Tents - Packs - Cooking Gear	2000.00	\$ 6515.00

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

6 New tent platforms for Staff @ \$70.00	420.00	
30 Screenfronts for Staff tents @ \$20.00	600.00	
Miscellaneous small projects	330.00	
Pipe extension and aeration in lagoon	150.00	
Incinerator (Burning pit)	100.00	\$ 1600.00

SPECIAL:

50 prints "Les Voyageurs" at \$125.00	6250.00	
1 film editing outfit	125.00	
Drying Building	4800.00	
Map - Chart - and Photo Lab Building	6700.00	
(new building over old sauna latrine- to be included with the above 2 buildings)		
Wood floor in Base office (part of memorial)	-	\$17875.00

ADDITIONAL NEEDS
(not in proposed budget)

Gas heater and 100 gallon tank for Staff Laundry
Washing machines for Staff Laundry

Large fan for ventilation in Staff locker room
Lockers in center TeePee
Enlargement of Teepee Lounge (this to include the porch)
Staff area lights

New movie projector
Tape recorder
Typewriter for Sandy

New pop machine for Trading Post
Coffee machine for Trading Post

10 Indian fire pumps

Toaster for the Dining Hall
Meat grinder attachment for mixer

REGION TEN

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PHILMONT ATTENDANCE 1959-1969

Council	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960*</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964*</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967*</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969*</u>
TWIN VALLEY Mankato**, Minn.	20	-	17	-	48	20	9	31	1	21	7
LAKE SUPERIOR Duluth, Minn.	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIKING Minneapolis, Minn.	26	2	14	40	6	12	28	32	63	57	89
HEADWATERS Hibbing, Minn.	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	3	15	-
INDIANHEAD St. Paul, Minn.	-	12	14	19	12	13	61	156	51	52	39
CENTRAL MINNESOTA St. Cloud, Minn.	24	-	20	10	14	-	24	1	17	12	-
GAMEHAVEN Rochester, Minn.	20	-	30	25	-	7	33	11	-	23	11
YELLOWSTONE VALLEY Billings, Montana	-	-	-	1	10	-	12	-	17	-	10
RED RIVER VALLEY Fargo, N. D.	11	1	6	1	35	32	19	41	26	21	13
LAKE AGASSIZ Grand Forks, N. D.	-	-	-	-	4	-	24	-	11	9	14
GREAT PLAINS Minot, N. D.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
MISSOURI VALLEY Bismarck	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	10	5
PHEASANT Huron, S. D.	11	7	10	6	11	-	-	35	5	5	-
BLACK HILLS Rapid City, S.D.	1	-	12	-	19	-	12	-	-	-	-
SIOUX Sioux Falls, S.D.	7	11	-	2	19	2	3	28	9	11	-
TOTALS.....	120	33	148	105	218	86	240	335	202	236	188

* Jamboree Years

** Cedar Valley and Minnesota Valley Merged

ATTENDANCE 1965 - 1969 by REGION TEN COUNCILS

These figures represent the number of boys per 100 Registered Scouts and Explorers -
who attended the C. L. Sommers Canoe Base and Philmont Scout Ranch

(This is an average for these past five years in each Council)

COUNCIL	Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base..	Philmont Scout Ranch
GAMEHAVEN Rochester, Minnesota	3.2	.46
SIOUX Sioux Falls, S. D.	2.3	.27
TWIN VALLEY Mankato, Minnesota	1.7	.45
PHEASANT Huron, S. D.	1.6	.45
BLACK HILLS Rapid City, S. D.	1.5	.11
MISSOURI VALLEY Bismarck, N. D.	1.5	.37
VIKING Minneapolis, Minn.	1.2	.45
YELLOWSTONE VALLEY Billings, Montana	1.2	.26
LAKE AGASSIZ Grand Forks, N. D.	1.1	.53
CENTRAL MINNESOTA St. Cloud, Minnesota	1.1	.58
RED RIVER VALLEY Fargo, N. D.	1.0	.49
INDIANHEAD St. Paul, Minn.	1.0	.73
GREAT PLAINS Minot, N. D.	.8	.02
HEADWATERS Hibbing, Minn.	.6	.21
LAKE SUPERIOR Duluth, Minn.	.1	.00
1969 membership based on 6/30/69 COUNCIL FIGURES		

REGION TEN

Boy Scouts of America

"PAR 100" RATINGS 1965-1969

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>1965 RATE</u>	<u>1966 RATE</u>	<u>1967 RATE</u>	<u>1968 RATE</u>	<u>1969 RATE</u>
TWIN VALLEY Mankato	TwinValley Sct. Resv.*					A
LAKE SUPERIOR Duluth	Lake Superior	B	A	A	A	B
VIKING Minneapolis	Many Point	A	A	A	B	B
HEADWATERS Hibbing	Wichingen	B	B	B	B	B
INDIANHEAD St. Paul	Tomahawk Sct. Resv.	B	A	A	A	B
CENTRAL MINNESOTA St. Cloud	Clyde	A	A	A	A	B
GAMEHAVEN Rochester	Hok Si La	A	A	A	A	A
YELLOWSTONE VALLEY Billings	Flaming Arrow	A	A	A	A	B
RED RIVER VALLEY Fargo	Camp Wilderness	A	A	A	A	A
LAKE AGASSIZ Grand Forks	Camp Wabaunaquat	A	A	A	A	B
GREAT PLAINS Minot	Metigoshe Sct. Resv.	A	A	B	A	A
MISSOURI VALLEY Bismarck	HeartButte Sct. Resv.	A	B	B	B	B
PHEASANT Huron	Iyatoka	B	B	B	B	B
BLACK HILLS Rapid City	Old Broadaxe	A	B	B	B	B
SIOUX Sioux Falls	Shetek	B	B	B	B	B
	Lewis & Clark	A	B	B	B	B

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Region Ten
CAMPING COMMITTEE MEETING
St. Paul Athletic Club
St. Paul, Minnesota
January 10, 1969
3:00 P. M.

ATTENDANCE:

	Robert D. Banks, presiding
John M. Budd	Donald B. Shank
Edward B. Chapin	Paul R. Christen, Region Ten Chairman
Luther Ford	Henry W. Schreiber, Regional Executive
Robert B. Lamont	Clifford J. Hanson, Director
William R. Lowe	Clyde S. Bridges, Assistant Director
Lyman T. Powell	Ronald W. Walls, Assistant Director
Kenneth G. Pringle	Allan D. Reishus, Business Manager

1968 REVIEW - Clifford J. Hanson

The book containing the 1968 information on attendance, activities and accomplishments was summarized. 3636 Explorers, Senior Scouts, Advisors, Staff and Guests in 298 crews made this the all time high in attendance - both individual participants and crews.

1968 FINANCE REVIEW - Henry W. Schreiber

The report was based on Region Ten figures, these will be reconciled with the National final figures when they arrive about February 15. Fee receipts - \$144,500.00; Trading Post - \$33,800.00; Capital - \$10,700.00. The operating expenditures are \$123,300.00; Trading Post - \$26,700.00; and Capital \$11,500.00. Accounts payable about \$3,000.00.

It was suggested that the words Profit and Loss be removed from the Finance Analysis sheet and replaced by - "Over or Under anticipated income."

Discussion included needs at the Base, monies spent in Canada and the items included in the budget.

1969 OUTLOOK - Clifford J. Hanson

The reservations on January 1 are as good as last year - January 1. We do not intend to operate with 12 or 13 crews a day in 1969. We will register enough to have about 10 or 11 crews per starting date. We do not anticipate a shortage of crews.

The staff will be younger this year due to Uncle Sam and college courses plus the ol' timers graduating. We are in need of an assistant cook and maintenance men. Young staff applications are heavy this year. Allan Reishus was appointed Assistant Base Director.

PROJECT REPORTS

Ranger Home - William R. Lowe

The excavation and basement walls are completed and the basement floor will be poured when the building covers it. The studdings and floor joists are being put up now. The rain and heavy snow has slowed the work to-date. The last of February most of the interior paneling should be done. "We are within the budget and have a darn nice house".

\$13,500 is the present construction cost of the house but added are excavation costs; water and sewage. The well at the water tank will be used with about 180 feet of special piping. Sandy Bridges has put in the areator tank and from that connected to the regular sewer system. \$20,000 has been authorized and this will include electric heat, carpeting, fixtures, plumbing and furniture.

Ranger Report - Clyde S. Bridges

The water and sewer projects that are completed was explained. Snow has been a real problem; the road has been kept open; snowmobile transportation is a problem due to the deep snow; the snow on the roofs of the buildings has been kept shoveled off and the buildings have survived; a gas heater was given to Sandy and used in the cabin for a real improvement in comfort; many visitors in spite of the snow.

Safety Program - Clyde S. Bridges

The Safety Program for 1969 includes the review of several possibilities pertaining to the "call for help on the trails".

(a) The possible use of signal flares and smoke flares was explained. Some samples have been tested. They have the full approval of the local men of the Canadian Rangers and the U.S. Forest Service but the higher officials have not been approached by us at the present time.

(b) Radio communications have been discussed with local Canadian and U.S. Forest Service men who approve of this program but it has not gone beyond them. The possibility of radios located at fire towers etc. was explained. He pointed out that a short wave radio made by Johnson Company of Waseca, Minnesota was the one that the Canadian Rangers use at a cost of \$185.00 plus \$40.00 to \$60.00 for antenna, depending upon size and height.

(c) First aid kits proved very helpful and were very well accepted last summer. They will be continued.

(d) Randy Kits will also be continued - the new ones developed for last summer.

(e) The First Aid Course in Denver was attended by Sandy Bridges and was aimed at exactly the kind of potential problems we have at the Base and on the trails. An excellent course and will be very helpful to Staff and the Base.

1969 New Trail Items - Clyde S. Bridges
New food items are being investigated as well as some already selected to be added for 1969. These items will be light in weight, more nutritious - some even cheaper than the foods they replace. In 1968 we used a new noon meal supplement called Hudson Bay Bread - some enriched cookied (hard tack bread) - some extra fortified candy and other experimental foods, most of them very good.

We also experimented with a vinyl waterproof pack. It was so well accepted by the Staff that we plan to supply one for each guide in 1969.

SPECIAL NEEDS IN 1969 - Ronald W. Walls

The items as listed in the 1968 summary book for the 1969 budget were quickly reviewed and their need explained. Several items on the "Additional Needs Not in the Budget" items were pointed out as being as important as many of the budgeted items. These included the definite replacement of 550 feet of 2" black pipe in the main water lines; a water pipeline to the parking lot; the real need of at least 10 Indian Fire Pumps; vent fan in the Staff locker room; chairs in the reception office and the staff accommodations both the sleeping and locker areas. Discussion followed each suggestion. Robert D. Banks appointed Ron Walls, Sandy Bridges and Cliff Hanson as a "committee" to come up with ideas and suggestions for improving the guide locker room.

It was moved that up to \$3200. be used for the above projects by John Budd - seconded by Luther Ford - carried.

MOVIE OF THE CANOE BASE - Henry W. Schreiber

It was explained that the old movies now being used to promote the Canoe Base were not of the Base but on a canoe expedition. We need one of our Base.

Four years ago we were granted a gift of \$5,000. from a foundation toward a film of our Base that is still being held for us. It was pointed out that our need was three fold: (1) to promote the Base, (2) to inform the young men, advisors and their parents about the Base and (3) to be used as entertaining information for civic or service clubs and T.V. showings. General discussion followed on needs, uses and questions answered.

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John Budd offered to make some additional contacts for money to make this proposed film. \$25,000. was the former quoted price and it was recommended that we continue with the same company.

Still pictures, color and black and white to be made also.

1969 BUDGET - Robert D. Banks

The proposed 1969 budget of a total of \$184,700.00 based on 275 crews was presented, reviewed and approved. John Budd made the motion for approval - seconded by Luther Ford - carried.

The "Special and Additional Needs" were again reviewed and William Lowe moved - seconded by Luther Ford, 'that the total expenditures for these items be \$4,000. instead of \$3,200. exclusive of the movie but to include a new fold-out bed davenport for the Director's cabin. Motion carried.

HI ADVENTURE PROJECT - Robert D. Banks

The National request for "Hi-Adventure" possibilities was reviewed.

(a) Big Sky Country - William Lowe

Several relief maps of a proposed area was used by William Lowe to show where this back packing, hiking, horseback riding and pack train program could be conducted. The area is basically along the Montana and Wyoming borders, between Red Lodge and Cook City in Montana down into Wyoming to Yellowstone National Park. This is beautiful, high, rugged mountain country with Granite Peak, 12,799 ft. elevation, highest mountain in Montana in the center of the area. Groups could start from a central point, hike out in circles and return to the base camp or into areas to be picked up by bus. It is all National Forest land, surrounded by private property. A part of a film taken by an Explorer Post in this area was shown.

(b) Dakota - Ol' West Country - Robert B. Lamont

Maps and pictures were shown of the area with a group on the trails. This area starting in the "Teddy Rossevelt" country to a man-made lake on the Missouri River. "History and the Plains", covered wagon, hiking, pack train or combination of these would be the interest focus. There would be help for this program from people in the area. A sheet with ideas and explanation was distributed. Discussion followed - ideas as geological camps, etc.

(c) Science and Conservation Projects - Donald B. Shank

The setting up of many types of projects and activities in connection with Universities, conservationists, Forest Service and businesses. Examples: the work witht the group now working near Ely on wolf study and many special study groups throughout the country; the work with

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Conservation Departments, studies of fish, water, animals etc. It was also suggested that some programs could be developed with State and National Historical Societies for studies.

NEW LOOK IN CAMPING COMMITTEE - Paul R. Christen

The need to develop a greater interest and desire to meet the needs for better and possibly bigger camps to handle the Boy Power '76 program was pointed out. One way would be to help the Council Camping Committees by encouraging the improvement in camp properties, program and facilities and become acquainted with the other camps in Region Ten. The "chairman" of this group to be a member of the present Region Ten Camping Committee. Kenneth G. Pringle has been appointed Chairman of this Committee.

JAMBOREE - Henry W. Schreiber

The Committee was urged to visit the National Jamboree at Farragut, Idaho this summer..July 16-22.

John Budd and John Parish are on the Jamboree Committee. The Region is planning to have a 'plane load' go out - visit overnight and return the next day. The Camping Committee is urged to make use of this opportunity.

Each Committeeman was presented with a ceramic tile with the Canoe Base emblem on it.

Respectfully submitted,



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