

**North American Division
Camp Ministries Committee Minutes
Leoni Meadows
Grizzly Flats, California
April 28, 2003**

Chairperson: James Black

**Vice Chair/
Secretary:** Bill Wood

Members Present: Scott Baker, Gwen Bader, James Black, Bruce Christensen, Roger Henderson, Anthony Kelly, Ron McBroom, Richard Parker, Elden Ramirez, Carl Swafford, Phil Younts, Allan Williamson

Guests: Debra Brill, Bob Kobielish, Betty Swintz

Prayer Requests: Roy Parham and family - recovery from stroke, Atlantic Union College, Camp Au Sable - year round staff - summer staff, Norther California Conference - formation of board of missions for Leoni Meadows how to reach people for Christ more effectively, Man-Sas youth group - Mexico mission trip, Southern Union Conference new President, Roger/Debbie Henderson - sustain them in their work, SARS epidemic - how it will affect camps this summer, all Christian camps, Camp Professionals children

Prayer: Group prayers by two

Committee Actions:

03-01 Voted Approval of Minutes
To accept the minutes from the April 29, 2002 meeting held in at Pine Lakes Retreat center, Groveland, Florida

03-02 Voted Risk Record of ACA/Non ACA Accredited Camps
That RMS provide data to the NAD Camp Committee that shows that ACA accreditation actually reduces liability/accident costs to justify higher insurance costs of non ACA accredited camps. That implementation of higher insurance assessments for non ACA camps be suspended until this data is presented to support difference in insurance premiums for non ACA camps. (Request letter will express our we appreciation to ARM for their interest in helping the NAD provide safer camps.)

03-03 Voted ACA Endorsed Equestrian Programs
To recommend to ARM to accept ACA endorsed equestrian programs.
Note: (This request specifically came from Esther Lorensen, to have her Equestrian Management Workshop accepted by RMS)

- 03-04 Voted** **Subcommittee For 2004 NAD Youth Leadership Convention**
To form subcommittee to suggest workshop subjects for the 2004 NAD Youth Ministries Leadership Convention. Members of Committee: Richard Parker - Chairman, Carl Swafford, Allan Williamson.
- 03-05 Voted** **AACP/CCI Joint Membership**
To support the idea of AACP looking into possibility of combining AACP/CCI membership dues. CCI dues would be at a discounted rate depending on number of camps that join. CCI membership fees would be paid by one check to CCI.
- 03-06 Voted** **Malcom Gordon Appreciation Award**
To affirm the contributions of Elder Malcom Gordon in his service to Adventist Christian Camping. Elder James Black will present the award at the 2003 AACP Convention
- 03 -07 Voted** **Wage and Salary Issues**
To establish a Task Force committee to continue the study of the wage and salary issues pertaining to camps and retreat centers. **Committee members: Ron McBroom - chairman, Phil Younts, Bruce Christensen**
- 03-08 Voted** **Camp Remuneration Concerns**
To recommend to the North American Division officers to consider salaries and wages paid to Camp Ministries Professionals and support staff as part of the official remuneration scales as published in NAD denominational Remuneration guidelines and to research and recommend appropriate percentages there of.
- 03-09 Voted** **Remuneration Legal Issues**
To ask NAD legal counsel to research salary and wage compliance with federal and state laws as related to summer camp staff.
- 03-10 Voted** **NAD Camp Committee Date**
That the next NAD Camp Committee be held at Camp Mivoden, April 19 – 20, 2004.
- 03-11 Voted** **To Adjourn**

Bill Wood
Secretary

Camp Facilities Reports

1. Newfoundland - Camp Woody Acres struggling - leadership - not sure whether camp will operate this summer
2. Cohutta Springs - AC in cabins, new campfire bowl, re configuring of cabins to make them family usable.
3. Camp Kulaqa - wave pool, water park recreational area, tug of war pit, limbo lane, stage, lazy float river, accommodating 500 youth, new gym floor - sports court floor. Pine Lakes Retreat center - driving range. Stillwaters Lodge - new entrance
4. Costs of operating camps going up - health insurance, energy costs, workman compensation issues, et
5. Sunset Lake camp - new cabins, administration building, new road to entrance, Big Lake - 3000 campers in summer, try to lease another 20 acres - may get it, build multi purpose building, voted for assistant ranger, Ida-Heaven - gave back to the conf 20,000, camps are full after brochures went out, Alaska camps - Ginger Pifher running camp in Alaska, Camp Mivoden - three directors division of responsibilities each one on 10 hours - two days off each week.
6. Montana - may purchase property in Georgetown Lake area
7. Camp Mohaven - extend invitation to military personnel both children and adults. 8. Southern Adventist University masters degree in Outdoor Education, has done quite well, 60% of students non SDA Christians, BA degree in Outdoor Education.
7. Glacier View - new cabins, Northstar Camp - new cabins, new boat, Camp Heritage - camp fire bowl, new bunk beds, AC in cabins.
8. Camp Akita - cabins, new lodge, new development, Illinois purchased property about 2 - 3 years ago. South Atlantic Conference - new auditorium, convention center complex
9. Lone Star Camp - multi purpose youth center, Nameless Valley Ranch - struggles,
10. Camp AuSable - revamping campfire sites, new fort, new boys village cabins - making family friendly, planning committee, possibility of new kitchen/cafeteria.
11. Camp Wagner - in operation 43 years, 1st ACA site visit this summer,

Risk Management Issues

1. School, Pathfinders, camps all under the same umbrella. Could camps be separated out. It was felt that maybe we should leave this issue alone but worth checking out.
2. RMS share specific information with camp professionals. Do figures they have tell the whole story. Need specific data to concerning rates that apply to the camp. Would like to have more specific information to evaluate whether we are really getting our dollars worth.
3. RMS has been tasked to develop a Volunteer Information forms that would be adaptable to all volunteer positions sponsored by the church.

4. Ron McBroom from Leoni Meadows is asking for a quote from Church Mutual insurance operations of Leoni Meadows except for the property. Ron will share his findings with those who are interested.

Marketing Issues

1. Need for better marketing to attract our own denominational organizations to utilize SDA camp/retreat centers.
2. Discussed possibility of bring a Christian camping marketing expert to conduct some marketing training that would meet these needs. Suggested names: Mark Fisher - Forest Home - 909 389 2300
3. New NAD Camp brochure was discussed and talked about ways to market this brochure.

AACP Report

1. May 1 membership drive for renewals - 40 have joined - 13 in process sending in membership.
2. Two new camps - Camp Sagola - Michigan, Bois Francs - Canada
3. Unions camp to have own AACP sectionals
4. AACP brouchers - Pacific Press producing
5. Goals - mission project expand over two years, requests from Bahamas to help start camp.
6. Revise AACP certification - think about utilizing CAIRN Series