

June 30, 1982

REVIEW COMMITTEE - CRAIG MARKINSON

On Monday, June 28, 1982, a review committee consisting of Messrs. Ron Walsh, Lee Peake, Dick Pohli, and Tom Klitgaard (chairman) met with Craig Markinson to discuss the charges that had been reported to him in a letter of June 3, 1982, from Ron Walsh. The meeting was held at the offices of Tom Klitgaard, 225 Bush Street, Room 2057, San Francisco, and lasted for approximately an hour and a half.

1. Procedure:

The review committee discussed the charges that had been made and Mr. Markinson's response as set forth in his June 6 letter. The committee then heard from Mr. Markinson concerning the allegations and his admission of showing the pornographic movie to one Scout. We then recessed the proceeding and discussed the evidence and the additional information provided by Mr. Markinson. Finally, the committee informed Mr. Markinson of its determination of this matter.

2. Conclusion and recommendations:

After extensive deliberation, the committee reached the following determination on the allegations that have been made and on Mr. Markinson's own admissions of wrongdoing:

a. The review committee could find no clear evidence of the truth in the charges set forth in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the June 3 letter based upon the evidence available to the committee, and recommends those charges be considered unfounded;

b. The committee found that the showing of a pornographic movie to one Scout, as admitted by Mr. Markinson, was a grievous error in judgment and is unacceptable conduct for a Scoutmaster, whose conduct in all instances should be above reproach;

c. The committee recommended that the suspension of Mr. Markinson's registration imposed by local council should be withdrawn. However, the committee recommended that Mr. Markinson be put on probation on the following terms and conditions:

i. Mr. Markinson is not to have any contact with members of any Boy Scout troop in a leadership capacity for a period of two years; this probation will be subject to a review after one year. Mr. Markinson will not be prohibited from associating with members of troops in a non-leadership capacity, as where he may be participating in a camporee or some similar event;

ii. Mr. Markinson will be permitted to retain his registration as a Scouter and to participate in activities of the Scouts as a member at large of the Serra District, confining his work to projects involving adults such as adult training, audio-visual work, and planning the various Scout events.

3. Basis for determination:

The decision not to recommend termination of Mr. Markinson's registration in the Boy Scouts was based upon the fact that he has served over 18 years in the Boy Scouts with exemplary conduct and at no time in the past has been charged with any wrongdoing; that he had been a Scout leader of troop 369 for over six years without any previous charge of wrongdoing being made against him; that there was some evidence that the mother of the two boys may have had some antagonism towards Mr. Markinson which may have had some impact upon the boys; and finally on the ground that one of the charges was very old, covering events that allegedly took place more than a year ago.

4. Notice to Mr. Markinson:

The review committee informed Mr. Markinson of its recommendation, and Mr. Markinson said that he would accept the recommendation of the review committee and would abide by the terms of his probation. He said that he did not intend to seek any further review.

We informed Mr. Markinson that the letter of June 3 from Ron Walsh, and the other matters relating to this case, would be treated as confidential by the Boy Scouts, with access only being given to other persons on a need-to-know basis. We told him that if he were to transfer to another council, it might be necessary to disclose this information to the council at the time of the proposed transfer. Finally, we told Mr. Markinson that we would send him a copy of this report for his files.

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