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TO

REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS, COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES

AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

SUBJECT

CLARIFICATION ON THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE TO WOSM

This is to clarify the provision regarding the budget allocation for the annual registration fee of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) to the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) indicated in National Office Memorandum No. 22, series of 2016 dated March 30, 2016 for proper guidance of all concerned, viz:

- 1. While it is true that National Office Memorandum No. 22, series of 2016 dated March 30, 2016, explicitly states that ₱5.00 is the estimate allocation earmarked to pay the annual registration fee of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) to the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) out of the ₱50.00 registration fee collected from each registrant, the said memorandum does not, in any way, provide that the said ₱5.00 should be held in trust at the National Office for purposes of the annual registration fee payment of the BSP to WOSM. The aforesaid memorandum does not also provide any information that a trust fund is purposely created for the sole purpose of annual registration fee payment to WOSM.
- 2. The very crux of the aforementioned memorandum is only to explain in simplest terms to the public and to the stakeholders of the BSP on how the individual registration fee of P50.00 is being budgeted on a per capita basis. In fact, there was never a decision made by the National Council (NC) and the National Executive Board (NEB) of the BSP that the P5.00 should be held in trust nor a decision was made by the NC and NEB for that matter.
- 3. The mere fact that the duly approved annual Corporate Operating Budget (COB) of the BSP correctly reflects that our annual registration fee to WOSM is classified as EXPENSE ACCOUNT is a clear indication that the said fee to WOSM is not a trust fund held at the National Office.
- 4. As observed, most National Scout Organizations (NSOs) which are bonafide members of the WOSM, are charged by the latter with an annual registration fee based on varying factors such as strength of membership, paying capability, economic situation, and among others which constantly pave the way for open negotiation between WOSM and NSOs as regards the amount of annual registration fee.

For information and guidance.

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