

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Canon S.P.Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E.Barber; D/P/S/Cs Mr. D.G.Lace & Mr. H.W.Shearsmith; A/D/P/S/Cs Messrs. I.H.Magang, L.M.Seepe and S.H.Mbambo; Rev. P.T.Leresche, Rev.Dr.J.Dexter Taylor, Rev. J.E.Hallendorff and Rev.Fr.Trelawney-Ross C.R., Mr. L.I.Venables and Mr. S.Mashupye; The Hon. Stock Supervisor Mr. C.Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. H.W.Rist, Mr. E.Lithebe, the Hon. Secty. Mr. J.P.Rees, the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner Mr. Rheinallt Jones and Mr. E.A.Otto Peetz (resigning Hon. Treasurer).

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) Gilwell Training Course. Capt. Barber proposed that a Training Course be held in Easter this year, and he was of the opinion that the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council should subsidise such a Course. After discussion it was felt that the sum of £10. would suffice to cater for a maximum number of twelve officers, but that should this be exceeded, the Council could review the matter.

It was proposed by Capt. Barber and seconded by Mr. Magang that a Gilwell Training Course be held at Florida over the Easter holidays, and that a sum of £10 be voted for this purpose.

A G R E E D.

It was agreed that the Secretary write to the Transvaal Boy Scouts Gilwell Training Team, after dates had been fixed, asking them if it would be possible for them to assist in the running of the Course. The Secretary was asked to circularise the Troops about the Course. A member of the Council stressed the necessity of selecting the personnel of this Course and also maintaining a high standard.

(b) Nomination of D/P/S/Cs for Johannesburg. Mr. Shearsmith briefly outlined the steps which had already been taken in this matter in order to familiarise the Chairman with the facts.

A Sub Committee had been appointed which recommended the division of Johannesburg into 8 separate districts, each with its own D/P/S/C and preferably all to be Bantu.

The Chairman criticised this point of view and preferred a system more uniform with rules applicable to the European Scout Association in which senior officers were first appointed D/S/Ms and subsequently promoted to A/D/Cs and higher ranks.

Several suggestions were made in this connection and ultimately it was agreed to rank as Acting A/D/P/S/Cs all new officers nominated to manage districts, while former A/D/P/S/Cs, now to run districts, would hold their former ranks. The Acting rank was to be confirmed subject to satisfactory service.

With reference to the 8 districts suggested, Mr. L.I.Venables stated he preferred a division more along the lines of population to that of area, and made certain suggestions. After a few minor ammendments to these suggestions by Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Magang, the following scheme was / unanimously

unanimously agreed to :-

District 1. Joh'bg city (South of Commissioner street) -
Vemmer Township - Ophirton - Rosettenville - Eastern
Native Township (George Goch) - Municipal boundary on the
East. (In charge of D/P/S/C Mr. Shearsmith and Mr. Magang,
A/D/P/S/C)

District 2. West of Ophirton - Municipal boundary & South of
railway line - Vrededorp - Newtown (Actg. A/D/P/S/C
Mr. Mashupye)

District 3. Western Native Township (natural boundary being
fence between Western Native Township & Newclare)
(Fr. Ross to investigate who can take charge)

District 4. Newclare.
(Investigation into appointment)

District 5. Sophiatown & Martindale
(Actg. A/D/P/S/C Fr. Ross)
(Natural boundary = tramline between Sophiatown & Western
Native Township)

District 6. Diepkloof - Orlando Native Township.
(Actg. A/D/P/S/C Mr. Maseko)

District 7. Kliptown - Pinville
(A/D/P/S/C Mr. L.M. Seepe)

District 8. Alexandra Native Township.
(Actg. A/D/P/S/C Mr. Masilela)

It was noted as advisable and desirable that all senior officers should endeavour to achieve a high standard of Scouting through a Gilwell Training Course.

(c) Supervision of Country Troops. Several letters had been received from Country Troops drawing attention to apparent neglect of encouragement from Divisional Headquarters. Country Troops, especially those in isolated districts, hardly, if ever, received the necessary attention due from Commissioners.

Mr. Nicholls in consequence appealed to the Council to give this important factor due consideration. After a brief discussion it was decided to leave this matter over until such time as the reorganisation of the Witwatersrand area had been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Prompted by his inability to attend Council meetings and not by any slackening of interest in the Pathfinder Scout Movement, Rev. H.V. Rist of Kilnerton Institution, Pretoria, wrote to tender his resignation from membership of the Council. In his letter was embodied a good report of the Pathfinder Scouting done by the 1st Pretoria Troop.

The Chairman suggested to the Council that he could undertake to write to Rev. Rist and ask him to fill the vacant office of District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner for Pretoria, thus becoming an Ex Officio member of the Council. He added that he did not consider Mr. Rist's inability to attend should preclude him from continuing his valuable work.

(ii) In reply to a letter from Mr. Nicholls to the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, re designs of Proficiency badges for Pathfinder Scouts, the Chairman stated that the designs had been completed by the Arts Lecturer at the Pretoria University and were forwarded to him and he would send these to the Secretary *Chief P/H Sc. Comm.*

(iii) Randfontein Troop. It was noted that there was every likelihood of this Troop becoming very active again.

/ FINANCE.

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FINANCE. The resignation of Mr. Peetz as Hon. Treasurer was noted with deep regret.

Mr. Nicholls reported that the books were all written up to 1st December, 1937 and these had been forwarded to the Hon. Auditor as requested. Unfortunately, Mr. Paul Gardiner, the Hon. Auditor, found that it would not be possible to do this audit until the beginning of March 1938, as he was too busy.

The Financial Statement drawn out by Mr. Peetz for October and November conjointly, was presented by Mr. Nicholls as follows:-

Bank Balances on 30th November, 1937 were £29. 2. 10 in No.1 a/c and £87. 2. 7 in No.2 a/c. The Petty Cash Balance at the same date was 12/7.

The old account with the Boy Scouts Association, Joh'burg was squared off by a final payment of £30 in December. The shop now had no liabilities other than small current accounts for stationery etc.

A few donations were received which would be reflected in the Financial Statement for December, and the stock sales in the shop were also showing improvement.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked Mr. Nicholls for the amount of good work he had done in connection with the shop, the finance work and acting for the Secretary while on leave Overseas.

Special mention was also made of the resigning Hon. Treasurer Mr. Peetz and the Chairman hoped he would continue his interest in the Movement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Finance Committee recommended to the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council

(a) that each member of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council help to find a suitable successor to Mr. Peetz as Hon. Treasurer.

Noted.

(b) That an increment of £1. 0. 0 be made to the Assistant Secretary's salary as from January 1st, 1938. The recommendation was made in view of the fact that no suitable Messenger had been found since the discharge of Egbert Molatedi last September, and the Assistant Secretary had, on his own initiative, suggested working longer hours, thus making it possible for him to carry out all the duties at the Office. The scheme had been tried for three months and proved successful and the services of a Messenger could be dispensed with.

There was no objection to this recommendation.

(c) That a considerably abridged form of the Price List in use at the European local Scout shop, containing no superfluous matter whatever, be printed at a cost of £7. 10. 0 for 500 copies of a 10 - 12 page booklet, as quoted by Messrs. Ellams & Co.

Unanimously Agreed.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. Capt. Barber reported on the amount of hard work Mr. D.G.Lace, D/P/S/C for Krugersdorp, was doing for the cause of Pathfinder Scouting. He had received an invitation from Mr. Lace to come and enrol several Troops which he had recovered, and he was impressed with their keenness. He noticed that these Troops were now listed for registration on the Agenda for the meeting, and he / recommended

recommended their approval by the Council.

The list of appointments and registrations as scheduled for this meeting was approved en bloc.

GENERAL. Capt. Barber, on behalf of the Council, extended a hearty welcome to Canon Woodfield on his return from Overseas. Several members of the Council associated themselves with these remarks.

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The Chairman, Canon S.P. Woodfield, Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner (Transvaal Division), thanked the members for their warm welcome to him and particularly for their ~~scruples~~ in having so successfully done the work for him, as he noticed from records of the minutes of the meetings held during his absence.

Registration Circular. The Chairman highly commended the circular re Registrations etc. drawn out by Mr. C. Nicholls, Acting Honorary Divisional Secretary, and hoped all concerned would endeavour to follow out the instructions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for 23rd February, 1938.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 6.20 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. F/S Com. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. F/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber; Miss. Monica Warner (By special request); D/T/S/C Mr. D.G. Lace; A/D/T/S/Cs Messrs. I.H. Nageng and L.V. Seepe; Mr. E. Lithebe, Mr. S. Mashupe, Mr. K.N. Fleischer and Mr. L.I. Venables; Rev. G. Westphal, Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, Rev. Fr. C. Bouffard and Rev. Fr. Trelawney-Ross C.R., The Hon. Stock Supervisor Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, the Hon. Secretary Mr. J.F. Rees and D/T/S/Cs H.W. Shearsmith Esc., and Rev. S.M. Roberts.

WELCOME TO MR. R.M. STRACHAN. Mr. Nicholls introduced Mr. R.M. Strachan who had very kindly offered to act as Hon. Treasurer for the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. Strachan for his kind offer and extended him a hearty welcome.

MINUTES. Prior to confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated and were taken as read, the following corrections were made:-
Under the heading Correspondence (ii) "Normal College" instead of University and "Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner" instead of Secretary. Under General para. 2 "Zeal" was preferred to scruples.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Gilwell Training Course. The Actg. Hon. Div. Secty Mr. Nicholls reported that Capt. Barber had suggested the 9th - 14th April, 1938 for the holding of the Gilwell Training Course for Pathfinder Scout Officers. The letter to the Deputy Camp Chief Mr. B. Hart had been written and his reply was still to come. The Circular Letter to troops would be despatched after definite arrangements were made with Mr. B. Hart, and the dates of the Course fixed with the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner. An appeal was made to members of the Council for volunteers to assist in the running of the Course. The Chairman noted that Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones would not be available in Johannesburg till after Easter, and undertook to write to him about the dates of the Course and whether his grounds would be available for this purpose.

Reorganisation of Districts. Fr. Ross reported on his extensive tour of the districts he was asked to cover. It appeared there were only five active Troops, namely, at St. Cyprian's School and at the Wesleyan School in Sophiatown, St. Francis in Martindale, American Board Mission School and the Dutch Reformed School in Western Native Township. In the old Newclare location there is only one School and the Movement had died out some time back in this school. The Principal of the school was, however, willing to do all he could to revive Pathfinder Scouting.
/ Fr. Ross

Fr. Ross suggested that as a temporary measure it would be advisable to combine Districts 3 - 5 (as adopted in the Reorganisation Plan) under one A/D/P/S/C until such time as District Officers were available. He volunteered to act as A/D/P/S/C for all these areas for the time being.

The Council accepted this suggestion with thanks.

District 6. Diepkloof - Orlando. Mr. S.H.Maseko expressed regret at his being unable to accept the request made to him in view of the pressure of work entailed by his present occupation.

District 7. Kliptown - Pimville. Mr. L.M.Seepe was asked to revert to the alternative which had been discussed previously that he should manage District 6. Mr. L.I.Venables suggested the Superintendent Of Pimville as a likely person to supervise Pathfinder Scout work in District 7. The Superintendent was an Ex-Scoutmaster and would probably be keen on taking an office of this nature. Capt. Barber was accordingly asked to communicate with the Superintendent of Pimville and Mr. L.I.Venables offered to cooperate in any way he could.

District No.8. Alexandra Native Township. There was no reply from Mr. Masilela as regards the request made to him to supervise Pathfinder Scout work in Alexandra Township.

D/P/S/C for Pretoria. Rev. H.W.Rist of Kilnerton replied to the Chairman that his hands were already full and he would not be able to do justice to his appointment as D/P/S/C for Pretoria. His interests would now be mainly centred on the 1st Pretoria Group, viz. Kilnerton. The name of Rev. Palmer was then suggested and Mr. K.N.Fleischer was asked to get into touch with him on the matter in question.

Appointment of new Treasurer. The Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. R.M.Strachan as Hon. Treasurer for the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council. Mr. Nicholls formally moved and Mr. Magang seconded

- (a) that Mr. Strachan be appointed Hon. Treasurer to the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council with effect from that date.
- (b) that the Bank Signatory Advice forms be amended by the deletion of the name of Mr. E.A.Otto Feetz and the substitution therefor of the name of Mr. R.M.Strachan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Rev. S.M.Roberts, D/P/S/C of Roodepoort, wrote to tender his resignation from membership of the Council. This had been prompted by additional missionary work given to him and he suggested the name of Rev. Woodward as a suitable successor to him. The resignation was accepted with regret and the Chairman undertook to write to Rev. Woodward as suggested.

(ii) The Chairman brought to the notice of the Council a letter which he had received from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who would be pleased to receive articles of interest on social work akin to Pathfinder Scouting in South Africa. Manuscripts accompanied by / up to date

up to date photographs would be highly appreciated. The Chairman pointed out that the request was a result of a contribution he had first made in the form of a history of the Pathfinder Movement.

Mr. Nicholls submitted to the Chairman a letter and two snapshots which had recently been received from Rev. L.Veillet, P/S/M - 1st Port Nolloth Troop, Namaqualand, and he was of the opinion that a report on this Troop despatched with the two snapshots would be a worthy contribution to the appeal made.

The Chairman commended these snapshots and undertook to reply to Rev. Veillet's letter. He appealed to the Council for a concrete response to the request the S.F.G was making.

(iii) A brief report on Pathfinder Scouting in the Louis-Trichardt area was received from Acting D/P/S/C

Mr. D.C.Marivate. He very much regretted the resignation of his A/D/P/S/C Mr. E.A.Tlekula on account of health reasons.

(iv) Letters of request for Enrolment were received from Schildpadfontein and the Chairman decided to go out for this purpose on the 4th and 5th March, 1938. He further mentioned that he would be pleased to receive invitations re Enrolment of Troops, wherever such help was required.

(v) The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner sent to the Div. P/S Com. Canon S.P.Woodfield a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Flag" and he recommended Troops to equip themselves with a copy of same.

Mr. Nicholls (Hon. Stock Supervisor) stated that arrangements were being made to introduce this pamphlet into stocks for sale at the Pathfinder Scout shop.

FINANCE.

Mr. R.M.Strachan, newly appointed Treasurer, presented a Preliminary Statement reflecting on the 31st January, 1938 a Bank Balance of £40.1.1 in No.1 a/c and £68.2.3 in No.2 a/c. Except for minor current accounts, the shop had no debts and the figures mentioned reflected a fairly satisfactory working basis for the shop, subject to improvement with more trade.

Mr. Strachan undertook to draw up a Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1937 and this would be a forerunner to certified figures to be obtained after the intended half yearly audit, April - September, 1937, had been effected.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. The appointments and registrations as listed were approved en bloc.

GENERAL.

Miss. Monica Warner was at this stage presented with her Warrant as P/C/M - 1st Johannesburg Pathfinder Cub Pack, with due ceremony. The Chairman paid great tribute to her work.

(b) Mr. K.N.Fleischer stated that he had great pleasure in notifying the Council of the recognition given to the Pathfinder Scout Association as a Movement, by its admission to the International Bureau of the world-wide movement of Scouting as composed of the European, Coloured and Bantu sections.

(c) Official Note Paper. In view of the changed status of the Pathfinder movement and the cession of Office by the / late

late Governor General, The Earl of Clarendon, several changes were necessary in the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Divisional Headquarters' official notepaper. The matter needed the immediate attention of the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, but as he was busily engaged with parliamentary affairs Capt. Barber suggested that a request be made to him to authorise his Executive Committee to summon a S.A. Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council meeting to discuss and decide on any important matters which waited on him as Chairman of the Council. New Pathfinder Scout membership cards also could not be printed till a draft had been designed and approved by the S.A. Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council.

The Div. P/S Com. Canon S.F. Woodfield undertook to write to the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, on these points.

(d) Mr. D.G. Lace, D/P/S/C for Krugersdorp -- Randfontein, thought it advisable to keep stocks in the Pathfinder Scout shop of official writing pads and correspondence cards for members of the Transvaal Division of the Pathfinder Scout Association.

The Hon. Stock Supervisor Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls promised to go into the matter.

Mr. Lace also thought it wise for D/P/S/Cs to notify one another of transfers of Pathfinder Scouts from one Troop to another.

In reply it was pointed out that the Membership Card served this purpose.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for the 23rd March, 1938.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 5.55 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber; A/D/P/S/C L.M. Seepe and Actg. A/D/P/S/C Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., Rev. Fr. C. Bouffard; Mr. L.I. Venables and Mr. K.N. Fleischer; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P. Rees and the Asst. Secty.

APLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones (C.S.F.C.), Mr. H.W. Shearsmith Rev. P.T. Leresche, Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor and Mr. E. Lithebe.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp Site. Capt. Barber said he would look at possible sites in Orlando when he visited Mr. Ferriera.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Headquarters, was read, requesting that the Council send him any suggestions they wished to make in regard to the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Maritzburg or Durban about July 14th, 1938.

It was decided to suggest to the Committee for their consideration :

- (a) designs of Proficiency Badges for Pathfinder Scouts additional to the Scout Proficiency Badges;
- (b) the need for a uniform design of Membership Cards;
- (c) the need for a strong support of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Shop by all Divisions of the Association.

With regard to the Census figures required by Headquarters, it was suggested that unregistered Troops for this Census might be included as Pathfinder Troops.

A written request was received from Miss Warner, Cubmaster of the 1st Johannesburg Pathfinder Cub Pack, asking for help in training Scouters. The Asst. Div. P/S Com. undertook to do what he could to help in this matter.

A letter was received from Mr. Otto Peetz, formerly Hon. Treasurer to the Council, thanking the Council for their sympathy in his bereavement.

The Chairman reported that the Rev. Y.P.P. Rouse, D/P/S/C of Potchefstroom, had been transferred to Johannesburg on being appointed Archdeacon. In response to a letter from the Chairman, Archdeacon Rouse had written saying that he was anxious to do everything he could for the Movement, but that he could not undertake work outside the Reef.

Capt. Barber proposed that he be appointed District Commissioner attached to Headquarters.

Unanimously Agreed.

D/ /S/C Mr. Shearsmith wrote asking for the Council's support

support in regard to a complaint he had made to the Manager of the Tramways Department, about the behaviour of a Conductor who was alleged to be a member of the Boy Scouts Association.

The Conductor had objected to a Pathfinder Rover Scout, Timothy Pule, wearing a Scout buttonhole badge.

In a further letter D/P/S/A Mr. Shearsmith said that the Manager of the Tramways had replied and the Conductor had been asked to apologise to him.

The Council approved the action Mr. Shearsmith had taken and decided to forward all the correspondence to the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association for the consideration of his Council.

The Rev. Woodward who had been asked to become D/P/S/C for Roodepoort district, replied that he felt unqualified for the appointment. He suggested that

Mr. K.H. Swensson's successor at the Swedish Mission School be invited.

Capt. Barber suggested that Mr. D.G. Lace of Krugersdorp should continue to supervise in Roodepoort. To this the Council agreed.

The Chairman said he was hopeful that Mr. Palmer of Pretoria would become District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, but he had heard nothing definite yet.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement for the month ending 31st March, 1938 and in comparison with the Bank Balances of Nos. 1 & 2 a/cs at the 28th February, 1938 there were decreases of £7.10.6 and £10.16.7 in the two Bank a/cs respectively as follows:-

Date	Bank Bal. No. 1 a/c	Bank Bal. No. 2 a/c.
28th Feb. '38.	£55. 10. 0	£72. 3. 7
31st Mar. '38.	£47. 19. 6	£61. 7. 0

The decrease in No. 1 a/c was mainly due to payment of salary as against a very small income for the month by way of Registration Fees and Donations. In No. 2 a/c the decrease was largely due to a withdrawal of a sum of £30. towards purchase of equipment for replenishing stocks in the Pathfinder Scout shop.

On further analysis on another Supplementary Statement, the finances of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council showed a Balance of Cash & Cash Assets over Liabilities amounting to £89.17.7, and a gross total Balance of all Assets (furniture, Cash, stock etc.) over Liabilities amounting to £129.6.10.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Treasurer for such lucid information, and was pleased to note that progress was being made.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. The appointments and registrations were approved en bloc as listed.

GENERAL . Brown Hat Bands. The Chairman asked that brown bands should be removed from hats before they were sold in order to prevent Pathfinder Scouts using the wrong bands.

Rally at Benoni. The Asst. Div. F/S Com extended an invitation to all Council members to attend a Rally to be held at Benoni Location on May 14th, 1938 for the district Germiston - Springs. A West Rand Rally would

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MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Canon S.P.Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E.Barber; D/P/S/Cs Mr. D.G.Lace and Mr. H.W.Shearsmith; A/D/P/S/Cs L.M.Seepe Esq., (Actg) Rev. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., and Mr. S.Mashupye; Rev. P.T.Leresche and Rev. J.E.Hallendorff; Messrs: E.Lithebe, A.Lynn Saffery, L.I.Venables and K.N.Fleischer; Joint Hon. Div. Secretaries J.P.Rees Esq., and Mr. C.J.R.Nicholls; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M.Strachan and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from Senator the Hon. J.D.Rheinallt Jones (Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner) Mr. P.Whiteley, Mr. B.N.Rawlings and Mr. S.H.Mbambo.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Training Course. Mr. Shearsmith reported that there might be some difficulty in making regular use of the Senator Rheinallt Jones' grounds at Florida.

Mr. Venables thought he might be able to help in obtaining a site in Orlando Township. The suggestion was welcomed and Mr. Nicholls undertook to examine possible sites with Mr. Venables.

The Chairman said it was most important that we put ourselves in a position to do our own training, and that with this in view European Pathfinder Scout Officers could go through a Gilwell Course and qualify to instruct others.

Mr. Fleischer said that if this were done, Pathfinder Scouts could run their own recognised Gilwell Training Course and could appoint their own Deputy Camp Chiefs. The Chairman suggested running a "Refresher Course" now. Mr. Fleischer suggested Mr. Nicholls to be in charge.

Mr. Nicholls proposed the project of a Camp be dropped and that instead arrangements be made to hold Week-End Camps towards end of Winter Term.

Mr. Shearsmith said the Winter was too cold for camping and there was insufficient time now to arrange a Camp in April. He suggested postponing Camp to September.

Mr. Fleischer pointed out that although no practical Course might at the moment be feasible, it was desirable for Scouters to start at once on Part A which consists of written answers to a series of questions. The work was done by the Scouter in his own spare time and arrangements could be made for the Training Team of the European section to read the books submitted by the Candidates. Mr. Nicholls proposed that the project of holding a Camp be dropped for the present, but that names of Candidates for the Theoretical Course be obtained.

This was seconded by Mr. Shearsmith and A G R E E D.

Pimville. Mr. Venables reported that Mr. Ferriera, Superintendent of Pimville, would accept the supervision of Pathfinder Scout work in the district of Pimville to Kliptown. Mr. Venables also reported that the Native Affairs Department of the Municipality were considering methods

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methods of combating juvenile delinquency and vagrancy including the encouragement of Scouting, particularly amongst children who did not attend school. The Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner undertook to see Mr. Ferriera and the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner undertook to write to him.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner was read. This letter dealt with the regulations governing the issue of badges, and it was decided to circulate a copy to all District and Troop Officers. Mr. Shearsmith undertook to try and obtain the stencil.

Letters from Mr. Swensson were read sending his greeting to the Council.
The Secretary was asked to reply.

A letter from Indiana, U.S.A., was read asking for correspondents interested in philatelic matters.

FINANCE. The Treasurer^{read}/his financial statement which showed an improvement of £15. 8. 11 in the cash position of No.1 a/c at 28th February as compared with the position at 31st January, 1938. In No.2 a/c the improvement in the cash position over the same period was £4. 1. 4. The Treasurer presented a draft Balance Sheet at February 23th, 1938 and asked whether the Council wished the advance from the Nora Young Bequest to appear as he had shown it, namely, as a liability. The Chairman said he agreed that it should appear as a liability. Mr. Fleischer congratulated the Treasurer on his Statement and the Chairman endorsed his remarks.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. Mr. Lace asked that the registration of the 4th Randfontein Troop and the appointment of Paul Mogale as P/S/M of that troop be held over for the present. All other appointments and registrations were approved.

GENERAL. The Div. P/S Com. gave a brief report on his visits to troops in the Pretoria District. He added that he had noticed considerable progress amongst troops in the Louis-Trichardt district under D/P/S/C D.C.Marivate.

Mr. Seepe asked whether Pathfinder Scout Parades could be held in school hours. The Chair was against this practice. The Pathfinder Scout Association, he said, had no official connection with the schools and was not under the schools' Inspectors.

Mr. Seepe had a letter from Brits asking for an official visit. The Chair said that troops should make applications for official visits on definite dates.

Mr. Nicholls said that Pathfinder Scoutmasters were ordering goods direct from overseas. The Chairman undertook to say something about this in the monthly "Knock."

The Chairman proposed that the title "Hon. Stock Supervisor" be altered to "Joint Hon. Secretary." Mr. Nicholls agreed and the Council approved.

Mr. Lace asked for support from the Council in applying for a lease of a camping site from the Krugersdorp Council. The Chairman undertook to help.

The Asst. Div. P/S Com. moved an unopposed motion that a letter of condolence be sent to the former Treasurer Mr. C. Peetz on the death of his wife.

Mr. Nicholls applied for leave of absence from April 1st - April 25th. This was granted and the Chairman wished him a good holiday.

Meeting closed at 6.20 P.M.

Chairman

MINUTES OF THE 15th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT PATHFINDER
SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, B. M. S. C., TLOFF STREET EXTENSION, ON
MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 1933 AT 5.15 P.M.

PRESENT. The Asst.Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber (Chairman);
Mr. I.H. Magang; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan;
Joint Hon.Div. Secretaries Messrs. J.F. Rees and
C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLCGY. An apology for absence was received from
Mr. S. Mashupye.

MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting having been
circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

FINANCE. The following Financial Statement as at 31st May, 1933
was submitted and noted:-

Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.) Council a/c	£34. 2. 9	
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.) Equipment a/c	86.17. 1	
Petty Cash	8.13.11	
G.P.C Savings Bank - Jamboree Fund	136.16. 1	
Customers' Accounts	11.12. 0	£13.15. 2
Jamboree Fund - as per contra		136.16. 1
Sundry Creditors		6.13. 9
Balance, being Cash and Cash Assets over Liabilities		120.16.10
	£278. 1.10	£278. 1.10
Balance brought down	£120.16.10	
Norah Young Bequest - Advance a/c		£150. 0. 0
<u>Other Assets</u>	163. 1. 6	
Furniture, fittings etc.	£18.10.0	
Stock in Hand	129.12.9	
Camp Equipment	14.18.9	
Balance, being Assets over Liabilities		133.18. 4
	£283.13. 4	£283.18. 4

Trading Account and Income & Expenditure Account
for the quarter ending 31st May, 1933 reflecting
the following results was also submitted and noted:-

Council Account.

Excess of Expenditure over Income £21.18.10

Equipment Account.

Gross Trading Profit	£28. 6. 4	
Nett Trading Profit		22.11. 1
Net Excess of Income over Expenditure for quarter		£ - 12. 3

The Chairman expressed great satisfaction at the
Hon. Treasurer's Statements as it was noted that
the shop was becoming self-supporting again. It was
decided, however, to wait another three months
prior to making a recommendation to the Transvaal
Pathfinder Scout Council on the matter of reverting

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MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber; The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A., D/P/S/Cs Mr. D.G. Lace and Mr. H.W. Shearsmith; A/D/P/S/Cs Messrs. L.M. Seepe, S.H. Mbambo and I.H. Magang; Actg. A/D/P/S/C Rev. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor and Rev. Fr. C. Bouffard; Mr. L.I. Venables and Mr. K.N. Fleischer; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Div. Secretaries Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls and Mr. J.P. Rees and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse, Rev. E. Carter and Mr. E. Lithebe.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp Site: The Asst. Div. P/S Com. reported that Mr. Ferriera had been absent on two months leave and in consequence he had not yet been to Orlando.

Agenda for the Headquarters Executive Committee:

The Chairman reported the loss sustained by the Movement by the death of Mr. Henry Monehi. A great deal of the progress achieved in the Pretoria District was due to him. He asked that the matter should be noted on the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting to be held at Maritzburg on July 14th, 1938. With regard to the Census a summary showing the numerical strength of the Transvaal Division is attached to these minutes.

Training Course at Sophiatown: The Asst. Div. P/S Com. gave a brief report on the Training Course for Pathfinder Scouts at Sophiatown. He was impressed by the keenness shown. He thought the course would be a success, as help was now forthcoming to carry it through.

District Commissioner for Pretoria: The Chairman said he had nothing definite to report yet.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was read from the Transvaal Divisional Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association in which he stated that the incident between a Pathfinder Rover Scout and a Tram Conductor alleged to be a member of the Transvaal Boy Scouts Association had been reported to the Divisional Commissioner. Since the Tram Conductor, Mr. Dodkins, was no longer a member of the Association, no official action could be taken. Mr. Dodkins had been asked, however, to call at Boy Scout Headquarters in order that the privileges of members of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association might be explained to him. The Chairman said he regarded this as a satisfactory conclusion.

FINANCE. The Hon. Treasurer presented a Statement as at the 31st May, 1938.

No.1 a/c showed a decrease of £13.10.9 and No.2 a/c an increase of £25.10.1 as compared with the position at 31st March, 1938. He also presented a Trading Account for the quarter ending 31st May, 1938. This showed sales amounting to £71.10.6 and a gross profit of £28.6.4. The Balance Sheet as at the 31st May, 1938 showed no substantial change compared to the previous month, the excess of Assets over Liabilities being £129.13.9

The Chairman thanked the Hon. Treasurer for his full and detailed Statements.

The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner asked to what extent the shop was supported by Divisions other than the Transvaal.

The Hon. Treasurer said he would obtain the desired figures.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the satisfaction his Committee felt with the Honorary Treasurer's Trading Account. They proposed to wait another three months before making any recommendations.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. The appointments and registrations were approved en bloc as listed.

GENERAL. The Div. P/S Com. reported briefly on the rallies he attended at Benoni and Krugersdorp on the 14th and 15th May. He was pleased with the smartness displayed at these rallies although the standard was not as high as formerly. He proposed to open a discussion on the reasons for the general falling off in keenness and efficiency at the close of the meeting. He was able to report considerable activity in the Warmbaths District and he was hoping to be able to appoint a Commissioner for that district. He, himself, was moving to Pretoria in the near future and would be in a position to give more supervision in the Pretoria District. He was grateful to the Asst. Div. P/S Com. and the Asst. District P/S Com. D.E.Nduna for the work they had done on the East Rand.

The Asst.Div. P/S Com. said that Brakpan and Germiston apologised for not being represented at the rallies. He thought that District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, D.G.LACE on the West Rand had done very well in the short time he had been in control there.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for the 10th August, 1938.

ADDENDUM. Discussion on the Present State of Pathfinder Scouting in the Transvaal.

The Chairman said he thought that three factors had adversely affected the spirit of the Movement:-

- (a) Uncertainties arising out of the change in status.
- (b) Delay in the publication of the new P.O. & R.
- (c) Lack of trained officers.

A discussion followed to which several members contributed. Among the points raised were the following:-

districts should be smaller and more easily supervised:

more officers were needed in the districts:

officers needed more training:

teachers now leaving Training Colleges have not learnt about scouting and are not interested in it:

it was helpful to have the Headmasters in the schools interested :

the movement of teachers from school to school was one source of inefficiency:

rover leaders in every group were needed to counteract this:

troop committees should meet regularly:

courts of honour should be held more frequently:

district committees of district officers should be held regularly:

a small paper or magazine suitable for Scouts should be produced and sold at a reasonable price:

inter district rallies (competitions) should be started again or a substitute for them found, so that there is a definite aim at which to work:

camps should be held frequently.

The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner said he was pleased to hear so many points raised. He was aware of the great need for training amongst the officers. He had noticed during some of his visits to troops that the Pathfinder Scoutmasters had nothing to give to the boys, in consequence of which their keenness soon disappeared. With regard to teachers he thought they had many more duties now both in and out of school hours than formerly and had less time to devote to scouting. He thought, however, that the Council might approach the Training Colleges and enlist their cooperation in awakening interest in scouting. He thought that a Bulletin containing a programme of meetings, rallies, camps and other activities might be useful. He wished that rallies should be organised which he would be invited to attend. He thought that conferences of district officers should be held and financial assistance given to enable officers to attend.

The Chairman in concluding the discussion pointed out that competitions, camps and conferences were largely district matters. They had not been suppressed by the Divisional Council and the Council's sanction was not needed to start them again.

It was agreed to call a conference for further discussion at a later date.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.25 P.M.

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON WEDNESDAY, 10th AUGUST, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman); D/P/S/C Mr. H.W. Shearsmith; A/D/P/S/Cs Messrs. L.M. Seepe, I.H. Magang and S.H. Mbanbo; Actg. A/D/P/S/Cs Rev. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., and Mr. S. Mashupye; The Rev. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse and Rev. P.T. Leresche; Messrs. L.I. Venables, K.N. Fleischer and A. Lynn Saffery; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Div. Secretaries Messrs. J.P. Rees and C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, The Asst. Div. P/S. Com. Captain W.E. Barber, D/P/S/C Mr. D.G. Lace and Mr. E.E. Lithebe.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

WELCOME TO THE REV. ARCHDEACON Y.R.P. ROUSE. The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed the Rev. Archdeacon Rouse and hoped he would have a happy time with the Council.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp Site: Mr. Venables reported that nothing had been decided yet.

District Commissioner at Pretoria: Mr. Fleischer reported that the Rev. Palmer was not yet transferred to Pretoria.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Secretary reported that a meeting had been held on the 29th June, 1938 with the object of organising a Non-European Health Education Week in Johannesburg, and particularly to carry on the work done by Mrs. Ray Phillips, Mrs. Bridgman and the National Council for Child Welfare. He and Capt. Barber had attended as delegates. The meeting decided that the last week in October would be a suitable date. A committee was elected and ideas and suggestions received.

A letter from Mr. B.B. Fitz-Patrick was read announcing the publication of a new magazine "FORWARD" - the official organ of the Pathfinder Scout Movement of Southern Rhodesia. A complimentary copy of the magazine was enclosed.

It was decided to distribute a copy of the magazine to all District Commissioners.

Letters were read from the Hon. Secretary, S.A. Pathfinder Scout Headquarters, reporting that the Executive Committee had agreed to write to Divisions asking them to support the shop, and that the "Medal of Merit" had been awarded posthumously to Mr. H.W. MONEHI.

A pamphlet describing "The Scout Book Club" was received and circulated amongst members, for their information.

FINANCE /

FINANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer presented a Statement as at the 31st July, 1938.

No.1 a/c showed an increase of £61. 9. 6 as compared with the position at the 30th June, and No.2 a/c showed a decrease of £34. 13. 11 over the same period. The Balance Sheet showed an excess of Assets over Liabilities amounting to £194. 2. 0, an increase of £64. 8. 3 since the 31st May, 1938.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that, as requested at the previous meeting, he had obtained figures showing the distribution of purchases by the different Divisions as follows:--

For the Quarter ending 31st May, 1938:

	Sales.	Percentages.
Transvaal	£42. 1. 9	58.597
O. F. S.	5. 7. 0	7.449
Natal	7.12.10	10.639
Cape Province - West	3s.2d	
-do- Midlands	£1.6s.1d	
-do-	£4.19s.4d	
Bechuanaland	6. 8. 7	8.951
Basutoland	7. 3. 8	10.001
Rhodesia	1.17. 6	2.611
	1. 5. 2	1.752
	<u>£71.16. 6</u>	<u>100.000</u>

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. The appointments and registrations were approved en bloc as listed.

GENERAL.

Mr. Shearsmith reported on the Officers' Training Camp he had attended at Lexden near Pietermaritzburg. The Camp lasted one week and was held in the Gilwell Training Ground of the European Boy Scouts. It was run on the lines of the Wood Badge Course and proved very helpful.

In the Natal Division all Officers had to attend a Course before being registered.

Mr. Shearsmith also reported on the Executive Committee meeting held during July. Amongst other matters of interest to the Council, the Committee had dealt with the registration of Pathfinder Troops awaiting transfer to the status of Pathfinder Scout Troops - the issue of Warrants for one year only - the recommendation that Divisions compile their own news sheets - and the need for training of Officers by qualified men, not necessarily holding the Wood Badge - the wearing of both Scout and Pathfinder service stars. Designs of badges submitted to the Committee had been approved.

The Chairman spoke appreciatively of the spirit of comradeship and fellowship that prevailed during the Camp and of the assistance readily given by European Scouts.

With regard to the badges, the ordering and price of these was left to the Finance Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for the 28th September, 1938.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5.20 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on _____

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF A SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT PATHFINDER SCOUTS HEADQUARTERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

A Sub Committee consisting of Messrs. H.W. Shearsmith (Chairman & Convenor), D.G.Lace, L.I.Venables, C.J.R.Nicholls and S.H.Mbambo, Capt. W.E.Barber, Miss Monica Warner and N.Mokgako, was appointed at the last meeting of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council to discuss fully the matter of holding Training Courses for Pathfinder Scouters.

The following points had been given by the Council as reference to throw light upon the discussion:-

- (a) Appointment of Training Commissioners.
- (b) Choice of suitable Training Centres.
- (c) Finance involved.

PRESENT. Mr. J.P.Rees (Hon.Div.Secty.) and all except Mr. Mbambo and Mr. Nicholls, the latter having tendered an apology for absence.

OPENING REMARKS. The Chairman briefly surveyed the purpose of this Committee and offered suggestions that

- (i) three Centres for training be fixed at Diocesan Training College in Pietersburg, Lemana in Louis Trichardt and Orlando to cater for the Reef and Pretoria;
- (ii) one Commissioner be appointed to be in charge of a standing Training Team which would at its leisure run at least one Training Course annually at each of the given Centres.

Following discussion, Mr. Venables remarked he had been well informed and was convinced that the Association was, as a corpse, not doing what was expected of it, judging by the dormant state of affairs particularly in Johannesburg, the most important part of the work on the Reef. He strongly felt that an intensive training of Officers was expedient to revive the enthusiastic spirit which formerly existed and is so necessary for Pathfinder Scouting. There was ample scope of work in the Locations and Training Courses would undoubtedly be a great source whence to draw the desired keen and energetic promoters of scouting. It is pitiable that only 37% of the Native youth are scholars and scouting particularly for the delinquent children would be contributing its ideal share towards the welfare of Bantu Youth. He assured the meeting that the Municipal Native Affairs Department had several young men who were keen to qualify at a Training Course and thereafter render their best services to the Pathfinder Scout Movement. The Municipal N.A.D. would most likely defray the expenses incurred in running this Course - a Training Camp site would readily be granted at Orlando - tents and beds without mattresses would easily be loaned and transport would gladly be provided from the Johannesburg Municipal Truck Works to Orlando.

Several speakers contributed to the discussion and Capt. Barber felt that where no European supervision was available, the progress of Pathfinder scouting was at stake. It was unanimously agreed that the need for a Training Course was urgent and Mr. Venables maintained that pending the success of this one, Courses should be held regularly each year. Mr. Rees suggested that the Treasurer be first consulted with a view to ear-marking a certain amount for subsidising the Course.

Finally the following resolutions were adopted:-

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This Committee recommends to the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council that

1. three Centres for Training Courses for Pathfinder Scouters be established at Lemana, Pietersburg and at Orlando;
2. each Centre should have one Commissioner in charge of a standing Training Team for that area;
3. each Centre should receive a subsidy from the Council for running a Course;
4. training courses should be held regularly at least once a year;
5. the work done by "Boys Clubs" should be incorporated at Training Camps;
6. a Training Course open to the whole of the Division on the understanding that Officers pay their own trainfares, be held at Orlando from the 14th to the 18th December, 1938;
7. the Courses must be combined for both European and Bantu Officers.

Mr. Venables was empowered provisionally to make arrangements for this Course and Capt. Barber undertook to be responsible to the Council.

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THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
(TRANSVAAL DIVISION.)
P.O. Box 8356, — JOHANNESBURG.

23rd October, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by Mr. Shearsmith (Chairman & Convenor) to inform you that another meeting of the Sub Committee dealing with the holding of Training Courses for Pathfinder Scouters will be held at Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXTENSION, JOHANNESBURG, on Tuesday, 25th October, 1938 at 4.30 P.M.

You are earnestly requested to attend.

Your obedient servant,

Nebajoth S. Mokgako.

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THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
(TRANSVAAL DIVISION.)
P.O. Box 8356, — JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Please note the new Post Office Box Number, 8356, of the above Association.

For your information, all Officers within the Transvaal Division of the Association, have been advised in accordance with a recent ruling from South African Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters, Box 97, Johannesburg, that Warrants should be returned annually to Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters (Transvaal Division) for renewal.

Your obedient servant,

N.S.Mokgako (Asst.Secty.)

MINUTES OF THE 17th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
PATHFINDER SCOUTS HEADQUARTERS, B.M.S.C., ELOFF STREET EXTENTION,
ON MONDAY, 26th SPETEMBER, 1938, AT 5.15 P.M.

PRESENT: The Assistant Divisional P/S Commissioner Captain
W.E. Barber (Chairman); Mr. I.H. Magang; The Hon.
Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon.Div.Secretary
Mr.C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary

APOLOGY: An aplogy for absence was tendered for Joint Hon.
Divisional Secretary Mr. J.P. Rees who was on leave.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting having been
circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: (1) A letter was received from Mr. T.W.S. Motsei,
Box 8, WARBATHS, applying for a reinbursement
of a sum of 2/- which he had forwarded for equipment
to the Pathfinder Scout Shop and which had been
ascertained, was miscarried in the post. Mr. Nicholls
pointed out that the Joint Hon. Secretaries had
conducted a close investigation into the loss in
conjunction with the Postal Authorities. On the
merits of the case he had felt obliged to suggest an
appeal by Mr. Motsei to the Finance Committee for
consideration of repeating the order or reinbursement.

The Committee considered the matter and decided to
grant the request. The Assistant Secretary was asked
to advise Mr. Motsei to send a repeat order which
would be excuted without prejudice nor further charge.

(11) In view of a heavy increase in the correspondence
to the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, it was
brought to the notice of the Finance Committee that
the time had now come when the Association should
decide on the rental of a private Post Office Box
of its own.

Subsequently the Finance Committee decided on the
following recommendation to the Transvaal Pathfinder
Scout Council:

The Finance Committee recommends the rental of a
Private Post Office Box of its own as the time
has now come when it is felt that the increasing
correspondence demands a separate Box.

The Committee further recommends that a letter
of thanks be sent to the Boy Scouts Association
(Transvaal Division) thanking them for the use
of their Box hitherto.

FINANCE: The following Financial Statement as at 31st August,
1938 was submitted and noted:

Barclays Bank (D.C.& O.) Council Account	£111. 7.10.	
Barclays Bank (D.C.& O.) Equipment Account	40.16. 0.	
Petty Cash	3.10.10.	
Post Office Saving Bank - Jamboree Fund	136.16. 1.	
Customers' Accounts	19.13. 4.	£6. 0. 4.
Jamboree Fund - as per contra		136.16. 1.
Sundry Creditors,		4. 9. 9.
Balance, being Cash and Cash Assets over Liabilities		164.17.11.
	£312. 4. 1.	£312. 4. 1.

Balance brought down		£164.17.11	
Norah Young Bequest - Advance Account			£150. 0. 0.
<u>O T H E R A S S E T S.</u>			
		196. 8. 8	
Furniture, Fitting, etc.	£19. 2. 6.		
Stock in hand and in transit	162. 7. 5.		
Camp Equipment	<u>14.18. 9.</u>		
Balance, being Assets over Liabilities			<u>211. 6. 7.</u>
		£361. 6. 7.	£361. 6. 7.

The Trading Account for the Quarter ending 31st August, 1938 reflected a gross profit of £23. 8. 7. and a nett profit of £6.17. 8.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the same Quarter reflected an excess of Income over Expenditure of £70.10. 7.

After presentation of the Statements, the Treasurer asked the Committee to pass payment of £3. towards an A/C for a yearly overhaul and Quarterly Service of the Office typewriter. This was agreed to.

The Treasurer also asked for authority to print receipt Forms for registration fees, received from Groups of the Pathfinder Scout Movement. This was granted and a request made that a formal report be presented to the next Finance Committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.35 p.m.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on.....1938.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE 16th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1938 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman); The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber; District P/S Com. Mr. H.W. Shearsmith; A/D/P/S/C Mr. I.H. Magang; Actg. A/D/P/S/Cs Revd. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., and Mr. A. Masilela; Revd. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse and Revd. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor; Messrs. L.I. Venables, K.N. Fleischer and C.P. Molefe; The Hon. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Revd. P.T. Leresche and Mr. J.P. Rees.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

WELCOMES. The Chairman welcomed Mr. A. Masilela who has undertaken to act as A/D/P/S/C for the Alexandra Native Township.

Capt. Barber was also welcomed after his return from his recent illness.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES. (a) Camp Site. Mr. Venables reported that he had arranged to meet Capt. Barber on the 15th October to inspect two possible sites and would report formally at the next Council meeting.

(b) D/C for Pretoria. The Divisional P/S Commissioner intimated he would interview the Revd. Palmer in this connection as soon as he arrived in Pretoria and in the meantime he would act as District Commissioner.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) A letter was received from Rev. Rene Bill of Letaba District asking for volunteers to assist him in running a Training Course for Scouters at Shiluvane from 1st to 4th October. The Divisional P/S Commissioner had replied that he would not be able to be present and did not think that owing to the short notice any of the Council would be in a position to assist.

(b) A letter from the Hon. Secretary of the South African Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters was read asking for the opinion of the Council as to the desirability of holding a Headquarter Executive Committee meeting at Florida this year. The Transvaal Divisional P/S Commissioner would have to deputise for the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, as the latter would be in England. It was agreed that the principle of holding a meeting of the Headquarter Executive Committee in December be confirmed.

(c) A circular letter from the Hon. Secretary of the S.A. Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters was read giving a resume of the decisions reached at the recent Headquarter Executive Council meeting in Maritzburg.

Warrants: It was noted that warrants would be issued yearly through South African P/S Headquarters duly stamped with date of issue and that no warrants would be issued after 30th September in each year. Late registrations would have to wait till the following January.

Training: Considerable discussion took place on the recommendation re training of Officers. It was finally decided that a sub committee consisting of

Mr. Shearsmith /..

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