

MINUTES OF THE 50TH MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXTENSION, ON TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1942 AT 4.30 P.M.

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PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A., (Chairman); D/P/S/Cs Mr. D.C. Marivate and Revd. Fr. C.M. Lunniss, C.R., Hon. D/P/S/C Capt. W.E. Barber and Actg. D/P/S/C Mr. P.R. Anderson; A/D/P/S/C Mr. S.H. Mbambo; Revd. Fr. Trelawny-Ross, C.R., and Revd. C.P. Molefe; Messrs. L.I. Venables and P. Mashego and Dr. W. Eiselin; The Hon. Div. Treasurer, Mr. L.M. Povall and the Hon. Div. Secretary, Mr. J.P. Rees; P/S Trainer Mr. N.S. Mokgako and the Asst. Div. Secretary, Mr. J.G. Modiselle.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed Dr. Eiselin, Chief Inspector of Native Education, Pretoria.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Div. Hqrs. Coms. Messrs. A. Lynn Saffery and K. Hopkin-Jenkins, Revd. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse, Revd. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, Revd. Fr. A. Winter, C.R., and Revd. Fr. C. Bouffard.

MINUTES. A few small corrections were made to the Minutes and they were then confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Weekend Training Camps: There was no report from the Training Course Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE. An application from Mr. N. Nduna, Evaton, for the services of a Trainer was passed on to Mr. Marivate. Fr. Winter wrote asking that his resignation as Commissioner for Central Johannesburg might be accepted. The Chairman said he very much regretted that Fr. Winter felt compelled to resign on account of pressure of other work. Capt. Barber proposed and Mr. Mashego seconded that Fr. Winter be co-opted to Council membership.

Unanimously Agreed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Fr. Winter to express the thanks of the Council for his services in the past.

The Mendi Memorial Committee asked for a representative to attend a meeting on Saturday, 31st. January, 1942 and Mr. P. Mashego was appointed.

S.A. P/S Headquarters Council: The Chairman gave a full report of this meeting. He mentioned that an organisation of the Cape Coloureds had been formed and that when its Constitution had been accepted it would be the official body to whom the control of the Coloured troops in the Transvaal would be transferred. Our Training Course Committee had been appointed as a Sub-Committee of the Headquarters Council to make suggestions for the amendment of P.O.&R. The requirements the Council had proposed for the National Service Badge had been accepted without alteration. Canon Woodfield had been appointed Deputy Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner. It was agreed that the Council's donation to the Headquarters should be £10.

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It was hoped to obtain from the South African Headquarters of the European Section of the Boy Scouts their approval of the formation of a Gilwell Training Centre. Senator Rheinallt Jones had offered the use of his grounds at Florida for this purpose.

FINANCE. The Treasurer presented a Statement for the month of December.  
(See attached sheet)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary said that it had been proposed that Mr. Senaoane and Mr. Povall should be empowered to sign cheques in addition to Mr. Hopkin-Jenkins and himself. This was agreed to.

REPORTS FROM TRAINERS. \*There were no reports from the Trainers. Capt. Barber said that permission would be given to members of the Grootvlei Mine Crew to enter Springs Location in uniform if a list of their names was submitted to the Superintendent of the Location.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. These were approved as listed.

GENERAL. Mr. Venables said that he was sorry to report that he had received complaints that there had been thefts of fruit and vegetables from the gardens of the Farm Manager and the School during weekend camps at Nancefield; also that the grounds and buildings had been left in a bad condition. After discussion it was agreed that no camps should be held at Nancefield without a letter of authorisation from the District Commissioner Fr. Lunniss. Fr. Lunniss and Mr. Molefe undertook to investigate this complaint and report to the Council. The Chairman said that it was essential to have a responsible Officer in charge of camps and that boys who attended should be equal to the responsibilities of camp life.

The Secretary reported that Major Donald, Chief Scout Commissioner for the Gold Coast, had presented the Council with the badge of the Gold Coast Scouts. It was decided to send him a Pathfinder Badge in return.

The Chairman said Headquarters would like to know the names of any Pathfinder Scouters or Scouts who were on Active Service.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for February 24th, 1942.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at .....

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_.

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