

MINUTES OF THE PATHFINDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON 9TH JUNE-1928 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: C/P/M J.D.Rheinallt-Jones: Rev.S.P.Woodfield: Rev.A.C.Adams: Mr.J.S.D.Dey: Rev.Carter: Rev.Wilkinson: Rev. Parker: Rev. Philips: Mr. Rathebe. In attendance Kenneth N. Fleischer (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Frank Raleigh: Rev. Allcock.

MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting held on the 1st November-1927 having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the meeting the Council instructed the Secretary to convey a message to Mr. Raleigh expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to his normal health and expressing sympathy in his indisposition.

APPOINTMENTS: Appointments etc as per schedule were approved.

RESIGNATION OF D/P/M LIVIE NOBLE: The resignation of D/P/M Livie Noble was received with regret and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr.Livie Noble thanking him for the services which he has rendered to the Movement.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. HARRISON (PRETORIA) AS D/P/M: This matter was left in the hands of Mr. Rheinallt-Jones.

LETTER FROM FORT BEAUFORT: Letter from Fort Beaufort was read which contained a very interesting report relative to the Pathfinder Movement at Fort Beaufort.

PATHFINDER HAND BOOK: After considerable discussion it was decided to refer the Pathfinder Hand Bock back to the Committee.

AGREED:

CREATION OF UNION PATHFINDER COUNCIL: It was resolved to recommend that the South Africa Scout Council agree to the inauguration of a Pathfinder Advisory Council for South Africa.

AGREED:

MERIT BADGE: It was decided to ask Rev. Patterson whether he would be good enough to design a merit badge for good services to the Movement and also a Five Year Service Star. The design to be decided upon to be left to the Chief Pathfinder Master and the Secretary.

REPORT: Rev. Woodfield submitted an interesting report in connection with the Pathfinder Organisation in his area which report showed that the Movement was making steady progress. Mr. Adams also reported that progress on the Witwatersrand was satisfactory and he had been kept particularly busy. The reports were noted.

EASTERN TRANSVAAL D/P/M: It was felt that it would be wise to appoint a District Pathfinder Master for the Eastern Transvaal. Authority was given to Rev. Woodfield to make what arrangements he thought were in the interest of the Pathfinder Movement in this area.

AGREED:

GENERAL:

CAPITATION FEES:

It was agreed that the Capitation Fee for all Pathfinder Troops and Junior Troops should be amended as follows:-

2/6d per Troop any strength.
1/- per Junion Troop any strength.

It was agreed to pay the sum of £5-0-0 to the Boy Scouts' Association for the services rendered in connection with the Pathfinder Advisory Council.

In connection with the Springs Pathfinder Flag, which Flag had apparantly been ordered by the Springs Troop and the money handed over to the Ex-District Pathfinder Master, Mr. Ashton, this Flag had not been ordered from Headquarters, nor had the amount of 25/- been paid over by Mr. Ashton.

It was agreed that the Pathfinder Council supply the Flag in question and in this connection the expenditure of 25/- was authorised.

INDIANS:

Mr. Rheinallt-Jones reported that the Rev. Sigamoney had started Indian Boy Scouts, and was not prepared to compromise.

NOTED:

MEETINGS:

It was suggested that it would be in the interest of the Pathfinder Movement to have regular meetings of the Pathfinder Advisory Council. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Local Johannesburg members of the Pathfinder Advisory Council form an Executive Committee to meet monthly on the last Saturday of each month.

AGREED:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING TERMINATED
AT 12 noon.

READ AND CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN?

MINUTES OF THE PATHFINDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13th SEPTEMBER-1928 at 5-p.m.

PRESENT: Chief Pathfinder Master J.D.Rheinallt Jones (Chair):
Rev. Ray E. Phillips: Rev. S.P. Woodfield: Rev. A.C. Adams:
Rev. B. Carter: Rev. W.E. Wilkinson: Rev. W.C. Terril:
D/C J.S.D. Dey: Dr. L.E. Hertslet: Mr. J.R. Rathebe:
In attendance Kenneth N. Fleischer (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Rev. Botterill.

MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting of 24th June- having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.

APPOINTMENT OF HONY. SECRETARY.

The Chief Pathfinder Master J.D.Rheinallt Jones explained that Mr. Fleischer was so busy with the work of the Boy Scouts' Association- and in addition had just been asked to be Secretary of the South Africa Council as well- that the position was rather difficult- but a Mr. Mortimer had been kind enough to offer his services to the Council as Hony. Secretary, under the direction of Mr. Fleischer. After further discussion the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Rheinallt Jones.

FORMATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL:

Mr. Jones said he was pleased to report that he had had the opportunity of addressing the South Africa Council at it's last meeting in Johannesburg in July- and the South Africa Council had agreed to the formation of a South African Advisory Pathfinder Council. This news was received with acclamation. The matter of a Constitution the South Africa Scout Council had left to Assistant Divisional Commissioner, F.H. Hodgkinson: Mr. Malcolm of Natal: and C/P/M J.D.Rheinallt Jones.

It was decided to place on record the gratitude of the Pathfinder Advisory Council for the attitude adopted by the South Africa Council, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to the South Africa Scout Council the thanks of the Pathfinder Council.

LETTER FROM MR. DICKINSON REGARDING ADMISSION OF NON EUROPEANS AS SCOUTS:

Letter from Mr. Dickinson was read in which he stated that the time was now ripe to press for admittance into the Scout Organisation of Natives and Coloured people. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Dickinson that the Transvaal Pathfinder Advisory Council was not at present prepared to press for the admission of non-Europeans as Scouts, although the Council definitely hoped this would be possible some-day. Meanwhile the Council proposed to develop the Pathfinder Movement to the utmost effectiveness possible, under the auspices of the Scout Council, reserving to itself the right at any time to press for the admission of Natives as Scouts, should other non-Europeans be so admitted.

REPORTS ON CAMPS:

Rev. A.C. Adams reported on a very successful Pathfinder Camp which was held in Natal. The Chief Pathfinder Master referred to the bravery of D/P/L Rev. A.C. Adams in saving several boys from drowning, and said that he had been pressed by several members of the Pathfinder Council to make a special award to Mr. Adams in recognition of his deed, and had therefore authorised the issue of a Pathfinder Gilt Cross for Gallantry. The Pathfinder Council

resolved-

resolved that the action of Mr. Jones be confirmed.

Mr. Adams also reported on a Training Week held in Lepana-Northern Transvaal- in which 30 teachers participated. Mr. Adams hoped that the outcome of this Training Course would be the inauguration of the Pathfinder Movement in the Northern Transvaal. The Pathfinder Council moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Adams for his services in undertaking this Course and also to Rev. Ray Philips for his assistance.

QUALIFICATION OF P/Ms.

The matter of the qualification of Pathfinder Masters was discussed and the Council felt that there should be some qualification before Pathfinder Masters were issued with a Warrant. It was agreed that a schedule of qualifications be drawn up by D/F/M Woodfield and D/P/M Adams to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.

TRAINING COURSES:

It was decided to leave to D/F/M Adams and the Secretary the matter of endeavouring to arrange for a Training Course for Pathfinder Masters in December, and it was also left to D/P/M Adams and the Secretary to arrange a special Course of instruction for Tec.H.men and other Europeans who are desirous of assisting in Pathfinder work.

APPROVAL OF EXAMINERS:

The District Pathfinder Masters were asked to compile a list of Examiners who, in their opinion, were suitable for the examination of the Proficiency badges, and the list to be filed in the Pathfinder Council records for reference.

AGREED:

CENSUS RETURNS AND FEES AND BULLETIN:

In connection with the matter of Census Returns and fees it was decided that the Troops be circularised asking for the strength and intimating that the Capitation Fees were due- This circular letter would be dispatched with the Bulletin- which Mr. Jones intimated he had very nearly completed. He thought that the Bulletin would be ready for dispatch to all P/Ms in the course of the next two or three weeks.

NOTED:

FOLLOWING UP OF PATHFINDERS:

The question of the following up of Pathfinders who had left Pathfinder Troops was discussed, and it was felt that a scheme for Senior boys in the towns would be of advantage to the Pathfinder Movement. It was therefore agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Revs. Wilkinson, Adams and Philips, and D/C J.S.D. Dey to draw up a scheme.

AGREED:

MATTER OF SECTION FLAGS:

D/P/M Adams submitted a sample section Flag which in shape was similar to the ordinary Scout Patrol Flag, but was of a different colour and contained the Pathfinder Badge in the centre. He felt that these Section Flags would be of value to the Sections of the Pathfinder Troops and consequently gave the following Notice of Motion:-
" That the following addition be made to Rule 14,
" Page 4, after the words "Four or Six boys"
" Each Section Leader shall carry on his Staff
" a Section Flag with the colour of the section
" to which he belongs. Such Section Flags shall
" bear in the centre a design in white of the

" Pathfinder Badge and at the point of the
" Section Flag shall be the name of the Troop
" to which the Section belongs."

GENERAL:

It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to
Toc H for their help at a Pathfinder Concert,
recently held in the Bantu Men's Social Centre,
D/P/M Adams to intimate to whom the letters are to
be sent.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING TERMINATED
AT 6-30 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN.

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