

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY -1931,
AT 5-p.m.

PRESENT. The Rev. S.P. Woodfield, (Chair) Messrs: Raleigh ^{Lammie} Dey, Hungerford, Parker, Wilkinson, Sykes, Phillips ^{Rushby} Winter.

BULLETIN. Mr. Sykes reported that it had been arranged that this be printed at the Priory Press. The subscription for each Division was £2:10:0. per annum for 50 copies, with an extra 15/- per annum for every additional 50 Copies. It was agreed that they should be distributed in the Province free. Mr. Woodfield undertook to distribute to Pietersburg and Pretoria Districts, and Mr. Sykes to his own. The Council made a grant of £5 for the present year.

WARRANTS. The Secretary reported that these were now available. It was agreed that they should be sent to the various D.P.M.s. who should swear in officers. Mr. Mortimer was to be asked to distribute to the country districts, and was given the acting rank of D.P.M. for this purpose.

DELEGATES TO UNION PATHFINDER COUNCIL:

It was agreed that these be elected for each occasion. Owing to the difficulty of delegates, most of whom were engaged in schools, getting away at the times when meetings were summoned, it was agreed to send the following telegram to the meeting then being held in Capetown:

"This Council recommends that the Union Pathfinder Council take place in the school holidays previous to the meeting of the South Africa Scout Council"

CHIEF SCOUT. The question was raised as to whether the Chief Scout would meet the Pathfinders during his visit to Johannesburg from June 12th to 13th. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Fleischer for information.

SECRETARY. The meeting expressed the desire that the Secretary should invite Mr. Mole to share his labours and relieve him as far as possible. To this the Secretary expressed himself as more than agreeable.

NEXT MEETING. This was arranged for March 19th at 5.p.m. The desire expressed that the Chairman and Secretary should meet half an hour beforehand to arrange business.

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

CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH- 1931 at 5-p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. S. P. Woodfield (Chair): Messrs Sykes, Ray Phillips, Terril, Raleigh, Dey, Parker, Wilkinson and Winter.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Fleischer on account of illness.

BULLETIN: The District Pathfinder Master reported the issue and distribution of the first number.

WARRANTS: The Secretary reported the issue of 114 new warrants and stated he would welcome the names of any old officers who had not received the new issue. The issue was correct for all Officers appointed during say, the last year, but the Secretary wanted help in tracing officers appointed previous to this, as records were incomplete.

CHIEF SCOUT: The District Pathfinder Master reported that a parade for meeting the Chief Scout had been arranged for Pathfinders for the morning of June 13th.

MEETING OF SOUTH AFRICAN PATHFINDER COUNCIL:

In the absence of Messrs. Rheinaltt Jones and Fleischer, the Chairman read a letter from the latter dated 18th March. This was ordered to be filed with the Minutes. Regarding our request for information as to the ultimate policy of the South Africa Scout Council regarding full recognition of the Pathfinders, general regret was expressed first that the motion did not go before the Scout Council in its original form and secondly that the Scout Council had refused to give a definite yes or no. Various Members spoke, and Mr. Ray Phillips felt compelled to ask the Council to accept his resignation, and withdrew from further participation in the discussion. Finally, it was unanimously agreed to accept the first part of the amended proposal and to ask the South African Pathfinder Council to put it forward once more with a request for a definite answer.

TRAINING CAMP FOR OFFICERS:

Mr. Woodfield said it was proposed to hold such a camp at Pietersburg early in July. On its being pointed out that there were many meetings concerning teachers being held at that time, the matter was left to Mr. Woodfield and Mr. Sykes for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

This was fixed for April 30th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING
TERMINATED AT 6-15p.m.

CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AS AT

27th APRIL, 1931.

REGULATION.

1. ADD:- Except in special cases no troop shall be registered unless it has at least two officers.
5. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:- A troop may consist of not fewer than twelve and not more than thirty-two boys and shall be formed into sections. A section shall consist of a section Leader, Assistant Section Leader and four or six boys.
27. ADD:- On completion of every five years' service a five years service badge may be worn. The badge to be: Gilt sun on dark blue background with P superimposed and "5" attached to one of the rays.
29. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:-

HAT. (a) District Pathfinder Masters (and Assistants) Scout hat with dark blue puggaree and brown flash with emblem in yellow.

(b) Pathfinder Masters, Assistant Pathfinder Masters and Instructor, the type of hat worn by the troop (see Regulation No. 30 as amended) and flash attached accordingly.

FLASH: 59P Pathfinder Masters:- Black with emblem in white.

60 P Assistant Pathfinder Masters:- Red with emblem in green.

61 P Instructors :- Yellow with emblem in green.

30. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:-

Delete "Senior" from heading of the section.

HAT. (a) Either smasher type turned up on left side, dented front to back, and red flash with emblem in green fitted to left side of hat.

(b) Or ordinary Khaki Peak Cap and flash with emblem in green fitted in front between peak and cap.

(c) Or Beret and red flash with emblem in green fitted to front of Beret;

all members of a troop must wear the same type.

LANYARD. Alter to read as follows:-

Lanyard (Khaki) 58 P. Worn only by troop Leaders, Section and Assistant Section Leaders.

32. Alter to read as follows:-

Troop Name Badges. Name badges to be worn on the right shoulder (optional).

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY, 30th APRIL, 1931. at 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. S.P. Woodfield (Chair); Messrs. Raleigh; Sykes; Mortimer; Dey; Wilkinson; Rheinalt-Jones; Fleischer Parker; Rathebe and Winter.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP: Mr. Woodfield announced that he proposed to hold this at Pietersburg from July 13-17th. It would be open to officers from the Union, and the Secretary was instructed to write to all Divisional Secretaries. Attention was called to the urgent need of competent instructors.

DISTRICT D.P.M.s: The Secretary drew attention to the great need of a D.P.M. for Heidelberg and Balfour, but the Council had no one available at the moment.

WITBANK & DISTRICT: The Rev. R. Roberts was appointed D.P.M.

LOUIS TRICHARDT: Mr. T. Kune was appointed A.D.P.M.

BASUTOLAND: The Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Sturrock informing him that a Divisional Council had been constituted for Basutoland. The Secretary was instructed to hand the correspondence to Mr. Fleischer for forwarding to the South African Pathfinder Council.

MR. STEVENS OF FOORTJE FARM: On the recommendation of Mr. Sykes, the Council unanimously agreed that some recognition should be made of the generous service to the Movement of Mr. Stevens, but as he was not a Pathfinder he could not be awarded the medal for Meritorious Service and we had no Badge of Thanks. It was agreed to bring the matter forward at the next meeting to decide what form this recognition should take.

SECRETARYSHIP: The Secretary informed the Council that he gathered there was available for this Office Mr. Gauntlett were he to be approached. The Secretary felt that owing to lack of time it was very difficult to do full justice to the position and would welcome the change could it be made. He and Mr. Sykes were asked to confer with Mr. Gauntlett, and report.

REVISED BADGES: Mr. Sykes introduced, suggested revisions in the following: Cook, Handyman, Laundry Man, Ambulance, Tidyman, Cyclist, Prospector; First Aid in 2nd. class, and Mr. Winter Pathfinder. It was agreed that these be discussed by all D.P.Ms. and A.D.P.Ms, and a report be made to the next meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS AS AT 27TH APRIL 1931; These were ordered to be filed with the Minutes, and the Editor of the Bulletin was asked to publish them in his next issue.

MINUTES OF S.A.P.C. HELD AT CAPETOWN FEBRUARY 14TH, 1931; The Chairman dealt with these, calling special attention to the Amendments to Constitution which practically gave us all that our Council had asked for. These were ordered to be filed with the Minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION: The Chairman gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that "The Constitution and Amendments be now formally accepted by our Council".

Mr. Sykes also gave notice to move at the next meeting that under Section B. Div Divisional Councils part 2 Membership, sub-section D to add that "At least two of these be elected by the Pathfinder Masters of the Division".

CHIEF'S CIRCULAR LETTER TO SECRETARIES: This was dealt with in detail by the Chairman. October 3rd. as date of next meeting of South Africa Pathfinder Council was provisionally approved, and the proposed issue of a Troop Warrant and its annual renewal was welcomed. A special Committee was appointed to go into the questions of Junior and Rover Pathfinders and Revision of Regulations.

JUNE 13TH: Messrs. Woodfield, Sykes and the Secretary were asked to arrange the programme.

NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR MAY 28TH.

CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY- 27th MAY-1931 at 5-p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. S.P. Woodfield (Chair): Bishop Karney:
Rev. Carter: Rev. W. Wilkinson: Messrs: F. Raleigh:
J.R. Rathebe: H.N. Mortimer: Parker: J.S.D. Dey:
P.C. Sykes: Father A. Winter: J. Hungerford:
Chief Pathfinder J.D. Rheinallt Jones:
K.N. Fleischer. and L.V. Gauntlett.

DISTRICT PATHFINDER MASTERS:

The Chairman drew the attention of the Meeting to the Minutes of November-1926, in which Heidelberg, Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom were to be included in the Witwatersrand Division.

THANKS BADGE: It was unanimously decided that the Pathfinders should have such a badge. The proposed Badge to be of the same design as that of the Scouts, but with the Pathfinder emblem on it.

SECRETARYSHIP: The Chairman announced that Mr. Gauntlett had agreed to take this over from Father Winter. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Father Winter for the work he had done in this connection.

REVISION OF BADGES:

It was agreed to leave this discussion over until the next meeting.

FINANCE: Mr. Rheinallt Jones and Father Winter asked to be allowed to withdraw their names from those empowered to sign cheques. This was agreed to.

Mr. Sykes proposed, seconded by Father Winter, that Mr. Gauntlett's name be added. CARRIED.

DIVISIONAL SECRETARY'S SUPPLIES:

It was agreed that special notepaper should be printed for Divisional Secretary's use.

OFFICERS WARRANTS:

Mr. Fleischer announced that a limited number of Warrants were being issued without the picture of a Native Pathfinder on them, for the use of coloured Officers.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

It was agreed that a recommendation should be sent to the S.A. Pathfinder Council, that Divisional Secretaries should be given the power to vote -

FORMS FOR:- Investiture of Officers-Enrolment
of Recruits-
and
Census.

It was agreed that copies of these should be forwarded to the S.A. Pathfinder Council for adoption, also a copy of a printed letter to those wishing to form Troops.

PROGRAMME OF RALLY:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones read out to the meeting the proposed programme of the Rally which is to be held on the occasion of Lord Baden Powell's visit to Johannesburg, on June-15th-1931.

District Pathfinder Master Sykes raised the question of expenditure for the Rally, and it was agreed that any necessary expenses would be met by the Council.

MOTIONS:

The Chairman moved that

"The Constitution and Amendments be now formally
"adopted by the Council"

After a brief discussion, Mr. Carter proposed as an amendment, seconded by Father Winter, that the discussion be postponed for two months. This amendment was carried.

CONFERENCE:

The Rev. Carter proposed, seconded by Bishop Karney, that the S.A. Pathfinder Council be approached with a view to their convening a Conference which would be representative of all interested parties for the discussion of the Constitution. After much debating, Rev. Carter, with the Bishop's permission, begged to be allowed to withdraw his motion. The meeting agreed to the withdrawal.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

Mr. Sykes proposed, seconded by Father Winter, that under Section B. Divisional Councils, Part 2-Membership, Sub-section (d) the following be added:-

"At least 2 of these be elected by
"Pathfinder Masters of the Division."

Mr. Raleigh took exception to the wording. The sentence was amended to read:-

"At least 2 of these be nominated for
"election by Pathfinder Masters of the
"Division."

The amendment was then carried, and provision made for the carrying out of such nomination.

NEXT MEETING:

THE NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR THURSDAY- 25th JUNE- 1931.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED.

CONFIRMED AT PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING
OF

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN
SCOUT HEADQUARTERS' COMMITTEE ROOM-JOHANNESBURG-on 25th JUNE-1931.

PRESENT: Rev. S.P. Woodfield, (Chair): Rev. E. Carter-
Rev. Wilkinson: Messrs: F. Raleigh: P.C. Sykes:
Dey: Mortimer: J.R. Rathebe, and Gauntlett.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting of May-28th, 1931, having
been circulated were confirmed- one or two alterat-
ions having been made.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

At the previous meeting it was agreed that
Divisional Secretaries should have the power to vote.
The Meeting decided that a recommendation be sent
to the S.A. Pathfinder Council that Divisional
Secretaries should become members of Divisional
Councils, there being no provision made for
Secretaries under the present Constitution.

RALLY:

The Rally for Lord and Lady Baden Powell was held at
the Bantu Sports Ground on Saturday-13th June. All
members of the Council who were present at the Rally
agreed it was excellent. It was agreed that
letters of appreciation be sent to the Secretary and
the Trustees of the Bantu Wanderers, and also to
Mr. Collingwood of the Bantu Social Centre, for their
hearty co-operation and the work they did which
helped to make the rally the success that it was.
A hearty vote of appreciation was given to D/P/M
Sykes for the excellence of the arrangements and the
carrying out of the programme without a hitch.

FINANCE: Mr. Sykes told the meeting that the expenses
of the Rally were approximately £5.0.0. half of
which has been borne by the Wayfarers. The Meeting
was surprised at the low figure and unanimously
agreed that this expense be met with Pathfinder funds.

DISCIPLINE:

Mr. Sykes raised the question as to whether Officers,
censured by their Churches, Schools etc should be
allowed to continue their Pathfinder duties. After
much debate it was decided that a hard and fast
ruling could not be given and that individuals
should be judged on the merits of the case.

It was proposed by Rev. Carter, seconded by
Mr. Mortimer that Officers warrants should hold for
troops only and not for Divisions as hitherto.
The Meeting agreed that this proposal be put before
the South African Pathfinder Council for their
approval.

SALUTING:

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr. Sykes that a
resolution be sent to the S.A.P. Council re method of
saluting. The Meeting was in agreement that the
Pathfinder Salute should be the old native one,
i.e. salute with the right hand, the upper arm
being at right angles to the body, with the
forearm upraised perpendicularly. Palm of the hand
to be open, fingers together.

PATHFINDER HAND BOOK:

It was decided that the time has come for the
Pathfinders to have a handbook of their own. The

Meeting agreed that a recommendation to this effect be sent to the S.A. Pathfinder Council, together with papers that have been compiled for inclusion in such a handbook.

HANDSHAKE:

For the benefit of those who did not know, the Meeting was informed that the Pathfinder handshake is the same as the Scouts-- namely with the left hand.

JUNIOR AND ROVER PATHFINDERS:

It was agreed to leave this matter over until Mr. Fleischer's return.

BADGES:

It was agreed that this matter be left until after the training camp at Pietersburg, to enable the Meeting to get the views of those present at the camp, on the subject in question.

NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR AUGUST- 20th-1931.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING
WAS DECLARED CLOSED.

CONFIRMED AT PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING OF

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CHAIRMAN.

TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, JOHANNESBURG, ON THURSDAY,
30th AUGUST-1931.

PRESENT: Rev. S.P.Woodfield (Chair): Rev.E.Carter:
Rev. S. Bovet: Rev. E.W.Grant: Rev.Father
Winter: Rev. Father Klayle: Rev.J.Dexter-
Taylor: Messrs: K.N.Fleischer:
J.D.Rheinallt Jones: P.C.Sykes: J.S.D.Dey:
J.R.Rathebe and L.V.Gauntlett.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from
Mr.F.Raleigh: Canon Jenkins and Dr. Gow.

WELCOME: The Chairman opened the Meeting by
welcoming the new members of the Council.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting, having been
circulated, were confirmed without
alteration.

PIETERSBURG TRAINING COURSE:

The Chairman generalising, stated that the
time of year, travelling expenses, etc.
resulted in a limited attendance, but that
quality made up for quantity. The
Instructors were good. One of the features
of the Course had been the formation of
special Committees which met in the spare
time to discuss various matters- the results
of these Committees more than justified
their existence. The Chairman
concluded his short resumé by asserting that
the Course had been well worth while and
would be repeated in the future.

REVISION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS: arising from results
of discussions at the Pietersburg Training
Course. As no copies of this had been
circulated, the Meeting decided to postpone
the discussion until the committee of
Divisional Pathfinders has considered the
recommendations of the Course and forwarded
its own recommendations to Divisional Councils.

RESOLUTION FROM PIETERSBURG TRAINING COURSE:

"That this Training Course feels very
"strongly that the Pathfinder Movement
"should consider the possibility of
"organising Lectures for Pathfinders
"on sexual matters, the Lecturers to be
"competent and approved persons."

Mr. Rathebe stated that the Course had
unanimously decided that the 10th Pathfinder
Law, which up to the present has always
been skimmed over by the Pathfinder Masters,
should be more fully explained to the boys.

A General discussion followed but no decision
was arrived at. Mr Rheinallt Jones proposed,
Seconded by Mr. Carter that the discussion be
postponed until it had been discussed at the
next meeting of the Pathfinder Masters.

This was agreed to.

MOTION: The Chair formally Moved that:-
"The"

"The Constitution and Amendments be
"now formally adopted by this Council"

Mr. Rheinallt Jones notified the meeting that he had been in communication with the other Divisional Councils but was unable at the moment, to sum up their views on this motion. Mr. Rheinallt Jones pleaded that in the meantime the Council accept the Motion as it stood, for, although it was far from satisfying, it had at least a working basis.

Mr. Carter stated that he strongly opposed the motion, for one thing the District Committees had no direct representation on the Divisional Councils- Another reason he advanced was that the smaller Councils were subservient to the upper Councils and really had no say at all.

Mr. Jones, speaking as a Member of the South African Pathfinder Council assured Mr. Carter that, at the last two S.A. Pathfinder Council Meetings, at least, that Council had based its decisions on the recommendations of the Divisional Councils.

After further discussion it was decided to amend the motion to read:-

"The Constitution and Amendments be now
"formally adopted by this Council, subject
"from time to time for modification."

The amendment was carried- Mr. Carter's protest being recorded.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES REPRESENTATION:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones proposed, seconded by Mr. Sykes, that the Witwatersrand District Committee be congratulated on the excellent work that it has done in the past, and that it be requested to continue the work, with the assurance that when it be possible to do so the Committee will be given direct representation on the Divisional Council.

The Chairman then formally moved that the meeting Co-opt TWO members of the District Committee. Both the proposal and the motion were carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FROM DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

"That this Committee asks, through the
"Divisional Council, for the calling of an
"informal conference of Pathfinder Masters.
"Such Conference to be held prior to the
"meeting of the next S.A. Pathfinder Council!"

Mr. Grant intimated that the District Committee wished to meet similar bodies for an informal discussion. After a discussion the meeting considered that it would be impracticable to convene such a meeting successfully.

Mr. Sykes then proposed, seconded by Mr. Grant, that the Witwatersrand District Committee considers

"that such a Conference would serve a useful purpose."

CENSUS: This was postponed until the next meeting, as the returns were considered incomplete.

FINANCE: Mr. Rheinallt Jones notified the meeting that the Council of Education had given the Division a Grant of £40. a year for the next THREE years for extension work in the Transvaal. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors.

The suggestion of Mr. Fleischer to pay to the Boy Scouts' Association, Transvaal Division, the sum of £5.0.0. to cover work done by the Transvaal Divisional Scout Council in the way of supplying paper- stencils etc. for the Minutes and other items to the Transvaal Pathfinder Council since 1928, was unanimously agreed.

CO-OPTION OF PATHFINDER MASTERS:

The two Pathfinder Masters, elected by the vote of Officers are Mr. P.H.Madibane and Mr.S.P.Mqubuli. The meeting agreed unanimously to their co-option.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT S.A.P.COUNCIL:

J.R. Rathebe- proposed by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Sykes.

Rev.E.Carter- proposed by J.R.Rathebe-seconded by Mr. Sykes.

As alternatives respectively in case of inability to attend:-

S.P.Mqubuli-proposed by Mr.Sykes-seconded by Mr.Rathebe.

L.V.Gauntlett-proposed by the Chair, seconded by Mr.Sykes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

VICE PRESIDENTS:

The Chair emphasised the need for Vice Presidents who are really interested in the Movement. It was agreed to submit names for consideration at the next Council meeting.

The following names were submitted at the meeting-

Rev. Mashiyane- Chief Mphaphlele- Mr.Howard Pim-
Mr.Frank Lucas- Professor Brookes- and Professor MacMillan.

REGISTRATIONS: All registrations were agreed to.

NEXT MEETING: THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR "24th September, 1931".

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AT THE PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING OF

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL
PATHFINDER COUNCIL, HELD ON THURSDAY-24th SEPTEMBER, 1931.
AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, JEPPE ARCADE, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Rev. S.P. Woodfield (Chair): Rev. Father A. Winter;
Rev. Father E. Klayley: Rev. E.W. Grant and
Rev. S. Bovet: Messrs: J.D. Rheinallt Jones:
F. Raleigh: J.S.D. Dey: K.N. Fleischer: P.C. Sykes:
S.P. Mqubuli: H.P. Madibane: and L.V. Gauntlett.

APOLOGIES: Rev. J. Dexter-Taylor.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting, having been
circulated, were taken as read and confirmed
with one or two alterations.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones, referring to the proposal
that the Transvaal Pathfinder Council considers
that:-

"An informal Conference of ^{those interested in the} Pathfinder ~~Masters~~ ^{Movement}
"would serve a useful purpose",
stated that, as he had had no replies from other
Divisions desiring such a Conference, he was not
in a position to call such a Conference.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Rheinallt Jones informed the meeting that,
with regard to the election of a President, at the
next S.A. Pathfinder Council Meeting the Governor
General would be proposed as President or Patron
of the Pathfinder Movement.
Mr. Fleischer pointed out that the Governor
General was President of the Boy Scouts' Assn,
and therefore was President of the Pathfinder
Movement. He proposed that the Constitution be
amended to include a Patron.

The Meeting decided to send a recommendation to
the S.A. Pathfinder Council that:-

"Under Part II -Section A. S.A. Pathfinder
"Council, 3) Membership- the wording should
"commence
a) Either President or Patron
b) Chief Pathfinder. etc. etc. "

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones told the meeting that he had
discussed the question of Vice Presidents with
several persons, the outcome being that he was of
opinion that Chief Mphahlele was the most
suitable man in the Transvaal to fill the position.
H.P. Madibane assented.

It was unanimously decided that the names of
Chief Mphahlele and Mr. Howard Pim, proposed by
Father Winter and seconded by Father Klayley,
should be submitted to the S.A. Pathfinder Council
for election as Vice Presidents of that Council.

LETTER FROM LORD BADEN-POWELL:

The Chairman read to the meeting a letter from Lord Baden Powell, the context being that he, Lord Baden -Powell, had been ~~surprised and~~ delighted to find that Pathfinding ~~had started and~~ was making such excellent progress he concluded by hoping that Scouters would take an active interest in the Movement.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones asked Mr. Fleischer to see that the letter was circulated amongst Scouters.

CENSUS:

The Census Returns, whilst incomplete, there being no returns from Pretoria or isolated Troops, show that Pathfinding in the Transvaal has a firm hold and that the Movement is growing rapidly. The returns are as follows:-

Districts:	Troops:	Officers:	Pathfinders:	Juniors and in Training.
N. T'vaal.	23.	38.	582.	61.
Witbank.	3.	6.	83.	64.
Witwaters- rand.	42.	70.	703.	745.
Ermelo.	1.	2.	49.	32.
	69.	116.	1417.	902.

A Strength of 2435.

FINANCE:

Mr. P.C.Sykes asked if financial assistance could not be given to Executive Officers who have been, and are incurring considerable expense, -he instanced the case of the Chairman who has attended nearly every meeting and has had to travel from Pietersburg every time at his own expense.

The Chairman pointed out that the finances of the Division would not warrant the payment of the expenses of Executive Officers at the moment. Mr. Rheinallt Jones said that he thought the expenses of the Chief Executive Officer at least, should be paid by the Council.

Mr. Dey proposed that the matter should be left over until the next meeting, when the financial position would be overhauled. The meeting agreed to the postponement.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS:

The Secretary announced that, with the dissolution of the Witwatersrand District Committee, five members could be co-opted. It was decided to co-opt four for the time being. The names of Dr. Xuma, Rev. D. Stole, Mr. Ballenden and a nominee from the Transvaal African Teachers' Association were proposed and assented to.

DISTRICT CONTROL:

Mr. Woodfield announced that he would be visiting Pretoria and would then appoint a District Pathfinder Master for that District.

A letter was read from Mr. Steyn suggesting that he be appointed District Pathfinder Master for the Western Transvaal; he knew of many Troops wishing to start, but they were handicapped by the lack of a D/P/M. Mr. Sykes informed the meeting that he knew Mr. Steyn to be an excellent P/M and proposed that he, Mr. Steyn, be appointed A.D.P.M. for the Western Transvaal on probation. The meeting unanimously agreed to his appointment. The Secretary was asked to make it quite clear to Mr. Steyn that, at the moment, all Executive Officers were bearing their own expenses.

TROOP AND INTER DIVISIONAL RECORDS: Amendments to Registration cards and Officers warrants. It was agreed to refer these matters to the S.A. Pathfinder Council for consideration.

WITWATERSRAND PATHFINDER MASTERS CONFERENCE:

This Conference was held on Saturday- 5th September, 1931. The meeting gave its formal consent to the forwarding of the Resolutions of that Conference to the S.A. Pathfinder Council, for its consideration.

TIME OF MEETING: The Chairman proposed that in future meetings should commence at 4.30p.m. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGISTRATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A list of these, having been circulated, were confirmed without alteration.

DISSOLUTION OF WITWATERSRAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

This Committee, at its last meeting, agreed to forward the following Resolution to the Transvaal Pathfinder Council:-

"That the Witwatersrand District Committee
"should dissolve, on the understanding
"that the Divisional Council undertakes
"complete responsibility for the work on the
"Rand."

This assurance was given by the Divisional Pathfinder who was present at the District Committee's meeting.

The reasons given for dissolution were as follows:-

- 1) So many members of the District Committee are on the Divisional Council and the District Committee was felt in many ways to be a reduplication.
- 2) Since the acceptance of the Constitution by the Transvaal Divisional Council it was felt that such a District Committee should be brought into being by the Divisional Council on Constitutional lines. It was never formed on these lines.

The meeting ordered that this Resolution be placed on record.

REPORT ON PATHFINDER ACTIVITIES ON THE RAND:

This report from Mr. Sykes was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed to consider the report at the next meeting. The Chairman stated briefly that the essence of the report was the substitution of efficiency for inefficiency, and the laying of a solid foundation for the Movement in the District.

RESIGNATION: The Chairman announced that he was sorry to report that Mr. Sykes had handed in his resignation as District Pathfinder Master of the Witwatersrand. He proposed that Mr. Sykes be asked to retain the rank of District Pathfinder Master, but for no particular Division, so that the Movement could continue to benefit from his services. The proposal was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION FROM DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

"That this Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. P. C. Sykes as Secretary and Organiser".

The meeting ordered that this Resolution be placed on record.

SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Rheinallt Jones proposed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider applications for the position of D. P. M. for the Witwatersrand - this Committee to have the power to act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones: Mr. Woodfield and Mr. Rathebe were appointed members of this Sub-Committee.

CIRCULAR OF 3-7-31 TO DIVISIONAL COUNCILS:

This circular was sent to all Divisions at the request of the Transvaal Council, with a view to obtaining the opinions of all Divisions on the Constitution, and the relation of the Pathfinder Movement to the Scout Movement.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones informed the meeting that he had had replies from nearly all Divisions - the position being that all had accepted, or were about to accept the Constitution, and that all Divisions were emphatic that they had no desire to separate from the Scout Association and that, on the contrary, without the help of the Scout Association it would be extremely difficult to continue successfully.

As the Transvaal Council had resolved at its meeting on the 20-8-31 to adopt the Constitution it was felt that the matter should be dropped, more particularly as the whole question is to be discussed at the next meeting of the S. A. Pathfinder Council, at which representatives, cognisant of the opinions of the members of this Council, will be present.

AGREED:

EXTENSION OF THE MOVEMENT:

Father Winter proposed, seconded by Mr. Sykes, that a resolution be sent to the S.A. Pathfinder Council, requesting that Council to give very special consideration to ways and means for the training of present and future Officers.

CARRIED :

MEDALS, BADGES, ETC:

Mr. Fleischer told the meeting that a new Order, "The Order of the Silver Lion" was to be created. This order has its parallel in the Scouts-"The Order of the Silver Wolf"- the illustration was much appreciated, as also was that of the new Pathfinder Emblem which is to be worn by all ranks and boys in uniform.

The new Badge of Office for the Chief Pathfinder -an emblem of the Pathfinder Badge with a Lions claw attached- was exhibited and much admired- though it was suggested that the emblem be in gold to be in keeping with the rest of the Chief Pathfinders Badges of office.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones reminded members of the meeting that on their taking the Pathfinder Promise, they were entitled to wear the Pathfinder Badge.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was decided that the Divisional Pathfinder be left to call the next meeting as soon as possible after the next S.A. Pathfinder Council Meeting.

The Chairman announced that the meeting had been a record one in all respects.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 6.30p.m.

CONFIRMED AT TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER MEETING
OF.....

EAH.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL,
HELD IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS' COMMITTEE ROOM ON THE
15th DECEMBER- 1931, AT 4. 30p.m.

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PRESENT: Rev. S.P.Woodfield-Divisional Pathfinder (Chair):
Messrs: J.D.Rheinallt Jones: F.Raleigh:
J.Hungerford: Rev. Stowell: Rev. Grant:
J.R.Rathebe: H.P.Madibane.

In attendance: Kenneth Fleischer.

APOLOGIES: Rev. Father Winter, C.R.-P.C.Sykes:L.V.Gauntlett:
Rev. Dexter Taylor- Mr. Steyn.

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

NOMINATIONS ETC:
The appointments, as per schedule, were approved.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

It was agreed that the Rev. E.H.M.Jackel and
Rev. D. Stowell be co-opted members of the
Council.

It was further agreed that Mr.G.H.Franz be invited
to become a co-opted member.

REPRESENTATION:

A letter had been received from Father Winter, C.R.
indicating that he would be leaving for England
early in 1932, and he had been requested by the
Bishop of Johannesburg to suggest the name of
Mr.A.P.Mole as his representative during the
year he will be away.
This was agreed to.

FINANCE: The Financial position was reported on- and the
Balance amounted to £146.18.3; donations to the
extent of £133.3.2.having been received, which is
included in the balance on hand.

REPORT ON WITWATERSRAND:

An interesting report was read from D/P/M Sykes
in regard to the development and expansion of the
work on the Witwatersrand- the report being
filed with the records.

NOTED:

Mr.Sykes had intimated that it was necessary to
relinquish his position as District
Pathfinder Master for the Witwatersrand, and had
submitted to the Divisional Pathfinder his
resignation, which, under the circumstances, the
Divisional Pathfinder had accepted.
The Council unanimously agreed to record its
appreciation of the work done by Mr.Sykes and the
great advance that the Movement in the
Witwatersrand had made since his appointment as
D/P/M.

-APPLICATIONS-

APPLICATIONS FOR POSITION OF D/P/M:

Applications were considered by the Council for the Witwatersrand area, and it was unanimously decided that for the year 1932, subject to the usual conditions of engagement, viz. one month's notice on either side in the event of either party desiring to terminate the appointment, Mr. Geoffrey Bacon, B.Sc. be appointed as whole time District Pathfinder Master for the Witwatersrand- to be available, however, for service in other parts of the Transvaal Division, at the direction of the Divisional Pathfinder as and when required. The remuneration to be £240. per annum for the year of appointment-namely 1932, and that Mr. Bacon pay his own travelling expenses.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Steyn at Potchefstroom in which he raised the question again about his personal expenses for travelling. The Council, after discussion, regret that they cannot undertake to pay district expenses, as the funds raised were not for this purpose, but that expenses for organising work in districts must be met by the District concerned.

SUGGESTION OF THANKS BADGE FOR MR. STEVENS-HEIDELBURG.

It was unanimously decided to confer upon Mr. Stevens the Thanks Badge in recognition of his generous assistance and help to Pathfinders from time to time, while they camped on his farm at Heidelberg.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE S.A. PATHFINDER COUNCIL:

The Minutes were submitted by the Chairman, who intimated that at the next meeting of the Transvaal Pathfinder Council he hoped that the new draft Constitution, Policy, Organisation and Rules for the Pathfinder Movement in South Africa would be submitted for the consideration of the Transvaal Pathfinder Council. He indicated that it had been the most satisfactory meeting that had been held, and that the Movement was well represented by all the constituent Divisions of that Council. He drew attention to the report of the S.A.P. Council which had appeared in the Press in regard to the attitude of the S.A.P. Council and the article which had appeared in a certain publication, written by a former member of the Pathfinder Council.

(The South African Pathfinder Council Minutes attached to record copy of these Minutes.)

Mr. Raleigh and Mr. Hungerford intimated how very pleased they were at the satisfactory result of the South African Pathfinder Council Meeting, and the cordial relationship which now would exist between the Boy Scouts' Association and the South African Pathfinder Council, and hoped that the Pathfinder Movement would continue to go from strength to strength and develop throughout the length and breadth of the Union of South Africa.

GENERAL:

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman Divisional Pathfinder, Rev. S. P. Woodfield expressed the hope that all members of the Council would have a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

NEXT MEETING:

It was decided to hold the next meeting on FRIDAY- 29th JANUARY-1932 at 4.30p.m.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS MEETING TERMINATED AT 6.30p.m.

CONFIRMED.

CHAIRMAN.

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