

Mr. Shearsmith (Convenor), Messrs. C.Nicholls, D.G. Lace, L.I.Venables, S.H.Mbambo, Capt. Barber, Miss Warner and the Assistant Secretary be formed to discuss the whole matter of training in the Division and to report to the next Council meeting.

(d) Representatives of Education Departments.

The Chairman pointed out the clear relation to be made between the Movement and Official Departments of the Government. Pathfinder Scouting was in no way officially connected with or working under the aegis of the Education Department. It was an independent and voluntary Association.

Capt. Barber suggested that the Div.P/S Com. should write asking for representatives of the Education Departments and making the relation in question very explicit.

A G R E E D.

FINANCE.

The Financial Statement as at the 31st August, 1938 was submitted by the Hon. Treasurer and confirmed.

The following recommendation from the Finance Committee was considered and agreed to:

"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."

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. These were considered by the Council and were approved en bloc.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL. The Council was elected as constituted previously but with the following alterations and additions:-

Additional to D/P/S/Cs: Rev.Max Blutcher, P.O. Bush-buckridge.

Additional to Actg.A/D/P/S/Cs: Mr. A. Masilela, P.O. Box 8150, Johannesburg and Mr. Robert Ntuli, Van Heining School, P.O. Bedwang, via Warmbaths.

Alterations:

- (a) Scout Representatives to become co-opted members.
- (b) The names of Mr. B.W. Lloyd and Revds. J.V.Cantrell and D.Stowell to be deleted.

Arising from the election of the Council it was agreed that:

(a) a letter be written to Bishop Wright of the A.M.E. Church inviting him to nominate a representative to the Council.

(b) a letter be written to Mr. Stakes inviting a representative from the Presbyterian Church.

(c) another letter be written to the Dutch Reformed Church again inviting them to send a representative to the Council.

(d) a letter be written to Rev.Dr. Ray E. Phillips inviting him to fill the vacancy which was being created by the departure of Rev.Dr. J. Dexter Taylor on prolonged leave.

In this connection the Chairman paid a very warm tribute to the sterling services of Dr. Taylor and on behalf /

behalf of the Council wished him bon voyage and a safe return.

The matter of Proxies for country members of the Council was discussed and it was decided to leave this over for the meanwhile.

GENERAL.

(i) The Chairman reported on a successful Rally held at Brits and the principle of allowing the Assistant Secretary to attend these rallies to advertise the shop was agreed to.

(ii) Mr. Venables extended an invitation to the Council to attend a Municipal Conference for Social Welfare of the Bantu which would be held in the Library Theatre, Johannesburg from the 10th - 12th October, 1938. The meetings will open daily at 10 A.M. and close at 4 or 5 P.M.

(iii) The Chairman also reported that he had been invited to address "The Lady Selborne" Literary and Debating Society on Scouting generally. He regarded this a grand opportunity for advertising the Movement and he did his best to achieve the desired goal.

(iv) Mr. C.P. Molefe was asked to lead a discussion at the next Council meeting on:

"The need for reviving interest in Scouting with possible suggestions how to recapture the enthusiasm that formerly existed in the Pathfinder days."

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for November 3rd, 1938.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 5.55 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on _____

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT
COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON THURSDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1938
AT 4.45 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chairman);
The Asst. Div. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber; D/P/S/Cs
Mr. H.W. Shearsmith and Mr. D.G. Lace; A/D/P/S/Cs
Mr. L.M. Seepe and Mr. I.H. Magang; Actg. A/D/P/S/Cs
Mr. S. Mashupye and Mr. A. Masilela; Revd. P.T. Leresche
and Revd. G. Westphal; Messrs. L.I. Venables, K.N.
Fleischer, J.A.I. Agar Hamilton and C.P. Molefe; The Hon.
Div. Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Div. Secre-
taries Mr. J.P. Rees and 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. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse, Revd. Max Buchler
and Mr. J.R. Rathebe.

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

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) Camp Site. Mr. Venables reported that the farm
belonging to the Municipality would make a very good
Camp site. It was not in the possession of the Munici-
pality yet, and for the coming training camp there was
a site in Orlando Township.

Capt. Barber endorsed Mr. Venables' remarks and said
that the Communal Hall in Orlando would be suitable for
lectures.

The Chairman mentioned that the Revd. Blaxall had offered
him the use of grounds near Roodepoort which would be
suitable for camps.

(b) D/C Pretoria. The Chairman stated that the Revd.
Howard Palmer was willing to become the District Path-
finder Scout Commissioner for Pretoria, but was not yet
ready to accept his appointment.

(c - i) Report on Training. Mr. Shearsmith reported on
the work of the Sub Committee appointed to discuss the
whole matter of training in the Division. He said that
there was great need in Johannesburg and along the Reef
to develop Scouting amongst boys who did not attend
school, as they constituted about 60% of the Bantu youth.
The Committee therefore welcomed the co-operation and
initiative of Mr. Venables and the Municipal Native
Affairs Department in this matter. It had been decided
to hold a Training Camp at Orlando from the 14th - 18th
December, 1938. The expense of the camp would be borne
by the Council and he asked for a grant not exceeding
£40. for this purpose. Those attending would pay their
own travelling expenses. Capt. Barber had undertaken to
look after the arrangement of the accomodation and he
would see to the programme of the Course.

Mr. Venables said that in addition to providing the
camp site, his Department would assist with the supply
of tents, beds (no mattresses), water, sanitation, fuel,
lighting and lorry transport at certain times. There
were two halls, a kitchen, cooking facilities and a
scullery. The City Council housed about 10,000 Bantu
youths amongst whom delinquency was a serious problem.
His Department was anxious to further the Movement, to
have members of their staff trained as Officers and to
build up a strength of 5,000 or more Scouters. Financial
help would be available.

Mr. Fleischer /

Mr. Fleischer said that he had been disturbed by the apparent set-back in the progress of the Movement. He thought that all members of the Council should be more open in **their** enthusiasm for Scouting. They should bring the Movement to the notice of Rotarians and others in a position of influence. He thought the Training Course would be well worth while and the Council should accept with gratitude Mr. Venables' offers of help.

Mr. Molefe said he wished to associate himself with Mr. Fleischer's remarks. Africans would be very grateful for help from the Municipality.

Mr. Westphal spoke of the keenness amongst members of the Youth Movement in Germany. He thought that Scouting could be made more acceptable to Bantu youth in the country districts by incorporating such customs as "Tonga" or schooling in the Chief's kraal. He was glad to hear that the rules were available in the Bantu languages. He suggested that Mr. J. Piliso be appointed Acting Assistant District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner in Alexandra Township. This was agreed to.

Capt. Barber said that at the invitation of Mr. Venables he had met the Municipal Location Superintendents and had explained the nature of Scouting. All were sympathetic, but he felt helpless to start troops in the absence of trained Officers to run them. He thought the Council should not hesitate to vote the necessary money to run the training camp. He had inspected camp sites with Mr. Venables and he thought the farm site could not be beaten in the Transvaal. There were outbuildings which could be utilised for additional sleeping accommodation. As regards the present camp, he expected an attendance of about fifty.

The Chairman expressed his thanks and the thanks of the Council to Mr. Venables for his enthusiasm and help. He remarked that although Scouting appeared inactive in Johannesburg, it was going forward vigorously in the rest of the Transvaal, as he was able to observe in several districts. He welcomed the suggestions that had been made to revive the Movement in Johannesburg, and particularly wished to thank Mr. Shearsmith and Capt. Barber.

The motion to vote £40. for the training camp was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

Mr. Shearsmith said that he found that the date of the camp was unsuitable for most of his Officers. He thought the last week of the Christmas holidays would be better. Capt. Barber thought his Officers would prefer to have the camp before Christmas and Mr. Lace thought it inadvisable to alter the date now.

The Chairman thought it best to see how applications to join the camp, came in. It was suggested that Messrs. Molefe, Mashupye and Sol. G. Senaoane should be co-opted by the Sub Committee.

A G R E E D.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. Shearsmith's Report should be accepted.

Mr. Shearsmith said that with regard to Training Centres, it was proposed that there should be three in the Transvaal, at Pietersburg, Louis Trichardt and Orlando (Johannesburg).

Mr. Masilela suggested that a site in the Eastern Transvaal would be preferable to Louis Trichardt.

Mr. Lace thought the Sub Committee might examine the Census Returns and decide on a site according to the location of the troops.

Capt. Barber /

Capt. Barber proposed that the principle of the three Centres should be adopted and the Sub Committee should report later on the selected sites.

A G R E E D.

(c - ii) Representative from the Education Department.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Education Department and they agreed to have a representative on the Council, and proposed Mr. H. Liebenberg.

A G R E E D.

(c - iii) The Secretary reported that replies had not yet been received from the Dutch Reformed Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church and Revd. Dr. Ray E. Phillips in regard to representation on the Council.

(c - iv) Headquarters Council. The Chairman read letters he had received from different Divisions, some in favour and some, on the grounds of expense, against holding a Headquarters Council in December.

Mr. Shearsmith said that the chief business would be to form a Consultative Committee.

Mr. Fleischer said that they found a Consultative Committee unnecessary in the European section.

CORRESPONDENCE. Mr. Masilela's letter of resignation was read. He agreed to accept appointment as Acting Assistant District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner in the Germiston - Boksburg District.

A letter from Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., was read, resigning his office of Actg. A/D/P/S/C in Sophiatown. He thought that the Africans in his district (numbering fourteen) who were better qualified than he, should do the work. His resignation was accepted with regret and with gratitude for the unstinting energy he had put into his work. It was hoped he would remain a member of the Council.

Mr. Seepe expressed his willingness to accept the appointment of A/D/P/S/C for Sophiatown District.

FINANCE. The Treasurer read his Statement of the position at the 31st October, 1938. No.1 a/c showed a decrease of £13.16.6 and No.2 a/c an increase of £14.3.1, compared with the position at the 31st August, 1938.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. There were no recommendations from the Finance Committee.

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

GENERAL. Mr. Molefe expressed himself as satisfied with the discussion which had already taken place on the causes and remedies for the present deadness of the Movement in Johannesburg.
Capt. Barber queried the right of the S.A. Headquarters Executive Committee to demand the renewal of the Officers' Warrants each year.
Mr. Shearsmith thought that the right existed and the Chairman thought it a necessary ruling.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for Monday, December 5th, 1938.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.30 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on 1938.

CHAIRMAN _____

MINUTES OF THE 18th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT PATHFINDER SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, B.M.S.C., ELOFF STREET EXTENSION, ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, 1938, AT 5.15 P.M.

- PRESENT: The Asst.Div.P/S Com. Capt.W.E. Barber (Chairman); Mr. J.R. Rathebe; The Hon.Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon.Div.Secty Mr. J.P. Rees, and the Asst. Secty.
- WELCOME: The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. J.R.Rathebe who had come back home from America to take an active part again in Pathfinder Scouting matters.
- APOLOGY: An apology for absence was tendered for Mr.C.J.R.Nicholls (Joint Hon.Divi.Secty.).
- MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.
- CORRESPONDENCE: A letter re "Hat Bands", addressed to Mr. Nicholls, was received, but in view of his absence, it was decided to defer the matter for discussion at the next Finance Committee Meeting.
- FINANCE: The following Financial Statement as at 31st October,1938, was submitted and noted:

Barclays Bank (D.C.& O.) Council Account	£97.11. 4.	
Barclays Bank (D.C.& O.) Equipment Account	54.19. 1.	
Petty Cash	4. 3.11.	
Post Office Savings Bank - Jamboree Fund	136.16. 1.	
Customers' Accounts	21. 6.11.	£5. 7. 1.
Jamboree Fund - as per contra		136.16. 1.
Sundry Creditors		6.18. 9.
Balance, being Cash and Cash		
Assets over Liabilities		165.15. 5.
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	£314.17. 4.	£314.17. 4.

The Treasurer had prepared the Accounts for the period 1st April, 1937 to 31st March, 1938, in which a deficit of £13. was shown in No2 A/C. The Assistant Secretary undertook to try to trace this discrepancy.

SECRETARIAL WORK: It was decided to increase the Assistant Secretary's salary to £9.0.0. per month as from 1st November, 1938.

GENERAL: The Treasurer drew attention to a letter received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon.J.D. Rheinallt-Jones, where he stated that the Transvaal Division of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association was NOT entitled to a grant of £50. from the Council of Education of the Witwatersrand University.

The Treasurer also suggested that copies of the Yearly Financial Balance Sheet of the Association should be sent to Donors, as this was their only guide how contributions towards the advancement of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, were expended.

AGREED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 6.50 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the Meeting on1938.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF THE 19th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT PATHFINDER SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, B.M.S.C., ELOFF STREET EXTENSION, ON FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1938 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner Capt. W.E. Barber (Chairman); Mr. I.H. Magang; The Honorary Divisional Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Honorary Divisional Secretaries Messrs. J.P. Rees and C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

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

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from Mr. Riley, Quartermaster, Boy Scouts Association, London, explaining the position re hat bands that the balance of red leather at the Manufacturers had been purchased in the proportions indicated in a letter from Mr. Nicholls. It was noted that these would be a reserve stock from which the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association (Transvaal Division) could draw on Imperial Headquarters as and when required.

The Treasurer reported that in response to an appeal for a donation to the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association (Transvaal Division), he had received a letter from Mr. A. Lynn Saffery, Honorary Secretary to the "Bantu Welfare Trust", that in the absence of the Treasurer, the matter be shelved till next year. The Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Finance Committee agreed that the request be renewed as suggested.

FINANCE. The following Financial Statement as at the 30th November, 1938 was submitted and noted:

Barclays Bank (D.C.&O.) Council a/c	£103. 2. 1	
Barclays Bank (D.C.& O.) Equipment a/c	62. 3. 8	
Petty Cash	5. 7. 7	
Post Office Savings Bank - Jamboree		
	Fund	136.16. 1
Customers' Accounts	22.18. 7	7.18. 5
Jamboree Fund - as per contra		136. 16. 1
Sundry Creditors		6. 9. 1
Balance, being Cash and Cash Assets over Liabilities		179. 4. 5
	£330. 8. 0	£330. 8. 0
Balance, brought down	£179. 4. 5	
Norah Young Bequest - Advance a/c		£150. 0. 0
<u>O T H E R A S S E T S.</u>	203. 4. 4	
Furniture, Fittings, etc.	£19. 2. 6	
Stock in hand & in transit	169. 3. 1	
Camp Equipment	14.18. 9	
Balance, being Assets over Liabilities		232. 8. 9
	£382. 8. 9	£382. 8. 9

The Treasurer informed the meeting that he would highly appreciate it if the Finance Meetings could be held during the second week of every month so as to make it convenient for him in the preparation of Financial Statements. It was agreed that the Council should also be notified accordingly.

With regard to the Camp to be held at Orlando from the 14th - 18th December, 1938, Mr. Rees wished to know who would be responsible for receiving cash to meet the Accounts that would be involved. Capt. Barber undertook

to bear this responsibility and would submit his petty cash vouchers to the Treasurer.

Amongst other financial matters, the Finance Committee agreed to vote a sum of two guineas as a Christmas bonus to the Assistant Secretary, and the recipient expressed great thankfulness for same.

AUDIT.

The Treasurer reported that the matter was in hand and regretted that owing to the busy month of Christmas, the Auditor had been unable to find suitable time to complete the books. It was hoped the Auditor's Statement would be available at the next Finance Committee meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 5.50 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on1939.

CHAIRMAN _____

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THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL.

P.O. Box 8356,

Johannesburg.

30th January, 1939.

The Next Meeting Of The Finance Committee Of The Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council Will Be Held At Pathfinder Scout Headquarters, Bantu Men's Social Centre, Eloff Street Extension, Johannesburg, On Monday, 6th February, 1939 At 5.15 P.M.

You are earnestly requested to attend.

Nebajoth S. Mokgako.
ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

A G E N D A.

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes.
3. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Finance.
6. Audit Statement.
7. General.

MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, ON MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 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; D/P/S/Cs Messrs. H.W. Shearsmith and D.G. Lace; A/D/P/S/Cs Messrs. S.H. Mbambo and L.M. Seepe; The Revd. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse and Revd. Fr. C. Bouffard; Mr. L.I. Venables, Mr. K.N. Fleischer and Mr. C.P. Molefe; The Hon. Divisional Treasurer Mr. R.M. Strachan; Joint Hon. Divisional Secretaries Messrs. J.P. Rees and C.J.R. Nicholls and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from Revd. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., Mr. J.A.I. Agar Hamilton, Mr. H. Liebenberg and Mr. J. Piliso.

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

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Training Camp. Mr. Shearsmith reported that arrangements for the Camp were well in hand. He gave an outline of the programme. Capt. Barber said that he was making the necessary arrangements in regard to feeding etc. and he handed round a bill of fare. He asked that the Assistant Secretary should attend. He hoped to have the Camp ready on Tuesday morning the 13th December, 1938 for a visit from Mr. Fagan - the Minister of Native Affairs.

Headquarters Council. The Chairman announced that this would not be held in December.

CORRESPONDENCE. D/P/S/C Revd. Max B  chler of Bushbuckridge wrote wishing the Camp every success. He suggested that there was a good site for a Training Camp at Bushbuckridge. The Chairman said that this site should be considered by the Sub Committee on training.

A letter was received from Mr. J. Piliso accepting his appointment as Acting Assistant District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner for Alexandra Township.

Father Trelawney-Ross, C.R., wrote to say that he would be pleased to remain on the Council.

The Revd. Dr. Ray E. Phillips of the American Board Mission wrote to say that he would like to see the Constitution of the Association. Capt. Barber said that he had met Dr. Ray Phillips and had talked to him about the Movement. It was decided to send a copy of the Constitution to Dr. Ray Phillips and to others who wanted it.

The Revd. F. Stakes of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa wrote saying he would be pleased to join the Council, though he would not be able to attend regularly because he travelled considerably through the Union and in the Rhodesias. The Chairman said he thought he would be a valuable member.

The Rt. Revd. Bishop R.R. Wright of the African Methodist Episcopal Church wrote saying he had referred the matter of membership of the Council to Professor White of the Wilberforce Institute.

FINANCE. The Hon. Treasurer read his Statement of the position at the 30th November, 1938. No.1 a/c showed an increase of £5.10.9 and No.2 a/c an increase of £7.4.7 compared with the position at the 31st October, 1938.

AUDIT STATEMENT. The Hon. Treasurer reported that this was not yet ready.

GENERAL. The Chairman reported that he had enrolled a new Troop at Irene.
Capt. Barber reported that a successful Rally and an Investiture ceremony had been held at Springs.
Archdeacon Rouse said that he had been impressed with the keenness shown there.
Mr. Nicholls said that he was going overseas in April 1939, and hoped that the Council would find someone to take his place whilst he was away.
He said that he wished the Assistant Secretary to open a branch of the shop at the Camp.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for Thursday, 9th February, '39.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 5.40 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on 1939.

CHAIRMAN _____

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The Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council
P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.
2nd February, 1939.

The Next Meeting Of The Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council Will Be Held In The Committee Room At Scout Headquarters, Cr. Eloff & Fox Sts On Thursday, 9th February, 1939 at 4.30 P.M.

Your attendance is urgently requested.

J.P. Rees (Joint. Hon. Div. Secty.)

A G E N D A.

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| 1. Apologies. | |
| 2. Minutes. | |
| 3. Matters arising from Minutes. | 6. Recommendations from Finance/ |
| (a) Report on Training. | 7. Audit Statement. |
| (b) District Com. for Pretoria. | 8. Appointments & Registrations. |
| 4. Correspondence. | 9. General. |
| 5. Finance. | 10. Date of next Meeting. |

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Appointments & Registrations.

John M. Setshedi - P/S/M 1st Olverton.

1st Alexandra Pack, St.Michael's School, P.O. Bergvlei.

1st Haakdoornkraal Pack, Haakdoornkraal School, P.O. Bedwang.

1st Zeerust Troop, P.O. Box 72, Zeerust.

1st Haakdoornkraal Crew, P.O. Bedwang, via Warmbaths.

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