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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXTENTION SOUTH,
JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY APRIL, 3RD. 1951 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Divisional Mr. J.R. Rathebe, Mr. H.H. Musgrove,
The Hon. Div. Secretary Mr. J.P. Rees, Mr. D.T. Schmidt (N.E.D.D.),
Mr. M.B. Teywayo, Mr. R.B. Motaung, Mr. D.C. Marivate, Mr. Neb. S.
Mokgake, (National Organiser), Assistant Secretary S.L. Pilane.
Mr. A.T. Habedi, Mr. D.C. Mogotsi & Mr. S.A. Mphenyeke.

APOLOGIES: for absence were received from the Chief Scout's African
Scout Commissioner Mr. J.D. Rheinalt-Jones, Rev. F.C.v. Jenkins
Rev. Fr. A. Winter, Divisional African Commissioner Mr. C.N.
Wallace, M.B.E.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting held on the 13th February, 1951,
having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed after
corrections here under were made:-

Heading (a) date 13th February, 1951 (b) Heading, (present):-
Mr. G.A. Mphenyeke, Mr. M.B. Tetwayo, & Rev. Fr. F. Trevisol
marked as present. (c) Heading, Matters arising out of the
Minutes: Bob-a-job-week. Funds raised "to" assist a forward
movement in the Division.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Cloth Emblem "P" Badge. The
Chairman Mr. J.R. Rathebe reported that this matter will be
discussed at the next Head Quarter Council to be held in
Johannesburg in July this year, designs should be sent in by
Scouters for approval at Head Quarter Council.

Gazette: Mr. D.C. Mogotsi reported that the gazette would be
ready soon.

(Minutes): Welcome. The Chairman welcomed Mr. D.T.
Schmidt (N.E.A.D), & Mr. R.B. Motaung representing Central
District.) (b) (Minutes)

FAREWELL RALLY FOR EX-DIVISIONAL The Ven. Archdeacon S.P.
Woodfield. The Council decided that the Farewell Gift should
be a SILVER JACKAL KAROSS, that Mr. D.C. Mogotsi should make
the presentation. The Programme was approved, and the Chair-
man reported that the Rally would be held at the Bantu Union
Sports Grounds.

Arrangements for Displays and demonstrations of troops were
approved. It was reported that the Mayor was unable to attend
and that Councillor Thorburn would take his place. It was
agreed that Wayfares Girl Guides and guests be sitted on both
sides of the platform. It was also agreed that Rev. Fr. A.
Winter represent the Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner
Mr. J.D. Rheinalt-Jones. Mr. D.C. Marivate reported that the
arrangements for the farewell Rally for the Northern
section showed few signs of progress. He hoped that the
Committee in the North would be more active. Mr. S. Mokgako
reported that he invited Mr. L.I. Venables the Manager
of the Non-European Affairs Department, the Inspector of
Native Education, Rev. Max Buchler and Mr. J.D. Fraser.
Mr. J.R. Rathebe left the Meeting & Mr. H.H. Musgrove took the
Chair at this stage.

Animal Welfare - No report.

TRAINERS REPORT: Mr. D.C. Marivate asked that his report be roneod
and supplied to the members at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Ex-Divisional the Ven. Archdeacon
S.P. Woodfield was read with great interest, and noted.

(b) A letter from S.A.H.Q containing a message for
St. George's Day from the Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth
was read & noted.

Finance: no report.

GENERAL: Initials of Ranks was defered, to next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS: approved as listed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: was fixed for the 8th . May, 1951.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed
at 5. 45. p.m.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on _____

Chairman _____

MINUTES OF THE 131st. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXT. south, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY 8th. MAY, 1951. at 4.30.P.M.

PRESENT: Deputy Divisional, Mr. J.R. Rathebe; Mr. H.H. Musgrove; Rev. Fr. A. Winter, C.R; Rev. Fr. Geo. M. Clarke, Mr. R.B. Motaung; Mr. M.B. Tetwayo; Mr. Sol. Magambalala; Mr. A.T. Habedi; Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako, D.C.C; S.L. Pilane, Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES: for absence were received from the Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt-Jones.

MINUTES: Southern Rally for the Ex-Divisional the Ven. Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield. The Council to record that it was one of the best Rallies ever held. The organising Committee was than for its good work done for the Ex-Divisional.

NORTHERN RALLY. A letter was read from Mr. D.O. Marivate reporting a successful rally in the North. The Council asked that letters of thank be written to the northern Committee. It was agreed that in future Organising Committee put notices in the press, particularly in the Bantu Public Press, also the Star and Daily Mail. The Chairman reported that he bought food and minerals for the Troops, but as many Troops were unaware of this arrangement, they did not buy all the food, which was subsequently sold at a loss. The Council agreed that the accounts should be paid by Headquarters as follows:-

Food & Minerals.....	£11-14-0d.
Public Adress outfit.....	7-10-0d.
Total	<u>£19-4-0d.</u>

BOB-A-Job week: A report was made by Mr. A.T. Habedi D/A/S/Com. Evaton Vereeniging District that their target for this Bob-a-job week was 2000/- and they had realised £106-4-7d. The Council expressed its pleasure at this fine achievement and it was agreed that letters of thanks be written to the Native Commissioner of Vereeniging, the Town Clerk and the Superintendent of the Native Location. A sub-Committee was elected to go thoroughly into all statements and recommendations about Bob-a-job week and to report at the next Council Meeting. Members were as follows:- Mr. H.H. Musgrove; Mr. A.T. Habedi; & Mr. Neb. S Mokgako. Mr. A.T. Habedi said an amount of £1-10-9d had been deducted from the total amount of £107-15-4d for food and travelling expenses. The Council thought that this amount should be paid back to the Bob-a-job funds until the Council had had time to consider the matter further. The Council agreed that a report of this effort be entered in the Gazette. Rev. A. Winter reported that Orlando Scouts have raised the sum of £8-9-7d and that he had handed this amount to the assistant secretary before the meeting started, he and the Orlando Scouts were thanked for their generous help. The Council then passed a resolution that BOB-A-JOB WEEK FUNDS BE BANKED UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED ON THEIR ALLOCATION. The Council agreed that Mr. H.H. Musgrove, Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako and Fr. A. Winter enquire into the cost of a printed Photo of the Ex-Divisional and report at the next meeting.

ANIMAL WELFARE: The Chairman apologies delaying this matter through pressure of work. He said it was still in his mind to attend to this as soon as he was free to do so.

Initials of Ranks: The Council agreed to sent to the Head-quarter Council meeting to be held in Johannesburg in July this year, a motion asking for a discussion on the question of whether African is to be used in the initials of ranks.

RANKS

TRAINERS REPORT: Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako asked that his report be roneed and circulated at the next meeting. Agreed.

Gazette: Mr. Sol. Maqambalala reported that the stencils were with Mr. J.P. Rees, and he hoped to collect them at the office next week. Mr. Sol. Maqambalala asked the Council whethe it was not possible to get some body in town to help in cutting the stencils as Mr. J.P. Rees' secretary seem to a bit out way. It was agreed that he should interview Mr. J.P. Rees.

At this stage the chairman asked for a leave from meeting and Mr. H.H. Musgrove took the chair.

FINANCE: no report.

General: It was agreed that question of coloureds buying from our shop should be left with Mr. J.P. Rees for his consideration.

Stock: Central District Commissioner of Johannesburg complaint that they were not getting their requirements from the shop. As they were preparing themselves for a Camping during June holidays at Portugues E. African he felt it was not fair for his Troop to go without a full uniform. It was agreed that as the matter is in the hands of Mr. J.P. Rees, this should be refered to him, but he was told that there is hardly any hope of getting all that his troop required, as the position seem the same with B.S.A Shop, European section.

Central Johannesburg District Commissioner Mr. R.B. Metaun asked whether it is possible to get somebody from Jan Hofmeyr School of social work to help in scouting at St. Thomas School. He felt that the student who is at present trying to work with this Troop does not seem able sufficiently cupable.

African Pageant: As it was arranged that boys go to Wemply House to sell programmes for the above, each programme sold a boy paid a penny, and the money paid to the Headquarters after finishing sales, as this was a question raised by Mr. R.B. Metaung D/A/S/O, whose troop went. The chairman said in regard to payment of boys selling programmes be refered to Mr. J.R. Rathebe.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATION: approved as listed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: was fixed for the 12th. June, 1951.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on _____

chairman _____

PRETORIA AFRICAN BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION - PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE

LADY SELBORNE METHODIST SCH.
1183, HECTOR STREET,
LADY SELBORNE.

Dear Scouter,

TO ALL AFRICAN SCOUTERS

A Preliminary Training Course for Officers will be held at Serenity Farm East of Pretoria from the 2nd. to 7th. July 1951.

WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE: THE D/O/O. and Training Team.

WHO MAY COME: Any Scout Officers who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity.

WHAT WILL IT COST: Each applicant must send 15/- to the Secretary at above address. APPLICATION CLOSE ON JUNE 1951. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

CONDITIONS: No Officers should apply unless he is prepared to stay for the duration of the Course. All Officers attending the Course should be in full uniform.

WHAT TO BRING.

Aspare shirt and shorts
stockings
Boot Polish and brushes
A towel, comb, soap
A rope
A note book and pencil

A mug and spoon
A plate and spoon
Knife and fork
A pair of pyjamas
Blankets and pillow
A groundsheet

APPLICATION FORM (Preliminary Course)

NAME AND SURNAME.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....

AGE..... Rank

STATION AT WHICH ENTRAINING.....

WHETHER TRAVELLING 2nd. OR 3rd. Class.....

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF JANUARY.....

When completely filled in, this form must be send to the Secretary, Pretoria District African Scouts Association, Lady Selborne Methodist School, 1183, Hector Street, Lady Selborne Pretoria. The sum of 15/- enclosed.

I agree with all the terms laid for the Preliminary Training Course and shall be glad if you accept my application to attend.

Sign.....

Railway terminus: Forfar. 32 miles East of Pretoria. It is a siding. It is the second siding after passing Rayton from Pretoria and if you come from Witbank it is the second siding after passing Bronkhorspruit. Serenity is to the North of the Railway about 3 miles from Forfar Siding.

MINUTES OF THE 132nd. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXT. SOUTH, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY 12th. JUNE, 1951. AT 4.30. P.M.

PRESENT: The Divisional African Scout Commissioner Mr. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E; The Deputy Divisional Mr. J.R. Rathebe; Div.HQ. Com. Mr. H.H. Musgrove; & Mr. Sol. Maqambalala; The Hon. Div. Secretary Mr. J.P. Rees; N. Organiser Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako; Mr. D.O. Marivate D.O.O; Mr. R. Motaung; Rev. D.O. Viysie; Mr. G.A.P. Mphenyake; Mr. D.J. Schmidt; Rev. S.M. Clarke; Rev. Fr. F.M. Trevisol; Rev. Max Buchler; and Assist. Secretary S.L. Pilane.

APOLOGIES: for absence were received from the Chief Scout's African Commissioner Mr. J.D. Rheinallt-Jones; Mr. A.T. Habedi & Mr. D.O. Mogotsi.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting held on the 8th, May, 1951 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

DIVISIONAL: Mr. C.N. Wallace said that he had been unable to attend recent meetings because of pressure of work. He reported that the shop had been broken into and goods & cash to the value of £77-4-10d was missing. The matter was in the hands of the police. The new treasurer had started his duties. He said expenditure by the Division was about twice the income and this could not continue indefinitely.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: (a) Farewell Rally at Pietersburg - A report by Mr. D.O. Marivate was noted with interest. (b) Bob-a-job week. The subcommittee report was made by Mr. H.H. Musgrove. After a long discussion, a decision on the question of payment to boys for travelling expenses & for food was deferred. It was agreed that Bob-a-job week be held next year at about Easter. The sub-committee would hold meetings with District Officers to arrange the details. Mr. H.H. Musgrove offered to visit districts with sub-Committee members and hold meetings with scouters and with parents. The Divisional reported that he had made arrangements with the proprietors of the Newspaper called the African Drum that scouts should sell copies on commission. He said that a trial would be made by our 2nd. Johannesburg Troop under Mr. R. Motaung. (c) Photo for the Ex-Divisional. Mr. J.R. Rathebe undertook to go into this matter. (d) Animal Welfare - Mr. Rathebe said he had this in hand. (e) St. Thomas Troop, it was agreed that Fr. Rev. S.M. Clarke should report at the next meeting.

TRAINERS REPORT: Mr. C. Marivate said that scouting in the Louis Tricahrdt district was in a very low state, but one encouraging thing the Vendale Chief was taking an active part. He said, he became a scout in 1940, and became a Patrol leader of the 1st. Tshakhuma Troop two years later. He attended the Farewell Rally at Pietersburg and was introduced to the public. He thought that Mr. Neb S. Mokgako should be allowed to visit the Northern Transvaal to try arouse interest. The Revd. Max Buchler thought it necessary to explain to Missionaries the value of scouting as a christiansing movement. He agreed to draft a circular. Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako's reports after been circulated were noted.

GAZETTE: Mr. Sol. Maqambalala circulated the Gazette, and was thanked for his good work by J.R. Rathebe, and wished that he continue with with his kind help with this gazette, the Divisional undetook to help in getting somebody central to Mr. Sol. Maqambalala.

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CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from S.A.H.Q. Cape Town asked if the Council would agree to postpone the Council. Agreed. The Rev. A. Cowgill wrote resigning from the Council and suggesting in his place Rev. D.C. Viysie, agreed. Fr. A. Winter had written resigning from post of a Commissioner for Orlando. It was agreed that he should be asked to become a co-opted member. Mr. J.R. Rathebe undertook to find a new Commissioner for Orlando. Rev. D.S. Arden wrote resigning as Anglican Church Representative in Pretoria., it was agreed that a letter be written to him thanking him for his services to the Council, wishing him well in Swaziland.

FINANCE: The Divisional reported that the matter is in his hands, and reports will be ready as soon as the new treasurer has started on the books.

GENERAL: Mr. J.P. Rees reported encouraging thanks-giving rally at the Methodist Central.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: was fixed for 14th August, 1951.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATION: approved as listed.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.20. p.m.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting

on.....

Chairman.....

REPORTS: Mr. O. Marivate said that according to the report of the Divisional Council was in a very low state, but the encouraging thing the Verulam District was doing on a very low level. He said he became a scout in 1940, and became a patrol leader of the 1st Verulam Troop two years later. He attended the Kewell Rally at Bisterburg and was introduced to the public. He thought that it was a pity that the Verulam District should be allowed to remain in a very low state. Mr. Rathebe said he had this in hand. It was agreed that Mr. Rathebe should report at the next meeting.

GENERAL: Mr. Rathebe reported that the Divisional Council was in a very low state, but the encouraging thing the Verulam District was doing on a very low level. He said he became a scout in 1940, and became a patrol leader of the 1st Verulam Troop two years later. He attended the Kewell Rally at Bisterburg and was introduced to the public. He thought that it was a pity that the Verulam District should be allowed to remain in a very low state. Mr. Rathebe said he had this in hand. It was agreed that Mr. Rathebe should report at the next meeting.

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THE AFRICAN BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL
(Transvaal Division)

PHONE: 34-2878.

P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.
27th. July, 1951.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, ELOFF STREET EXTENSION SOUTH, JOHANNESBURG ON TUESDAY 14th. AGUST, 1951 AT 4.30. P.M.

YOU ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

J.P. REES.
HON. DIV. SECRETARY.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes.
3. Matters arising out of Minutes.
 - (a) Photo of the Ex-Divisional.
 - (b) Animal Welfare.
 - (c) Scout Master for St. Thomas.
 - (d) District Commissioner for Orlando.
 - (e) African Drum.
 - (e) Christianity & Scouting - Circular.
4. Trainers reports.
5. Gazette.
6. Preliminary Training Course.
7. Central African Jamboree 1952.
8. Correspondence.
9. Finance.
10. General.
11. Appointments & Registration.
12. Date of next Meeting.

Appointments: P

481. Elloys Sibeko A/A/S/M . Heidelberg.
482. Thaepphilus Sam Tabane A/S/M West Rand.

MINUTES OF THE 143RD. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY, 14TH.
AUGUST, 1951 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. Com. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E (Chairman); the Dep. Div. Com. J.R. Rathebe; Revd. D.C. Veysie; Senior D/C/C D.C. Marivate; D/Cs R. Motaung and M.B. Tetwayo; A/D/Cs S.H. Mbambo and D.C. Mogotsi; the Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P. Rees; Neb. S. Mkgako.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Revd. Fr. A. Winter, C.R., Revd. Max Buchler and Messrs. H.H. Musgrove, G.A.P. Mphenyeke and Sol. N. Magambalala.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. The Chairman prefaced the business of the meeting by reporting that the Scouters' Conference at 3, Polly Street, Johannesburg, on Saturday, 11th. August, 1951 was well attended and successful in its deliberations which included the visit early in 1952 of the Camp Chief, Mr. John Thurman of Gilwell, England to South Africa and the Bob-a-Job Week Campaign in the Transvaal during April next year. He asked the Council for representations he should make to the meeting of Transvaal Divisional Commissioners where the programme of the Camp Chief's visit would be discussed, and he hoped Mr. Rathebe would also be present. Finally, the Chairman welcomed back Mr. S.H. Mbambo, an old Council member who had been away on long study leave.

In response to the Chairman's appeal, Mr. Marivate on behalf of the Training Course Committee, suggested that the Camp Chief's programme should include a whole day Scouters' Conference, say, on 8th. March, 1952 and also separate Wood Badge Courses for Pack and Troop Scouters in the Northern and Southern Transvaal.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 12th. June, 1951 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed after noting the correct spelling of Revd. Veysie's name.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Photo: Mr. Rathebe reported that the Deputy Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, the Venerable Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield, had agreed to send the requested photo of himself as soon as possible.

Animal Welfare: Mr. Rathebe reported that the article on this topic would appear in the next issue of the Transvaal African Scout Gazette.

S/M St. Thomas: This was deferred pending receipt of Revd. Fr. Clarke's report.

D/C Orlando: Mr. Rathebe reported that he had not yet met Mr. Lot N. Sikwane on this appointment, as the latter had only recently been discharged from the Baragwanath Hospital.

"AFRICAN DRUM." Mr. Rathebe reported that arrangements for the sale of the magazine "African Drum" by Transvaal African Scouts on a commission basis of 1d. to troops and ½d. to Divisional Headquarters on each copy sold, had now been satisfactorily concluded. The response by troops to the scheme was encouraging and it was agreed to fix a quota of 3,000 copies per month for distribution by the Transvaal Division of the African Boy Scouts Association. It was noted that the Bechuanaland and Cape Border Divisions of the Association had also commented favourably on the scheme.

Christianity and Scouting: This was deferred till Revd. Buchler could submit for approval the draft of the proposed circular.

TRAINER'S REPORT. Mr. Marivate reported on the Preliminary Training Course for Troop Scouters held at Serenity Farm, Forfar, from 2nd. to 7th. July, 1951. He also gave an interesting account of his visit with the 2nd. Johannesburg (Albert Street Methodist School) troop to Lourenco Marques on 6th. July, 1951. He commended S/M Roy Motaung on the excellent discipline of the boys and requested the Council to send letters of thanks on behalf of the troop to Capitae Hermens de Oliveira, Capitae Alberto Purtado Montanha and Enoque Libombo who, in several ways contributed considerably towards the success of this tour.

A g r e e d.

Mr. Motaung also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Chairman, Delagoa Bay Land Synagogue, Johannesburg for the use of the campsite at Lourenco Marques, free of charge.

A g r e e d.

It was also agreed to publish the report on this tour in the next issue of the "African Drum" and in the "African Scout Gazette."

THE GAZETTE. Mr. Mogotsi, one of the Editors of the Gazette, was uncertain when the September issue would be ready as some difficulty was experienced in getting the manuscripts typed in time.

N o t e d.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE. It was agreed that the stock of Certificates for this Course and for that of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, with the embossed letter "P" for "Pathfinder" should be used up before a fresh supply conforming with our changed name was printed.

CENTRAL AFRICAN JAMBOREE. It was agreed to communicate all available information to the troops at once from Divisional Headquarters. The Secretary was asked to find out from the General Secretary at South African Headquarters at Cape Town whether it could be arranged for troops from the Northern Transvaal to travel to the Central African Jamboree at Nkana through Messina instead of coming to the assembly point at Mafeking.

CORRESPONDENCE. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. C.N. Wallace should be the Association's representative on the Board of Trustees of the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Div. Com. Archdeacon Woodfield.

Notification was received from the Chairman of the Transvaal Missionary Association of a Hymn Book "Cantet" in several languages - English, Afrikaans, Xosa, Zulu, Sesotho, Secwana and Shangaan - obtainable from the Christian Literature Department Wholesalers, Box 6647, Johannesburg at 12/- per dozen copies.

N o t e d.

FINANCE. The Chairman reported that it had become inevitable to retrench Mr. Pilane on the paid staff and that Mr. Mokgako would be on duty in the shop for four days and for District Training for two days a week. The new Treasurer, Mr. Cochrane, would table the Association's Balance Sheet as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. These, together with the appointment of Rev. W.B. Molikoane as D/C Ermelo, which was approved a long while ago and inadvertently omitted in the Council's minutes, were approved as listed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. was fixed for 11th. September, 1951.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.05 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on _____ 1951.

CHAIRMAN _____

THE AFRICAN BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
(Transvaal Division)

Phone: 34-2878.

P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.
31st. August, 1951

To all Scouts and Scouters.

RE: CENTRAL AFRICAN JAMBOREE - 1952.

A Central African Jamboree whereat Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Southern Rhodesia will be represented, will be held at NKANA from 4th. to 19th. July, 1952, and as many Scouts and Scouters as possible from South Africa and the Protectorates are invited to attend.

You are being informed of this as early as now in order to enable you to make financial provision to attend.

All Scouts and Scouters comprising the South African Contingent will assemble at Mafeking. The total cost per head from Mafeking will be £6. 19. 6, if travelling 3rd. Class by rail, and £8. 13. 3 if travelling 2nd. Class. This charge includes your Camp Fee, namely £1. 10. 0, at Nkana, the Return Journey Concession Railfare from Mafeking to Nkana and a small allowance of 10/- for overhead expenses, BUT it does not include:-

1. costs for food on the way to and back from Nkana and 2. the Return Journey Concession Railfare from your Starting Point to Mafeking, the Assembly Point.

The fare to and back from Mafeking is an extra charge and you are earnestly advised to find out at once what the amount is at your Station. The Railway Clause under which this tariff is made is Clause 93(2).

Finally, please note that all applications must have been received at African Scouts Headquarters, Box 8356, Johannesburg, not later than 1st. May, 1952 and Headquarters is anxious that the greater percentage of the Contingent will consist of 2nd. and 1st. Class Scouts. It is highly recommended that you start paying in what you can towards the charge of £6. 19. 6 or £8. 13. 3, as the case may be, so that by the 1st. May, 1952 the amount is complete. Remember that "in addition" to either of these amounts you have also your fare to pay to and back from Mafeking and must provide for your own feeding to Nkana and back from Nkana.

Needless to say, it will only be the early bird that will catch the worm; so get busy rightaway on preparations for this eventful trip. We repeat! Under no circumstances will any application be considered after 1st. May, 1952 and by this date all amounts due must be fully paid in.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

G.N. Wallace.
DIVISIONAL AFRICAN SCOUT COMMISSIONER.

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To all Customers.

SHOP HOURS.

Please note that as a result of a reorganisation of the duties of the Paid Staff at African Scouts Headquarters, the African Scout Shop at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Eloff Street Extension, Johannesburg, will be open at the following times, beginning the 10th. September, 1951.

(MONDAYS, TUESDAYS) 9.30 A.M. - 12 Noon
(AND) and
(FRIDAYS) 1.00 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.

SATURDAYS 9.30 A.M. - 1.00 P.M.

(WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS)
(SUNDAYS and) C L O S E D.
(PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

By Order:-

O.N. Wallace.
DIVISIONAL AFRICAN SCOUT COMMISSIONER.

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C E N S U S

All Scouters are hereby advised that Headquarters is going to deal severely with all Packs, Troops and Crews who do not send in their Census Returns; so to avoid any excuses, you are now asked to send your Census Form duly completed direct to Box 8356, Johannesburg to reach not later than 30th. September, 1951.

Arrangements will be made for Commissioners to fill in their Census Summaries after the 30th. September from the returns that will have been received at Headquarters.

AFRICAN SCOUTS HEADQUARTERS.

per:

N.S. Mologako.

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MINUTES OF THE 134TH. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY, 11TH.
SEPTEMBER, 1951 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. Revd. Max Buchler (Actg. Chairman); Div. H.Q. Com. Sol. N. Maqambalala; D/Cs Revd. Fr. Geo. M. Clarke and G.A.P. Mphenyeke; A/D/Cs Lot A.H. Sikwane and S.H. Mbambo; Revd. D.C. Vaysie and Messrs. D. Schmidt and Theo. Twala; The Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P. Rees and Neb. S. Mokgako.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from the Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, the Div. A/S Com. C.N. Wallace, the Dep. Div. A/S Com. J. Richard Rathebe and Messrs. H.H. Musgrove, D.C. Mogotsi, R. Roy Motaung and D.C. Marivate.

CHAIRMANSHIP. Mr. Buchler kindly agreed to take the chair.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 14th. August, 1951 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp Chief's Visit: It was noted that the Training Course Committee would submit its report on this matter after its meeting on Friday, 14th. Sept. 1951.

S/M St. Thomas: Fr. Clarke reported that he hoped to be able to report a settlement of this matter at the next meeting.

D/C Orlando: This was deferred in view of Mr. Rathebe's absence.

Christianity and Scouting: The Acting Chairman reported that he would have his first portion of this paper ready for the Council's approval at the next meeting of the Council.

TRAINER'S REPORT. Mr. Mokgako gave a digest of Mr. Marivate's written report. At Atteridgeville he found that the Scouters were apathetic towards the Movement. He hoped to remedy the situation through the Patrol Leaders' instructional Course he was arranging there. On 21st. September, 1951 by kind arrangement of Miss F. Brown of the Girl Wayfarers Association, he would travel with her to Tshakuma to take charge of a District Scout Camp there. Under discussion of the report, the need for planning Scouters' Socials was raised, and it was decided to place the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting for full debate.

GAZETTE. There was no report.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS. It was agreed to invite the Churches either to re-nominate their present representatives on the Council or to appoint new ones and also to ask the following persons to accept being co-opted members again:- Messrs. J.D. Fraser, K.N. Fleischer, L.I. Vanables, J.R. Brent, J.G. Young Theo. Twala, S.M. Crutse, M.B. Tetwayo and J.W.P. Shai. Co-opted members were to be asked specially to send seconders when they could not attend and a general appeal was to be made to all Councillors to make a better attendance at Council meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE. (1) On a report of the illness of one of our keen Scouters, Mr. Ben P.M. Tsagae, at Waterval Hospital, the Secretary was asked to convey the Council's sympathy with him in his illness and best wishes for a speedy recovery. (2) The Council's attention was drawn to a letter from the Cape Western Divisional African Scout Commissioner pointing out that he had not been informed that two troops from Benoni were camping in his district. The D/C for Benoni was asked to handle the matter and it was agreed

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MINUTES OF THE 135TH. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY, 9TH.
OCTOBER, 1951 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. Com. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E. (Chairman); Senior D/C/C D.C. Marivate; Div. Hqrs. Coms. H.H. Musgrove and Sol. N. Maqambalala; D/Cs M.B. Tetwayo and R. Roy Motaung; Revd. Fr. Francis M. Trevisol, O.S.M., and Revd. Max Buchler; Mr. D.J. Schmidt; the Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P. Rees and Neb. S. Mokgako.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from the Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, the Dep. Div. A/S Com. J. Richard Rathebe, Revd. Fr. S.M. Trelawny-Ross, G.R. and Messrs. Theo. Twala, S.H. Mbambo, D.C. Mogotsi and G.A.P. Mphenyeka.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 11th. September, 1951 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Camp Chief's Visit: It was agreed:- (1) that Mr. Marivate should ascertain from the Transvaal Education Department the date of the re-opening of schools; (2) that application forms for attendance at the Wood Badge Course (1952) should be despatched at once, the closing date being fixed as 10th. November, 1951; (3) that Revd. Fr. F.C.V. Jenkins, G.R., should be appointed as Ak/L to take charge of Wood Badge Courses. The Secretary was asked to find out the address of Fr. Jenkins.

S/M St. Thomas and D/C Orlando: These two matters were deferred owing to the absence of Revd. Fr. Geo. M. Clarke and Mr. J.R. Rathebe respectively.

Christianity and Scouting: Revd. Buchler said that his draft copies were nearly ready. It was agreed that the pamphlets should be printed nicely, possibly in two colours to appeal to the eye, and be distributed among Ministers of Religion and various organised youth and adult welfare bodies.

Scouters' Socials: It was agreed that Scouters' Socials in the form of informal discussion groups etc. should be held periodically. The Chairman proposed to hold "pilot camps" in different areas in the Transvaal. It was agreed that this and the reorganisation of Council meetings should be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

TRAINER'S REPORT. Mr. Marivate reported on a successful District Camp in the Northern Transvaal to which he had travelled with officials of the Girl Wayfarers Association. He also stated that Mr. D.W. Giesekke of Tshakhuma wished to resign as D/C Louis Trichardt and had suggested as his successor Mr. Marcott, Principal of Lemana College or Mr. L. Muduvhadzi of Tshakhuma Secondary School.

Noted. Ak/L Col. H.C. Juta submitted a written report on the Preliminary Training Course for African Pack Scouters which he had conducted for the Council at Roodepoort from 6th. to 8th. Oct. 1951. He said the Scouters lacked a knowledge of the "Mowgli Stories" and recommended that this book should be made available for sale to Gubmasters. There were 8 passes out of 12 trainees.

The report was received with gratitude, but it was noted that Mr. S. Hlalele of Heidelberg, T. was placed with the passes whereas he had not attended the Course.

GAZETTE. Mr. Maqambalala reported that the next issue was in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE. It was agreed that the further circular received on the Central African Jamboree at Nkana in 1952 should be embodied /.....

embodied in the next issue of the Gazette. It was also agreed
to include in the next issue of the Gazette a circular
received on the biography of the Camp Chief, Mr. John
Thurman, who is to visit South Africa early next year.

The following Church Representatives were co-opted:-
Revd. Fr. F.M. Trovisol (Roman Catholic Church), Revd. Dr.
Ray E. Phillips and Revd. Lee D. Bergsman (American Board
Mission) and Revd. C.K. Storey, Revd. D.C. Veysie and Mr. S.
H. Maseko (Methodist Church).

A letter from Revd. Dr. Ray E. Phillips on a proposed holi-
day campsite for Africans near Durban, was read and the
proposal approved. The Div. Com. Mr. Wallace or his
nominee agreed to attend a meeting on 26th. October for
further discussion of this matter.

FINANCE. The Chairman reported that he hoped soon to have a
Balance Sheet ready for the Council. He had also formed
a strong "Fund Raising Committee."

GENERAL. The Council warmly congratulated Mr. H.H. Musgrove on his
award of the "Silver Wolf."

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. These were all approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING was fixed for 13th. November, 1951.

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

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CHAIRMAN _____

MINUTES OF THE 136TH. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY, 13TH.
NOVEMBER, 1951 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Div. Com. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E. (Chairman); The Chief
Chief Scout's A/S Com. Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones; the Dep.
Div. Com. J. Richard Rathebe; Senior D/C/C D.C. Marivate;
Div. Hqrs. Coms. H.H. Musgrove and Sol. N. Maqambalala; D/Cs
Rev'd. Fr. Geo. M. Clark, R. Roy Motaung and M.B. Tetwayo;
A/D/Cs Lot Sikwane, D.C. Mogotsi and S.H. Mbambo; Rev'ds.
D.C. Veysie and Max Buchler; Majors J. Tudor Usher and
Howard Mead; Mr. Theo. Twala; the Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P.
Rees and Neb. S. Mokgako.

APOLOGIES. for absence were received from Messrs. A.T. Habedi, G.A.P.
Mphenycke and J.W.P. Shai.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 9th. October, 1951 having
been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Council Meetings: The Chairman outlined a scheme he wished
to bring into force early next year of
reducing the present frequency of Council meetings to allow
for the holding of Quarterly "Pilot Camps" where practical
scoutcraft could be given greater attention by getting to the
various areas to be zoned to see what Scouting was going on
on the spot. In the earlier stages, the "Pilot Camps"
would be used as a means of contact with, say, teachers,
Ministers of Religion, Chiefs etc. to promote greater propa-
ganda for the furtherance of Scouting. The Chairman had
established a Committee which would set out to raise funds,
inter alia, for the development of African Scouts Gilwell
Grounds at Roodepoort where, with the ultimate provision of
suitable camping facilities, it was hoped more and more Scout
camps would be held. A letter of appeal for funds was being
prepared by the Committee and he was optimistic about the
result.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which
Messrs. Rheinallt Jones, Buchler and Rathebe contributed con-
siderably and finally, it was proposed by Mr. Rathebe and
seconded by Rev'd. Max Buchler:-

1. That Council meetings be held Quarterly.
2. That a General Purposes Committee comprising mainly of
Commissioners, be established to handle the details
of Troop management and organisation etc. for the Council.
3. That the Fund Raising Committee be styled "The Development
Committee."
4. That the holding of "Pilot Camps" is highly commendable.

CAMP CHIEF'S VISIT. It was noted that twenty-one applications at
date had been received for the Scout Wood Badge Course to be
held on 29th. December to 6th. January, 1952 and only one
application for the Cub Wood Badge Course on 3rd. to 7th.
January, 1952.

S/M St. Thomas: D/C Motaung reported that he would meet
Mr. Ntolwane, the Scouter in question.

D/C Orlando: Mr. Rathebe recommended the appointment of
A/D/C Lot Sikwane as D/C Orlando.

Unanimously agreed.

Christianity and Scouting: The Chairman reported that the
printing of these pamphlets
as drawn by Rev'd. Buchler was in hand.

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THE GAZETTE. The Chairman expressed regret that it was not yet possible to have the Gazette printed, but he would like to confer with the Editors about the regular publication of the Gazette and particularly about the typing of stencils, photocopying, compiling, Organisers' articles.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter introducing Major Howard Mead as the Salvation Army Church Representative on the Council was received and the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Major Mead who was present.

DEFERMENT OF OTHER BUSINESS ON AGENDA. Because of lateness of the hour the remaining business of the meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. After fixing the date of the next meeting for 11th. December, 1951, the meeting closed at 6.30 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at meeting on _____

CHAIRMAN _____

MINUTES OF THE 137TH. MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, ON TUESDAY, 11TH.
DECEMBER, 1951 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT. The Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A. (Acting Chairman); Senior D/C/C D.C. Marivate; Div. Hqrs. Com. H.H. Musgrove; D/Cs G.A.P. Mphenyeke, R. Roy Motaung and Revd. Fr. F.C.V. Jenkins, C.R. Major Howard Msad and Revd. D.C. Veysie; the Hon. Div. Secty. Mr. J.P. Rees and Neb. S. Mokgako.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from the Div. Com. C.N. Wallace, the Dep. Div. Com. J. Richard Rathebe, Revd. Max Buchler and D/C Lot A.H. Sikwane.

CHAIRMANSHIP. Mr. Rheinallt Jones was asked and agreed to take the Chair.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 13th. November, 1951 were circulated at the meeting and confirmed.

DIV'S MESSAGE. At this stage a message from the Divisional Commissioner was read in which he very sincerely regretted his absence at the meeting, but gave a review of the year's work and announced plans for the progress of Scouting in the New Year. He reported., too, that at date £426. 2. 0 had been received in response to the special appeal for funds and he wished the Councillors and their families a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
It was agreed to circulate this message with the Minutes.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp Chief's Visit: Mr. Marivate reported that thirty-six entries had been received for the Scout Wood Badge Course to be held at Roodepoot from 29th. December, 1951 to 6th. January, 1952 at which the Camp Chief would be present for a few days. An Entertainment Rally to the Camp Chief was also planned for 1st. March, 1952. The Cub Wood Badge Course was cancelled because of insufficient entries. The Training Course Committee recommended:-

1. That Revd. Fr. Giles Ambrose, S.S.M. of Modderpoort and Brother Joachim of Basutoland be invited to help at the Scout Wood Badge Course, all expenses being met by the Council. Agreed.
2. That temporary help should be obtained for Mr. Mokgako until the date of commencement of the Course on 29th. December, 1951, alternatively that the shop should be closed from 22nd. December, 1951 to 6th. January, 1952. This was referred to the Divisional Commissioner for a decision.
3. That the Council grant a subsidy of £20. to the Wood Badge Course. Agreed.

The Chairman hoped the Camp Chief would be able to attend the South African Headquarters Council meeting in Johannesburg on 5th. January, 1952. Nominated to represent the Transvaal Council at this meeting were Messrs. H.H. Musgrove and D.C. Mogotsi, and Mr. J.R. Rathebe would deputise for the Divisional Commissioner. Noted.

It was also noted that the Divisional Commissioner had acceded to the request of the General Secretary, S.A.H.Q. Mr. K.N. Fleischer, that Mr. Mokgako should record the proceedings of the Headquarters Council meeting, and the following matters were proposed by the Transvaal Council for placement on the Headquarters Council Agenda:-

- (a) Are we to retain the "P" cloth emblem?
- (b) Do we speak of African Scoutmaster and write A/S/M etc.?

TRAINERS' REPORTS. Mr. Marivate reported that there had been a successful District Rally at Vereeniging, a Scout's Own at Atteridgeville where the Deputy Chief Scout's African Scout Commissioner, the Venerable Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield, had /.....

had officiated, a Wood Badge presentation ceremony on behalf of Revd. I. Semanya and tests in Scoutcraft at the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work. He inquired if there would be a South African Scout Contingent at the Jamboree in Nkana next year as the set dates were mid School Term, and most of our groups are attached to schools. The Council decided that the promoters of the Jamboree should be informed that it was with much regret that it would not be possible for troops and Scouters from South Africa to attend the Jamboree while schools were in session.

GAZETTE. Both Editors were absent, so there was no report.

CORRESPONDENCE. It was noted that the Bishop of Pretoria had nominated Revd. Nye as his Church Representative on the Council.

A Christmas and New Year message was read from the Chief Scout of South Africa, Sir Herbert Stanley, and it was agreed to have this published in the Bantu World.

FINANCE. There was no report.

GENSUS. The Secretary gave comparative figures of Census for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951 and these showed that the membership was increasing year by year. It was noted that several troops had still not sent in their returns and, as at 30th. September, 1951, our Census gave the membership as 6,612 for all ranks. To improve the position, it was agreed that District Commissioners at present should be advised of the troops who had not carried out their duty towards the Census and that, in future, all troops should be instructed to send their Census forms, duly completed, to their District Commissioners who would be responsible for seeing that troops sent in their returns.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS. These were all approved and it was also agreed to ask Revd. D.F. Sibeko of Ventersdorp to take on a Commissionership in the Western Transvaal.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was left to the Divisional Commissioner to arrange in accordance with the new plans for Council meetings in the New Year. It was resolved, however, that there should be no meeting in January, 1952.

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

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CHAIRMAN _____

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