MINUTES OF THE PATHFINDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON 4TH APRIL-1929 at 8-15 p.m.

PRESENT; J.D.Rheinallt Jones (Chair): Rev.Canon W.Parker:
Rev.E.Carter: Rev.Ray Phillips: Rev. W.E.Wilkinson
Rev.S.P.Woodfields Messrs.F.Raleigh, J.S.Dey, J.
Hungerford: K.N.Fleischer. U.R.Rathebe:
H.N.Mortimer-Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Rev. Dr. W. C. Terril.

MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting of the 13th September-1928 having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

FINANCE: It was noted that the Credit Balance of the Fund stood at £17. 12. 2.

The Chairman reported that the South Africa Scout

Obuncil had adopted a Constitution for the Pathfinder

Movement, providing for the establishment of a

S.A.Pathfinder Council. The South Africa Scout

Council had also adopted the Transvaal Regulations for
application generally. Under the Constitution, copies
of which had been sent to the members of the Council,
the Transvaal Pathfinder Council became the Transvaal

Divisional Council.

After considerable discussion, on the motion of
the Rev.Ray Phillips, seconded by the Rev.E.Carter,
further consideration of the Constitution was deferred
to an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on
April-lith at 8-15 p.m.

In view of the difficulty which certain members experiences in accepting the Constitution, it was agreed
that the further business of the meeting should be

RECOMMENDATION OF S.A.COUNCIL.
This matter was held over.

The schedule attached hereto was adopted.

mation at the adjourned meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONGST EX PATHFINDERS:

Rev.Ray Phillips reported that the Committee considered that the "Rover" Organisation could be used for linking up Ex Pathfinders with the Movement.

After discussion on points of detail, it was decided to recommend in principle, the establishment of a similar organisation in the Pathfinder Movement.

The Committee- (to which Mr.K.N.Fleischer was appointed in place of Rev.A.C.Adams)- was asked to report fully to the next meeting of the Council with a definite scheme.

transacted informally, and brough forward for confir-

TRAINING COURSES:

D/P/M Rev.S.P. Woodfield intimated that he was arranging a District Training Camp to be held at the Native Training College on July-Sth to 16th- and suggested that the Camp be thrown open to the Transvaal as a whole. This was adopted and the following Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements:-

Ref.S.P.Woodfield, -Rev.Ray Phillips- Mr.Davis: -Mr.Dey: -Mr.K.N.Fleischer: -Mr.Rathebe and the Divisional Secretary.

REGULATIONS FOR JUNIORS:

It was decided to continue with the existing Regulations for the time being.

THE PATHFINDER HAT SHAPE:

This matter was hald over.

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10-15 p.m.



MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON 11th APRIL-1929 at8-15p.m.

PRESENT: Chief Pathfinder Master J.D.Rheinallt Jones (Chair):
Rev. E. Carter: Rev. Ray Philips: Rev. W.E.Wilkinson:
Messrs: Frank Raleigh: J.S.D.Dey: J. Hungerford:
H.N. Mortimer-Secretary-

APOLOGIES: Canon Parker: Rev.S.P. Woodfield: Mr. N-N-Fleischer. (Indisposed).

NEW CONSTITUTION:

In the further discussion of the matter the Revs.E.

Carter and Ray Philips expressed several criticisms of the new Constitution, particularly disapproving of the final veto of the Pathfinder Council decision vested in the S.A.Scout Council without any representation of the Pathfinder Movement on the S.A.Scout Council.

Mr.Raleigh read a lengthy statement prepared by Assistant Commissioner Hodgkinson dealing with the issues involved and urging acceptance of the Constitution.

Mr.Raleigh speaking on behalf of Senior Officers of the Transvaal Scout Council agreed to press for the representation of the S.A. Pathfinder Council on the S.A.Scout Council equal to that of the Scout Council on the S.A.Pathfinder Council.

In this he was supported by Messrs.Hungerford and Dey.

It was also agreed to suggest to the Transvaal Scout Council the desirability of including in its representation on the Transvaal Pathfinder Council one or two of its representatives on the S.A.Scout Council.

In view of the modifications of the Constitution which were seemed desirable (particularly in regard to the Constitution of Divisional Councils and District Committees, and the appointment of Chaplains) it was agreed to draft a series of amendments at a later date.

Conditional upon the undertaking given by Mr.Raleigh above, an opportunity being given for amendments, the meeting unanimously acquiesced in the Constitution

CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The business transacted informally at the previous meeting was confirmed.

NOMINATIONS TO S.A. PATHFINDER COUNCIL.

It was agreed to circularise members of the Council inviting nominations for offices to be filled on the S.A.Pathfinder Council and on receipt of nominations to invite voting by post, the voting papers to be dealt with at a meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, May 6th at 8-15.p.m.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE S.A.SCOUT COUNCIL.

Mr. Raleigh reported that the following resolutions had been passed by the S.A. Scout Council.

It was agreed to place these in the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones (Chair): Mr. F. Raleigh:

just received, of £5-5-0: from Mrs. J.B. Young.

MODINATION OF CHIEF PATHFINDER FOR SOUTH AFRICA:

Mr. J.D.Rheinallt Jones was unanimously nominated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE: TRAINING COURSE:

This Committee had not yet had the opportunity of meetings, but would do so within the next few

It was agreed that Pathfinder Officers outside of the Division would be allowed to participate in this Course, accommodation permitting.

TOF CHAPLAINS:
The status and authority of the rank of "Chaplain" was discussed. Nev. E. Carter laid stress upon the necessity of Faihfinder Troops having close religious guidance.

Mr. Bathore, on the other hand, feared that there would be interference with the Pathfinder Master's authority.

MINUTES of MEETING of the TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL

FATHFINDER COUNCIL, held in the SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, on the

17th JUNE, 1929.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.D. Rheinallt Jones (in the Chair), Frank
Raleigh and W.H.A. Lawrence, Revds. Ray E. Phillips,
W. E. Wilkinson and E. Carter, and Mr. Kenneth M. Fleischer
(Acting Secretary).

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: An apology for absence was received from Mr. H. N. Mortimer.

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

APPOINTMENTS: Nominations, etc., as per Schedule, were approved, with the exception of two nominations, viz:-

Henry Phiri, as Pathfinder Master of the 1st Makapanstad Troop, - and the registration of the 1st Makapanstad Troop.

These were referred back, and Mr. Rheinallt Jones was given authority to register them if he was of the opinion that the applications were in order.

Similar authority was given to Mr. Jones for the nominations of Charles John Davids and Redichaba Machaba.

REPORT: The Report of the Committee on Training Week was presented and adopted.

ORGANISATION of the MOVEMENT in the TRANSVAAL:

- (a) Registration of Troops: It was agreed that no Troop shall be registered unless the application is endorsed by a responsible person, acceptable to the Council to whom reference can be made in regard to the organisation and control of the Troop.
- (b) Qualifications of Pathfinder Masters: This matter was left over and it was decided to ask Rev. S.P. Woodfield and Mr. F.C.Sykes to form a Sub-Committee and present to the Council some recommendations.
- (c) Formation of Witwatersrand District Committee: It was decided to recognise the newly-formed Witwatersrand Pathfinder Jommittee as a District Committee for the Witwatersrand.
- (d) <u>Troop Fees</u>: It was <u>decided</u> to ask the District Pathfinder Fathfinder Masters to collect outstanding Capitation Fees.
- (e) Strength of each Troop: It was decided to leave this over.
- (f) Appointment of District Pathfinder Master, Witwatersrand:

 The Council approved of the appointment of District Pathfinder Master Faul C. Sykes.

(g) Appointment of Examiners:

District Pathfinder Masters are reminded to compile a list of Examiners.

NEXT MEETING.

It was <u>decided</u> to hold the next Meeting of the Council either in July or August - the date to be left in the hands of the Chairman.

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN.

THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT

MINUTES of MEETING of the TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL PATH-FINDER COUNCIL, held in the SCOUT HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE ROOM, on SEPTEMBER 2, 1929, at 5.p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones (in the Chair), Revds, Canon W. Parker, S.P. Woodfield, Ray E. Phillips, E. Carter, and W. Wilkinson, Mr. Paul Sykes and Mr. Rathebe. In attendance Miss E. Hurry.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Raleigh, W.H.A. Lawrence, J. Hungerford, Kenneth N. Fleischer and Mathabathe.

Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th June, 1929, having been read, were confirmed.

CABLE - CHIEF SCOUT - LORD BADEN POWELL: A cable was read which had been despatched to the Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell, from S.A. Pathfinders, congratulating him on the honour which had been conferred upon him at the 1929 Jamboree. A cable of thanks had been received from Lord Baden Powell. Noted.

RESIGNATION of SECRETARY: The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Mortimer, Secretary of the Pathfinder Council, tendering his resignation of this office, owing to his having to travel on business in the Eastern Transvaal, and thus being unable to devote time to Secretarial work.

The Council accepted this resignation with regret, and placed on record its sincere thanks to Mr. Mortimer for his

work in connection with the Pathfinder Movement.

After discussion Rev. E. Carter moved, seconded by Rev. W. Wilkinson, that Mr. Mortimer be co-opted a member of the Council, so that he need not entirely sever his connection with the Movement.

Agreed.

The nominations and registrations, as shown on the REGISTRATIONS:

schedule attached hereto, were <u>passed</u>.

The Chairman stated that he had written to <u>Henry Phiri</u>
in connection with the <u>Makapanstad Troop</u>, asking for information, but he had received no reply. He intimated his

intention of writing again.

Mr. Rathebe asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Philip
Otto, St. Margaret's School, Oogies, asking him to carry on
the troop there, and also to Mr. E.J. Phago, Box 35, Witbank, suggesting the formation of a troop at Witbank. Agreed.

It was also agreed to communicate with Rev. A. Walls of Ermelo, enquiring into the position of the Troop there.

District Pathfinder Master: After consideration it was agreed to appoint Mr. J.R. Brent, Location Superintendent of Kroonstad, a District Pathfinder Master in that area. This gentleman is very keenly interested in the Movement and at the moment there is a Troop with a strength of 120 in Kroonstad and the

possibility of new troops being started shortly. Mr. Brent would be given a temporary Warrant until the formation of an Orange Free State Divisional Pathfinder Council. Agreed.

TRAINING WEEK: Rev. S. P. Woodfield reported on the Training Course which had been held at Pietersburg, and stated that

this had been most satisfactory.

There had been an attendance of 44, and a very keen interest had been taken in the Course. The Meeting placed on record the hearty thanks of the Council to the Organisers of the Training Course and all who were instrumental in making the Training Week so great a success.

The following accounts in connection with the Course were passed for payment: -

An account for £22. 10. 0. was submitted for the printing of the Pathfinder Constitution and Rules. The FINANCE: Credit Balance in the Bank amounted to £23. 7. 1, and after consideration it was agreed that this account be paid; to be recovered from the S.A. Pathfinder Council.

Rev. Canon Parker kindly intimated that he would subscribe £5. 5. 0. to the funds from monies collected by him in England. His offer was accepted with thanks.

An account for £1. 1. 9, being for postages, etc., for the Secretarial work, was passed for payment.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PATHFINDER MASTERS: The draft qualifications were referred to the next meeting of the Council.

UNAUTHORISED USE OF PATHFINDER NAME: For the information of the Council a letter was read from the Transvaal Music Supply, addressed to the Pathfinder Movement, asking for payment of an account for musical

instruments which had been purchased.

This matter had been enquired into, and it had been found that a Troop at Alexandra had purchased these goods under the name of the Pathfinder Movement. The matter had been ættled, but it was agreed that a circular be issued to Pathfinder Masters prohibiting them from purchasing goods on the Hire-Purchase system.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairman read a letter from the Griqualand West Divisional Scout Council stating that the Griqualand West Scout Council was acting as a Divisional Pathfinder Council for that area, until the formation of a Griqualand West Divisional Pathfinder Council. This was noted with satisfaction.

A Draft Constitution of a Movement which terms itself "The Torch Bearers" had been received from Southern Rhodesia. This Constitution was based largely upon the Pathfinder Constitution, but Southern Rhodesia felt that as the Pathfinder Constitution stands at the moment, it is too far advanced for the natives of that area. Mr. Jones intimated that he had got into communication with the Southern Rhodesian authorities and had asked them to accept, with amendments, the Pathfinder Movement, and not start a separate movement.

It was agreed to ask the Transvaal Scout Council to use their influence in this matter by writing to the S. Rhodesian Authorities.

A letter from Rev. Blaxall of Capetown, now on a visit to England, in which he urged the training of Pathfinders, was read, and the contents were noted.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY:

It was agreed that members of the Council endeavour to obtain a Secretary either from the Rotary Club or Toc H.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Read &	Confirmed:	 	
		Chairman.	

PROPOSED REGULATIONS to GOVERN the ISSUE of WARRANTS to PATHFINDER MASTERS & ASSISTANT PATHFINDER MASTERS

It is recommended in connection with the above that all Pathfinder Masters and Assistant Pathfinder Masters should serve a probationary period before being fully recognised as such. Full recognition implies the issue of a Warrant.

This period of probation would vary according to the degree

of preparedness with which the Teacher came to the work. Candidak

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

of the D. P.M.

That the following recommendations should not apply to those officers who have already served a minimum period of 6 months in the Pathfinder Movement, but that in recognition of their Pioneer services, their appointment be confirmed, and where necessary Warrants or to seconumbation should be issued.

That the District Pathfinder Masters should compile a complete list of such Officers; these lists to be sent in to Head Quarters not later than December 1, 1929.

That Principals of Institutes recognised as Path-II. finder Training Centres be approached by the Pathfinder Council with the request that, where possible, they should inform the Pathfinder Council, at the end of each School Year, of those students who have passed out as Teachers with a training in Pathfinder work, with address of School to which the student has been posted.

It would be of immense value if a confidential estimate could also be given of the following: -

1. Powers of Leadership. 2. Outstanding ability in any of the activities of school life.

3. Loyalty to School, Staff and Duty. Proficiency attained in Pathfinding, Rank, Length of Service, Proficiency Badges, etc.

That the Council be responsible for passing these reports on to the D.P.Ms of the Districts concerned.
A list of recognised Institutes would have to be compiled for the whole of the Union.

FROPOSED REGULATIONS

That Teachers who have received Pathfinder Training at recognised Pathfinder Training Centres should serve a probationary period of six months as Assistant Pathfinder Master, at the end of which time and on the recommendation of his Superintendent and District Pathfinder Master, a Warrant should be issued, subject to the following being complied with: -

That he shows evidence of possessing the P/f Spirit. (1)2. That he take the Pathfinder Master's promise at a proper Institution Ceremony.

That he give., a satisfactory display with his Troop. That he be at least 20 years of age. //8 That he has passed his Second Class Test.

2. That those who have not received any recognised training in Pathfinder work shall be recognised as Assistant Pathfinder Masters for the period of ene at least 3 molo. At the end of this period a year; on probation. Warrant may be issued, subject to the approval of the Superintendent and District Pathfinder Master, and subject to the following being complied with: -

That he take the Pathfinder Master's promise.

- That he be at least 20 years of age.
- That he give, a satisfactory display with his Troop before a recognised Examiner, in the following: -
 - (a) Company Drill or Physical Training.

(b) Signalling or Ambulance Work. (c) Signs, tracking, etc.

Signs, tracking, etc. Cries and Pathfinder Songs.

That he produce a Fatrol Leader trained by himself, who must have passed his Second Class, and who shall take a part as Instructor in the above -display.

That he produce & Junior Pathfinders, properly equipped, who have been enrolled during this First Year.

- Write an Essay on the aims of the Pathfinder Movement.

Have attended Camp for at least five days, or a Training Course, and obtained a credit for same from the Officer in charge of such Camp or Training Course.

85 Have passed his Second Class Test.

Have a good general knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations of the Pathfinder Movement.

It should be noted that every office is expected to have attended _ - -Note: (su No7) MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SCOUT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 4th NOVEMBER- 1939.

J.D. Rheinallt Jones (Chair): W.H.A. Lawrence: J. Hungerford: J.S.D. Dey: Revds. S.P. Woodfield: Rev. W. C. Terril: W. E. Wilkinson: E. Carter: Ray Philips: Mr. Paul Sykes PRESENT: Mr. Rathebe.

In attendance Kenneth N. Fleischer.

APOLOGIES: Frank Raleigh Esq- Canon Parker.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Nominations and registrations as per schedule were approved.

The question of a Pathfinder Prayer was left in the hands

D/P/M P.Sykes: Rev. Ray Philips: Rev. Terril: Rev. Wilkinson.

FOR PATHFINDER MASTERS:
The regulations for Pathfinder Masters as submitted by D/P/M Sykes were approved with certain amendments.

ROVER MOVEMENT:

A scheme for Senior boys was referred to the Special Committee appointed.

HATS-UNIFORM-

The question of Hats and uniform was discussed, and it was suggested that D/P/M Sykes bring this matter up again at a later stage.

WARRANTS:

It was reported that in the past before the issue of Pathfinder Officers' Warrants a fee of 2/6d had to be paid. The Council decided that in view of the circumstances Warrant Fees not be charged after the 1st November.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

The Chairman applied for Leave of Absence until the end of June. AGREED: The Council unanimously decided to ask Rev. Woodfield to accept the Chair- and act as Divisional Pathfinder for the Transvaal Division during the absence of Mr. Jones. AGREED:

SECRETARIAL WORK:

The question of Secretarial work was discussed and it was decided that members approach Too H in an endeavour to find someone to take over the Secretarial work.

NEXT MEETING:
It was agreed to hold the next meeting on the 18th DECEMBER-

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

CHAIRMAN.

TRANSVAAL DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL

A Meeting of the above Council was held at the SCOUT HEADQUARTERS on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1929, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. S. P. Woodfield (in the Chair), Messrs. F. Raleigh, J.S.D. Dey, J. Hungerford, Revs. W. Wilkinson and Canon W. Parker, and Mr. P. C. Sykes, (D/P/M. Witwatersrand).

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting, already circulated, were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Pathfinder Prayer: This was referred back to the Sub-Committee.

Rovers: Owing to the Convener's illness, this Sub-Committee did not meet. It was instructed to meet before next Council Meeting.

Registrations: These were accepted with the exception of

(1) <u>Kgaolang</u>, M. as P/M. Senior All Troops Kroonstad Dist. 28/10/29.

(2) All Transfers. This question had not arisen until brought up at this meeting by D/P/M/ Sykes, and consequently these were held over pending Resolutions on the matter by a Sub-Committee consisting of the D/P/M.

Witwatersrand District (Convener) and Messrs Dey & Fleischer The increasing number of R.C. Troops was considered very encouraging.

SECRETARIAL ARRANGEMENTS: The need for a man to do this work was apparent to all. At present records, correspondence, etc., were in a state of chaos.

It was thought that some small consideration should be offered, the sum of £50 permannum being suggested. The Council would then have a definite hold on the man performing the work.

Mr. Hungerford offered to approach Mr. H. Mayer with the object of enlisting the sympathy and support of the Chamber of Mines and the Rotary Club.

Rev. E. Carter offered to approach the Witwatersrand District Committee to find out whether anything could be done to help the Council in this purpose.

Mr. Hungerford was asked to communicate the result of his talk with Mr. Mayer to the Secretary of the Witwatersrand Committee before that Committee met.

The Chairman, the Rev. S.P. Woodfield, communicated the results of his interview with the Scout authorities in Capetown. At first they were very hostile, but it was pointed out that, no matter what attitude they took in the matter, the Pathfinder Movement would be started, that it was an established organisation, and that, if they were not going to take an interest in it, the Movement would continue to grow outside their control

or influence.

They eventually agreed to bring the whole matter up at a full Council Meeting, and they were more ready to consider it than they had been at first.

It was decided that the Sub-Committee on a Pathfinder Prayer should meet again and report at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. F. Raleigh then brought up several matters which had been discussed at the Union Scout Council Meeting held in Port Elizabeth: He advised that

'A Meeting of the Union Scout Council had been held on the 25th November last, when Mr. Rheinallt Jones' (Chief Pathfinder Transvaal) letter of 28th January was considered, in which he expressed the hopes (1) that the Union Scout Council would not consent to the establishment of another organisation for Indians and Cape Coloured without exhausting the utmost possibilities for agreement, and (2) that no promise of any separate organisation would be given before the new Pathfinder Council had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Union Scout Council.

Mr. Raleigh reported that the Union Scout Council was unable to agree to the suggestions made by Mr. Jones as, in accordance with its Resolution of 25th January, it had decided to form separate movements for Indians and Cape Coloured peoples should it consider such to be in the interests of scouting; furthermore, it was advised that both Indians and Cape Coloured in some districts would not associate with Natives in scouting.

Mr. Raleigh reported that the Union Scout Council had decided to offer a parallel Movement to Indians, based on the Pathfinder Constitution, and made it clear that the Council would give similar recognition to the Pathfinder movement as it gave to Indians and Cape Coloured. Noted.

Mr. Raleigh further reported that, in accordance with the undertaking given by him to this Council on April 11th last, he had brought a resolution before the Union Scout Council to the effect that representation on the Union Scout Council be granted to the Pathfinder Movement equal to the representation which the Union Scout Council had on the Union Pathfinder Council, and that the Union Scout Council had not been able to see its way to grant such request, but it had resolved to grant the suggested representation without the power to vote at its meetings!

Mr. Raleigh made it clear that the matters referred to would be reported to the Union Pathfinder Council, and presumably dealt with by it.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Transvaal members of the Union Scout Council for the faithful manner in which they had represented the views of the Council.

Rev. E. Carter, in supporting this, felt it his duty to register a protest against this very doubtful compliment of the U.S.C. and said that, for himself and some other members of his District Committee he was not prepared to accept the position.

Rev. W.C. Terrill wrote saying that a way had been found to start a Pathfinder Troop in Portuguese East Africa.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting was fixed for FEBRUARY 6, at 5 p.m.

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