

TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 52nd Meeting of the TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL held in the COMMITTEE ROOM, SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, GOLDFIELDS BUILDING SOCIETY BUILDINGS, c/r FOX and ELOFF STREETS, JOHANNESBURG on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1933,
at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chair), the Chief Pathfinder, Revs. Father A. Winter, C.R., E. Carter, C.E. Wilkinson, Messrs F. Raleigh, K. Swensson, D.E. Nduna, H.W. Shearsmith, S.H. Mbambo, S.J. Lesolang and L.V. Gauntlett.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Revs. H. Jaeckel, W. Kinsey, Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, A. Hipkin, Captain W.E. Barber, and Messrs P. Whiteley, P.C. Sykes, S. Sathekge, K.N. Fleischer, F.J. Oliphant, F. Kuhne, D.C. Marivate and M. Gluckman.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mr. Shearsmith who has agreed to become Honorary Assistant Divisional Secretary. Applause.

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

Amendment to Minutes. With reference to "Matters arising out of the Minutes, (1) Jamboree, paragraph 5, page 1." Mr. Raleigh, in the absence of Mr. Fleischer, asked that the sentence "The Scout Council was not prepared to accept this responsibility" should be deleted as it appears from the context of the paragraph that Mr. Fleischer might have made this statement. With the permission of the Chair, he (Mr. Raleigh) read a statement to the meeting, which had been prepared by Mr. Fleischer, giving the true sequence of events with regard to the interviews with the Union Castle Company. Mr. Raleigh suggested that this statement should take the place of the fifth paragraph.

After considerable discussion the suggestion was ruled out of order.

With regard to the sentence in question, the Chief Pathfinder said that he had made the offending statement. It was agreed to amend the sentence to read "The Chief Pathfinder said that the Scout Council was not prepared to accept the responsibility". This was acceptable to Mr. Raleigh.

It was ordered that Mr. Fleischer's statement should be filed with these minutes. (Filed)

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

(1) Resolution to Scout Council. The Resolution sent to the Pathfinder Headquarters Council are to be put before the Scout Council at its meeting in Bloemfontein on Saturday, September 16th.

(2) Membership of Council. The Chairman pointed out that there are now 32 ex officio members of the Council, viz:-
The Divisional Pathfinder (Chairman), The Chief Pathfinder,
D/P/Ms:- P.C. Sykes; K.H. Swensson; M. Gluckman; F.J. Oliphant; Theo Kuhne; Rev. W.H. Kinsey; Captain P.F.F. White; Rev. H. Cranswick; Rev. H. Hipkin; Rev. Father A. Winter; Captain W.E. Barber.

Acting D/P/M.C.H. Button.

A/D/P/Ms:- S.J. Lesolang; J.R. Rathebe, S.H. Mbambo; D.C. Marivate; L.S. Steyn; P. Nkabinde; M.M. Padi; G. Makabela; H. Shearsmith; I.A. Semanya; L. Makenna; S. Sathekge; D.E.E. Nduna.

Divisional Secretary:- Mr. L. Gauntlett.

- Representatives -

Representatives of Transvaal Scout Council:-

Messrs F. Raleigh; P. Whitely, K.N. Fleischer;
J.S. Hungerford and N. Whitmore Richards.

The Constitution permits the Council to co-opt up to one-third of its membership, so that 11 members could be co-opted, two of whom, the Council at the previous meeting, had decided should be nominated by the Pathfinder Masters.

It was agreed to ensure continued representation of the Churches controlling Troops by co-option as follows:-

Berlin Mission:- Rev. M. Jaeckel.

Methodist Church:- Revs. E. Carter and C.E. Wilkinson.

Church of the Province:- (to be nominated by the Church).

Swiss Mission:- Rev. S. Bovet.

American Board of Missions:- Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor.

Swedish Mission:- (to be nominated by the Mission).

- It was also agreed to co-opt Mr. R.W. Msimang, the Honorary Secretary, Orlando Leake Hall Committee.
- (3) Divisional Emblems. Two sketches by Mr. Swensson of Divisional Emblems were submitted to the Meeting. It was felt that these were not altogether suitable. It was agreed to have roneoed copies of these circulated for comment and with the hope that further designs would be submitted.
- (4) A/D/P/M for Roamer Crews. It was unanimously agreed by all the Executive Officers present that the appointment of Mr. Shearsmith as A/D/P/M for Roamer Crews on the Reef would serve a very useful purpose. Appointed with acclamation.

QUALIFICATION FOR ROAMER PATHFINDERS:

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he found it difficult to run his Crew successfully as the older men found great difficulty in passing their Tenderfoot and 2nd. Class Tests. He felt that exceptions to this regulation might be made. The Chairman stated that the training of Roamers was in an experimental stage and felt that the Tenderfoot and 2nd Class Tests were not an absolute necessity. With the consent of the Chief Pathfinder it was proposed that the passing of these Tests could in certain cases be omitted provided that the Crew had written permission from the Divisional Pathfinder to do so. Agreed.

RESOLUTION FROM THE GRIQUALAND WEST DIVISION:

This resolution was sent to the Headquarters Council to be considered at its next meeting and has been circulated to all Divisions. As this Council had sent a similar Resolution to the Headquarters Council there was no discussion. (Resolution filed with these Minutes)

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS:

A list of appointments and registrations, having been circulated, was taken as read and confirmed without alteration.

TRAINING CAMP AT GRASKOP:

A letter was received from the Rev. A.A. Jaques of Graskop asking whether, if he is able to organise an Officers Training Camp, the Council would be able to send a qualified person to instruct. It was agreed that the Revs. Woodfield and Winter and Mr. Kuhne should try to make arrangements for a visit at Christmas.

FINANCE: The Secretary stated that there is about £30 in the General Account. The money in trust for the Jamboree had not yet been placed on fixed deposit. It was agreed that the money should now be deposited.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sympathetic letters regretting that the Pathfinders had been unable to go to the Scout Jamboree were received from the Union Scout Council and the Bishop of St. Albans.

EAST RAND DISTRICT:

A camp for Patrol Leaders is to be held by Captain W.E. Barber from October 6th to 12th at Van Ryan Mine Plantation.

Mr. Stephens, Manager of the Mine, had been of great assistance.

WEST RAND DISTRICT:

Mr. Swensson reported that he is holding a meeting of Pathfinder Officers at Roodepoort on Saturday September 16th. He stated that there will be an Officers Training Camp at Roodepoort from September 30th to October 4th.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Friday October 20th unless the Committee Room is booked for that date.

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

Confirmed at the Meeting on

CHAIRMAN

TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 53rd MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, GOLDFIELDS
BUILDING SOCIETY BUILDINGS, C/r FOX AND ELOFF STREETS, JOHANNESBURG,
ON FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1933 at 4.30. p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chair), The Chief Pathfinder, Revs. Father A. Winter, C.R., S. Bovet, C.E. Wilkinson, Messrs. P. Whiteley, F. Raleigh, K.H. Swensson, Captain W.E. Barber, J.R. Rathebe, J. Hungerford, L. Gauntlett, W. Richards, C. Nicholls, N. Ngubeni, S.H. Mbambo, S.J.J. Lesolang, M. Gluckman, K.N. Fleischer and H.W. Shearsmith.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. D. Stowell, Messrs L. Makenna and N. Paton.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mr. Nicholls, late Divisional Secretary for the O.F.S.

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

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. Membership of Council. The Bishop of Pretoria desired to be his own representative for the Anglican Church on the Council.
2. With regard to the representation of the Anglican Church in the Johannesburg Diocese, the Secretary was instructed to approach the Vicar General to nominate a representative.
3. Mr. Swensson informed the meeting that Dean Norenus would represent the Swedish Mission.
4. Messrs N. Ngubeni and P.H. Madibane were chosen to represent the P.Ms. on the Divisional Council for the year.
5. The resignation of Mr. L. Gauntlett was accepted and the appointment of Mr. H.W. Shearsmith was confirmed by the Council. The latter resigned his appointment as A.D.P.M. Roamer Crews on the Reef, on taking up the appointment of Secretary.
6. Re Pathfinders being incorporated in the Scout Movement and the proposed name "Pathfinder Scout", no alteration in our relations with the Scouts would be obtained by the use of that name, and the meeting agreed to withdraw the proposal.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING TROOP MATTERS FROM D/P/M. P.C. SYKES:

1. That this Council decide on the design, colour, and method of distinguishing troops, to be adopted for Pathfinder scarves in the Division. That these should be stocked at Divisional Headquarters and/or samples kept on view for those who wish to change over to scarves.
2. That an instruction be issued to all officers informing them of the correct procedure with regard to Pathfinder Badges, paid for by the individual Pathfinder, when such Pathfinder leaves the troop:
 1. When on transfer
 2. When leaving the Movement
 3. Cases of discipline, desertion, etc.

3. That a certificate of rank be issued to all Officers, which shall remain permanently in their possession except when cancelled for disciplinary reasons.

4. That the annual conference of Officers be called.

With regard to No. 1. Mr. Kenneth Fleischer said that Scout Headquarters would be willing to obtain any coloured scarf for a troop if the troop would take the whole quantity at a cost of 1/4 each. Captain Barber said that he thought ties would be much neater.

With regard to No. 2. It was agreed that this matter be sent forward to the S.A. Pathfinder Council for a ruling. Captain Barber and Mr. Kenneth Fleischer were of the opinion that once a badge has been paid for by the individual Pathfinder, it becomes his personal property and cannot be taken away from him. Mr. Fleischer informed the meeting that the Scout Headquarters had obtained legal advice on the matter and found this to be so.

With regard to No. 3. The Divisional Pathfinder said that a certificate of rank is issued to all Officers and can be held permanently in their possession.

A cancelled warrant is such a certificate. Mr. Swensson requested a ruling as to whether an A/D/P/M. should keep his rank on reverting to a P/M. The meeting ruled that a man takes the rank of his present position only.

With regard to No. 4. It was agreed that a Conference of local P/Ms. would be advantageous and Father Winter proposed a meeting of D/P/Ms. It was felt that a meeting of all P/Ms. would be too expensive.

THE SIGNING OF CARDS:

Mr. J. Rathebe desired a ruling as to who had authority to sign the registration cards. The meeting ruled that the signatory should always be the D/P/M. of the District.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS:

A list of appointments having been circulated, was taken as read and confirmed without alteration.

Evaton District. The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. N. Paton would be willing to act as D/P/M. of the Evaton District. This matter would be put forward for approval at the next meeting. In the meantime N. Paton is acting as D/P/M.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Rev. E. Paterson to ask if he would act as D/P/M. Potchefstroom District, and to Mr. C. Molefe to see if he would act as A.D/P/M. for the district round Schweizer Reneke.

FINANCE:

1. The meeting authorised the payment of £5 to Mr. P.C. Sykes, Editor of "The Pathfinder" as a contribution from the Division.
2. The Treasurer stated that the amount standing for Jamboree Fund is £125.6.1.
Mr. J. Rathebe desired that the money be put to some useful purpose and not on fixed deposit. However, the Divisional Pathfinder informed Mr. Rathebe in the meeting that Mr. Grobler had been invited to a Rally to be held in Pretoria on November 25th and the Divisional Pathfinder thought that there was little doubt that Pathfinders would be present at the next Jamboree. The possibility of using the funds for a S.A. Jamboree was suggested. The meeting agreed unanimously that for the time being the money be invested in the Post Office Savings Bank at 3% Interest.

- 3. The Treasurer informed the meeting that they had £34.13.10. in the General Fund. The meeting agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer should purchase for the Council at their discretion, a typewriter for the use of the Secretary.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES:

The Chairman and meeting expressed their appreciation of the excellent services rendered to the Division by Messrs. P.C. Sykes and L.V. Gauntlett and wished them good luck in the future (Applause). The Divisional Pathfinder suggested that Messrs. Sykes and Gauntlett be recommended for the Medal of Merit. This was proposed by Mr. Gluckman, seconded by Mr. Rathebe and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Witwatersrand West Central. Mr. Gluckman informed the meeting that following upon the appointment of a new A/D/P/M. the troops in this District refused to meet, as they feel they have several suitable men who should have been considered. Mr. Gluckman also stated that there is plenty of work for two A/D/P/Ms. The Chief Pathfinder, Mr. Rheinalt Jones promised to visit the District and hear the difficulties of the P/Ms. at a meeting.

East Rand. Captain W.E. Barber reported on his successful camp of patrol leaders at Van Ryn Mine plantation and stated that he had received many expressions of thanks from the Patrol Leaders. The Ambulance and Signalling work were especially to be recommended. Captain Barber told the meeting that Mr. Stephens, Manager of the Mine, had been of great assistance and requested the Divisional Pathfinder to write and thank Mr. Stephens for his assistance.

O.F.S. Mr. C. Nicholls thanked the meeting for welcoming him to the Division and reported on the work in the O.F.S. and commented upon the great improvements in the country Districts.

The Divisional Pathfinder suggested that perhaps Mr. Nicholls would consider taking up work as A/D/P/M. Roamers on the Reef at the New Year.

Mr. Nicholls also informed the meeting that Mr. Steyn, formerly A/D/P/M. Bloemfontein is now in Johannesburg and may help.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, 23rd November at 4.30 p.m.

There being no further business, this meeting was terminated at 6.30 p.m.

Confirmed at the Meeting on

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CHAIRMAN

TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, GOLDFIELDS BUILDING, c/r FOX AND ELOFF STREETS, JOHANNESBURG, ON THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1933, AT 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield (Chair), The Chief Pathfinder, Revs. C.F. Wilkinson, W.J. Stowell, A. Winter, C.R., Messrs. W.E. Barber, K.H. Swensson, P. Whiteley, C. Nicholls, J.R. Rathebe, N. Ngubeni, D.E.E. Nduna, G. Makabela, K.N. Fleischer and H.W. Shearsmith.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. E. Carter, Messrs. M. Gluckmann and S.H. Mbambo.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. With regard to the representation of the Anglican Church in the Johannesburg Diocese, Dean Palmer nominated Archdeacon Hill to appoint a representative. Such representative has not yet been appointed.
2. Re Pathfinders being incorporated in the Scout Movement, this matter was discussed and the minute was altered to read as follows:-
"Re Pathfinders being incorporated in the Scout Movement, and the proposed name of "Pathfinder Scout", it was reported that no alteration in our relations with the Scouts would be obtained by the use of that name and the Pathfinder representatives agreed to withdraw the proposal".
3. With regard to the D.P.M. Potchefstroom District, the Chief Pathfinder reported that the Rev. E. Paterson had agreed to act as D.P.M.
4. The Secretary reported that C. Molefe had agreed to act as A.D.P.M. for the district round Schweizer Reneke.
5. The Secretary reported that the Secretary and Treasurer had purchased for the Council, a typewriter at a cost of £10 for the use of the Secretary.
6. North Rand. With regard to the ill-feeling of P.Ms. in this district due to the appointment of a new A.D.P.M. and the troops refusing to meet, the Chief Pathfinder reported that he had visited the district and held a meeting of the officers. The Chief Pathfinder stated that only a few Officers turned up and he suggested closing the troops. The P.Ms. opposed this action and pleaded that such a course should not be pursued. After considerable discussion the Chief Pathfinder settled the difficulties.
Mr. Saffery was appointed as acting D.P.M. for this district for a period of six months.

APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS:

A list of appointments having been circulated, was taken as read, and confirmed without alteration.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Secretary reported receipt of a communication from the Diepkloof Troop asking whether they might be exempted from the payment of a registration fee, and asking for suggestions as

to how they could raise money to purchase badges, as they were detention boys and had no means of earning money for such a purpose. Father Stowell thought that Diepkloof should undoubtedly be exempted from this. It was felt that the Government should do something in the payment of fees. The D.P.M. said that he had tried to visit the troop, but at the time the boys were at work and he had made efforts to interview the head of the Institution. The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the D.P.M. to make the best arrangements.

2. A letter from Moses Kgaolang of Christiana, was received by the Chief Pathfinder, asking for a visit, and saying that he could not send a registration fee. The Chief Pathfinder replied that he could not visit his troop at present and informed him that he was putting the matter before the Transvaal Pathfinder Council. The Secretary was instructed to write to J.R. Brent, Superintendent of Kroonstad Location, for particulars as to his character and suitability to act as a P.M.

3. A letter was received by the Divisional Pathfinder from Theo. Kuhne re initial training camp, Graskop, asking for a grant for expenses. The meeting agreed that Mr. Kuhne should apply formally to the Council for a definite sum. The Secretary was instructed to inform him of the Council's wishes.

4. A letter was received by the Divisional Pathfinder from Mr. Swensson, applying for tents. It was stated that P.C. Sykes had bought some second hand, but they are now poor and rotten. Mr. Swensson and the Divisional Pathfinder proposed examining them.

5. The Secretary reported that he had asked the Native Commissioner, Pokwani, to try to find a suitable man to act as D.P.M. for Middelburg and that part of Sekukuniland. A reply was received from the assistant Native Commissioner stating that he himself was unable to act as D.P.M.

6. An invitation was issued from Captain White to all members of the Council to be present at the Pathfinder Rally in Pretoria on 25th November.

POTCHEFSTROOM DISTRICT:

Boons was felt to be in an awkward position geographically. With regard to districts the Divisional Pathfinder suggested putting it in the Potchefstroom district to see if it would work.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON THE S.A. PATHFINDER COUNCIL:

Mr. J.R. Rathebe proposed by Rev. C.E. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. D. Nduna and Mr. K.H. Swensson proposed by Father Winter, seconded by the Secretary, were elected.

CENSUS

Census returns received up to November 22nd, 1933

	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Packs</u>	<u>Crews</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Pfds.</u>	<u>Trks.</u>	<u>Roamers</u>
<u>Totals</u>	114	40	8	328	4023	1261	147

Troops running but no Census returns received for 1933 up to November 22nd, 1933

	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Packs</u>	<u>Crews</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Pfds.</u>	<u>Trks.</u>	<u>Roamers</u>
<u>Totals</u>	56	9	1	110	1130	180	20
<u>Total</u>	170	49	9	438	5153	1441	167
<u>Grand Total</u>							
<u>22.11.33.</u>		228		438		6761	
<u>Census</u>		162		267		5100	
<u>Comparison as at</u>							
<u>28.11.32.</u>							

The meeting felt that in compiling the Census returns the Secretary should not have counted G.P.Ms. as well as P.Ms. as two officers, when they are only one man, which happened in 17 cases. Otherwise the Census was approved. The Divisional Pathfinder reported on the satisfactory numbers and remarked that enthusiasm was comparable with numbers.

REPORT: The Chief Pathfinder reported on his visit to Potchefstroom on 22nd November, and said the troops were fairly good, but the Officers were mostly untrained. They wished to have, and certainly needed to attend, a good training camp.

SCOUT-PATHFINDER RELATIONS:

1. The Rev. Father Winter proposed that the Transvaal Pathfinder Council revise the suggestion about the Scout-Pathfinder name and protested against its being dropped. The Chief Pathfinder said that the whole matter was to be discussed fully at the next S.A. Council meeting. Father Winter said he was satisfied that the matter was being dealt with.

2. Resolution moved by the Rev. C.E. Wilkinson, seconded by J.R. Rathebe, "that this Council re-emphasize to the Headquarters Pathfinder Council for urgent consideration the question of the relations of Pathfinders and Scouts in South Africa. Are Pathfinders to have equality of status with Scouts, as similar groups do in other parts of the World? What is the policy,

a. immediate,

b. ultimate, of the

1. Pathfinders Headquarters Council

2. Scout Headquarters Council in this matter?"

The Council agreed that this resolution go forward to the S.A. Pathfinder Council for discussion and report.

3. Memorandum from the Chief Pathfinder. The Chairman read parts of the Chief Pathfinder's report on the Scout-Pathfinder relations. The Divisional Pathfinder thanked the Chief for the care he had taken in drawing up such a clear memorandum of the present position and possible future relations between Scouts and Pathfinders. Father Winter asked if copies could be distributed to members of the Council and the Chief Pathfinder agreed that this should be done by the Secretary.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE S.A. PATHFINDER COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG ON 13th DECEMBER, 1933:

The following members promised cars for the transport of delegates from Johannesburg to Florida:- Father Winter, K.H. Swensson, Mr. Rheinallt Jones, Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield; C. Nicholls promised to meet the O.F.S. delegates. The Priory, Mr. Rheinallt Jones and Mr. Nicholls offered hospitality. A Sub-Committee was formed, consisting of C. Nicholls, J.R. Rathebe and H.W. Shearsmith to deal with the welcome.

CONGRATULATION:

Mr. Rathebe thought that the Council should congratulate Mr. Gluckmann on obtained a Rhodes Scholarship. AGREED

FINANCE:

a. The Treasurer reported that the sum of £125.6.1. in the Jamboree Fund had been invested in the Post Office Savings Bank.

b. and that the General Fund stood at £31.3.10. to date.

SCHEME FOR TRAINING CAMPS:

Mr. Nicholls wanted to know what was being done about a Training Scheme. The Divisional Pathfinder said that Mr. Theo. Kuhne who was appointed to act as camp supervisor,

had formed a scheme of training camps which had been submitted to the Divisional Pathfinder and the Chief Pathfinder for their consideration and amendments.

DIVISIONAL EMBLEMS:

Two proposed designs for an emblem were received from D.P.M. Oliphant. These were exhibited and later filed with other designs for future consideration.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 31st January, 1934 at 4.30 p.m.
There being no further business, this meeting was terminated at 6.30 p.m.

CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING ON

CHAIRMAN

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