

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rhodesia Pathfinder Scout Council held in the Native Education Department Offices, Salisbury, on 13th September, 1938, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. G. Stark (Colony Commissioner, in the Chair), the Rev. Fr. A. Winter, Messrs. E. A. Cordell, T. L. Davis, H. C. Finkle, B. B. Fitz-Patrick, C. P. Forder, J. Stakesby Lewis, H. H. Morley Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from His Excellency the Governor, the Revs. H. Carter, J. S. Marsh, Col. Morris, Messrs. P. C. Sykes, P. Harker, J. H. Farquhar, R. M. McChlery.

The meeting opened with the Pathfinder Prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and were confirmed.

Election of Secretary: Mr. B. W. Lloyd was elected in place of Mr. R. M. McChlery, to whom the Council rendered thanks for his services.

Election of Council:

- a) Chief Pathfinder : H. E. the Governor Sir Herbert Stanley
- b) Pathfinder Commissioner: Mr. G. Stark.
- c) Three members nominated by Chief Pathfinder - to be nominated later.  
Three members nominated by Boy Scout Council - to be nominated later.
- d) One member from each District Committee. - The Secretary was requested to give notice to Committee before annual meeting.
- e) Co-opted members:
 

Rev. H. Carter	Mr. H.C. Finkle	Mr. J. Stakesby Lewis
Col. J. S. Morris	" T.L. Davis	" H.H. Morely Wright
Mr. B.B. Fitz-Patrick	" E.A. Cordell	" B.B. Hill
" Carver.	" I.M. Barratt.	

Election of Executive:

	The Chief Pathfinder	
Mr. G. Stark	Mr. E. A. Cordell	Mr. T. L. Davis
Mr. J. H. Farquhar	Mr. H. C. Finkle	Mr. B. B. Fitz-Patrick
Mr. C. P. Forder	Mr. P. Harker	Mr. J. Stakesby Lewis
Mr. B. W. Lloyd	Col. J. S. Morris	Rev. Fr. A. Winter
	Mr. H. H. Morley Wright	

Power was granted to the two representatives from Bulawayo on the Executive to delegate their duties, when necessary, to substitutes.

Treasurer's Statement:

The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and payments for the period June 7 - September 13 which showed a credit balance of £141-9-0. The chief item of expenditure - the Officers' Training Camp, £129-16-11 - included a sum of about £30 for the transport of bicycles to camp. A grant of £200 from the Beit Trustees resulted in the satisfactory state of finances. It was decided to forward a copy of the report to the Trust, in acknowledgement of their generosity. Mr. Cordell's services as honorary auditor were accepted. The Council adopted the Balance Sheet with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

Training Camp:

The report of the Camp Chief, Mr. P. C. Sykes, was received. A letter from the Chief Scout of the World to Mr. Sykes was read by the Chairman. The Council

decided to record, by a letter of thanks, its appreciation of the success of the Camp, due to the splendid efforts of Mr. Sykes and his organisers.

The report was adopted, with the request that a summary of its contents might be made available to members.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Pathfinder Scouts of the Union was read informing the Council of the appointment of a liason officer for Southern Rhodesia. The Council agreed to continue the exchange of minutes and to thank the Secretary of the Union Movement.

Registration of Troops:

It was decided that an annual registration fee should cover each Pathfinder Group for the year ending August 31st.

The Council adjourned at 5.45 p m.

Honorary Secretary.

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Chairman.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SOUTHERN RHODESIA PATHFINDER SCOUTS.

Minutes of the Ninth Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee held in the Native Education Department Office, Salisbury, on 13th September, 1938, at 5.45 p.m.

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Present: Mr. G. Stark (in the chair), Rev. Fr. A. Winter, Messrs. E. A. Cordell, T. L. Davis, H. G. Finkle, B. B. Fitz-Patrick, C. P. Forder, J. Stakesby Lewis, H. H. Morley Wright, B. W. Lloyd.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous committee were taken as read and assigned.

Travelling Officer and Training Camp:

Correspondence between the Colony Commissioner and Mr. Sykes and a letter from Mr. C. H. Preston, Organising Secretary of Bechuanaland Pathfinders, were read. The latter pointed out that the organiser would have to come into contact with many Europeans. A European appointment, though more expensive, would give the Movement a greater fillip. But if the cost of such an appointment were beyond the present resources, he recommended the position be offered to an African.

Discussion took place on the possibility of the Government financing the post for a European organiser. This step was regarded as unlikely. Mr. Morley Wright said that an annual camp, together with visits from District Pathfinder Scoutmasters to their districts and occasional local rallies would adequately sustain interest in the Movement. This view was supported by other members, including Bulawayo's representative.

The Committee resolved that the appointment of a European or an African organiser should be held in abeyance in view of the successful results of the Training Camp, which the Court of Honour held at Westacre on July 12th, had recommended should be an annual event.

Proposals from Bulawayo: I : EQUIPMENT.

The Bulawayo Committee applied for permission to establish its own equipment store owing to the great difficulty encountered in obtaining sufficient supplies. It was requested that a sum of £30 be granted from general funds for this purpose.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick (Equipment Secretary) explained that a large supply of stock and flags was on order from overseas. He regretted the delay but thought that all districts could be supplied from H.Q. Store.

Mr. Stakesby Lewis supported the Bulawayo proposal, urging strongly the needs of that area.

The Committee adopted a proposal that a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Fitz-Patrick (Convenor), Mr. Stakesby Lewis, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Forder should report to the next meeting on the whole matter of the ordering, stocking and supply of equipment.

II: "That a sub-committee be formed to survey the area controlled by the Council with special regard to the distribution of African population with a view to dividing the area into the most suitable districts".

After discussion the Committee appointed the following sub-committee to report to the Executive:- Mr. Cordell, Mr. Fitz-Patrick, Mr. A. Mwamuka, Mr. Lloyd (convenor).

III: "That a certain sum of money should be granted to the secretary of the Bulawayo District Committee to cover expenses in connection with his duties."

The Committee referred to the section of the Constitution and Regulations authorising District Committees to raise and administer their own funds.

Reports from District Pathfinder Scoutmasters:

Reports from the District Pathfinder Scoutmasters of the Salisbury, Umtali and Marandellas Areas were received.

Report re Publications:

As no report from the sub-committee was tabled the same committee was re-appointed, Mr. Lloyd to replace Mr. McChlery and Mr. Farquhar to act as convenor. The last-named intimated by letter that he was busy preparing something for publication.

Proposals from Mr. Fitz-Patrick, accepted by the Executive:

Interpreter's Badge: The question of the inclusion of English as a qualifying subject was to be investigated

Leopard Cub Pamphlet: to be considered by the Printing Committee, which was also to consider a further order for Record Cards and Membership Cards.

Colours for Patrols: to be decided by the proposer (as Equipment Secretary), who submitted a scheme.

Tests for Blind Pathfinders: the suggested amendments for these tests to be reported upon by the proposer before the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: The Executive decided to meet on December 17th next at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m. after repetition of the Pathfinder Promise.

Honorary Secretary.

Chairman.

Date. ....

MINUTES of the ELEVENTH QUARTERLY MEETING of the  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the SOUTHERN RHODESIAN PATH-  
FINDER-SCOUT COUNCIL held on the 1st APRIL, 1939,  
in the TOC H HALL at 10.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor (Sir H. J. Stanley, Chair-  
man), the Rev. Fr. A. Winter, the Rev. P. Ibbotson, Messrs.  
G. Stark, H. C. Finkle, H. H. Morley-Wright, P. Harker,  
J. Stakesby-Lewis, P. Sykes, T. L. Davis, C. P. Forder,  
(Hon. Treasurer) and B. W. Lloyd (Hon. Secretary).

The meeting opened with the Pathfinder prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. J. S.  
Morris, Mr. J. H. Farquhar, Mr. E. A. Cordell and Mr. B. B.  
Fitzpatrick.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read,  
approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Wood Badge Course.

Mr. Shearesmith, Hon. Secretary of  
the Transvaal Division, wrote regretting that it was not  
feasible for Rhodesian Pathfinder-Scouts to take their  
wood badge course owing to the difficulty of providing  
training for it. Mr. Sykes stated that the Rhodesian  
equivalent was the veldcraft course and that Pathfinder-  
Scouts in training courses should receive instruction  
therein during camp training. Mr. Stakesby-Lewis thought  
that our Pathfinder-Scouts were not yet ready for this.  
Fr. Winter concurred but believed an enquiry would be use-  
ful. He asked whether a veldcraft badge pamphlet existed.  
Mr. Harker offered, until such were available, to circu-  
late to other D.P.M.s notes on training of officers issued  
by the Chief Pathfinder-Scout of the Union. Mr. Knapman  
was named as an adviser on the question, on which the fol-  
lowing sub-committee was asked to report to Executive on  
the 3rd June:-  
Messrs. P. Sykes (Convener), B.B. Fitzpatrick and B.W.Lloyd.

2. District Pathfinder Mastership of the Midlands.

Mr. T. H. Barnard (Morgenster) wrote in reply to an invi-  
tation asking him to accept this position. He agreed to  
do so on condition that his duties began in January, 1940.  
The Executive approved of his appointment and requested  
the Hon. Secretary to ask Mr. C. S. Davies, Enrolling Of-  
ficer, Midlands district, to keep an eye on the troops in  
his district until that date. The Rev. N. Tladi was  
mentioned as a suitable assistant to the Inspector in his  
temporary duties as Supervisor of the district. The Com-  
mittee asked the Secretary to inform Mr. Davies accordingly.

3. Mount Silinda District.

As requested on the 17th December, 1938, Fr. Winter reported on his investigations with Mr. Farquhar into the proposed new district centred on Mt. Silinda. Both approved of its creation. The Executive agreed and appointed Rev. J. S. Marsh (Mt. Silinda) as D.P.M. from the date of his return to duty.

4. Report of the Publications Committee.

A letter and report from Mr. Farquhar were read. He stated that a general report, such as the Executive planned for September, 1939, should include -

- a). A brief history of the Movement.
- b). Statistical data.
- c). Brief comment on and interpretation of (b).
- d). Concrete evidence of the beneficial effects of Pathfinding.

D.P.M.s should be asked to send in reports early in September under these heads so that a digest could be prepared from their reports and an article prepared. All information should be up to a specific date, i.e., 30th August, 1939.

The Committee thanked Mr. Farquhar for his report and requested that the collection of data and statistics as indicated should be made before the meeting of Council.

5. Leopard Cub Pamphlet.

Dissatisfaction was voiced at the delay in the publication of this pamphlet, for which Mr. Sykes had written an introduction. Mr. Finkle undertook to see the pamphlet into print as soon as it was made available.

6. Pathfinder-Scout Emblem for the Colony.

(The emblem submitted to Mr. Baylis was regarded as suitable though lacking in simplicity. A simpler design - such as that of the metal badge with the words "Southern Rhodesia" - was suggested).

This opinion was submitted subsequent to the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BULAWAYO DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

- I. The question of supply of equipment from Headquarters was again raised. Several speakers stated that delays in sending orders overseas and in despatching equipment to troops were serious drawbacks to their work. The arrangement made with the Equipment Secretary on the 24th December, 1938, regarding supplies had not improved the position. When badges were not available at enrolment, boys' keenness tended to diminish. In some cases enrolments had been delayed. The supply of belts was also unsatisfactory while necessary badges were often unobtainable. Mr. Sykes said that stocks were now in hand and that Mr. Fitzpatrick had arranged for them to be available during his absence on leave. After further discussion on the financing and supply of stock, on Mr. Finkle's motion, the following sub-committee was appointed "to deal with the difficulties requiring a re-organisation and supply of equipment":-

Messrs. G. Stark, H. Finkle and E. A. Cordell.

II. A question from Bulawayo that funds granted on the £ for £ basis should not be made to defray travelling expenses of D.P.M.s was approved. An application for £4 would be made from Headquarters by the Bulawayo District Committee.

III. Matabeleland Rally of Pathfinder-Scouts, Sept: 1939.

The Executive agreed to a grant of £20 towards the expenses of this rally on a £ for £ basis. Rev. P. Ibbotson, Messrs. Stakesby-Lewis and P. Harker outlined plans for the rally, which was being held in conjunction with an inter-school gathering and instead of a district camp.

#### REPORTS.

Reports were received from D.P.M.s of the following districts:- Marandellas, Bulawayo, Salisbury and Umtali. In all districts travelling had been made almost impossible by phenomenal rains but troops had consolidated their strength by successful concerts in Salisbury and at Waddilove. Only two troops were registered in the former district, while fifteen still remained unregistered. The reports were adopted for circulation to D.P.M.s.

#### TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer read a financial statement for the period 17.12.1938 to 31.3.1939. showing a credit balance of £178. 5. 3. in the bank on the latter date.

The statement was adopted with a hearty vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. The appointment of Mr. F. T. Munjoma as G.P.M. of Waddilove troops was approved.
2. Alternative to test 5 in First Class course.

Mr. Morley-Wright proposed an alternative test in view of the present test's limitation both to season and land required. Pathfinders in town found it almost impossible to carry out this test. The following alternative was adopted:-

Produce an article of carpentry or joinery made by himself, e.g., a chair, a table, a book-case, etc., or make a model of any kind of machinery to scale in metal, wood or cardboard.

OR

Produce from seed in his own garden at least 3 lbs. of each of three different vegetables.

3. The Secretary informed the Executive that during the past quarter warrants had been issued to three new troops and Seven P.M.s.  
The Executive agreed that in future all warrants applied for should receive its approval before issue at quarterly meetings.

A vote of thanks to Toc H for the loan of their hall was passed.

The date of the next meeting was fixed as Saturday, the 3rd June at 10.30 a.m. in the Toc H Hall.

B. W. Lloyd,  
Hon. Secretary.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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