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THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL.

P.O. Box 8356,

Johannesburg.

13th February, 1940.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS,  
Cr. Eloff & Fox Streets, ON MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1940  
AT 4.30 P.M.

Your attendance is urgently requested.

R.M. Strachan.

ACTING HONORARY DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

A G E N D A:

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes.
3. Matters arising out of the Minutes:  
Easter Camp.
4. Correspondence.
5. Finance.
6. Recommendations from the Finance Committee.
7. Appointments and Registrations.
8. General.
9. Date of next Meeting.

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Ariel Maleka - Asst. P/F Cubmaster, 3rd Brakpan.

Jacob C. Lefoa, transferred from: Newhalle School,  
Schildpadfontein

to: Rhenosterhoek School,  
Zandfontein,  
P.O. Rooiberg,  
Warmbaths.

MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Cr. Eloff & Fox Streets, ON MONDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1940 AT 4.30 P.M.

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PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A., (Chair); D/P/S/C Mr. L.M. Seepe and A/D/P/S/C Mr. J.R. Rathebe; Mr. E. Lithebe and Mr. L.I. Venables; The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R.M. Strachan; Mr. D.C. Marivate (Organiser); Mr. N.S. Mokgako (Asst. Secty-Organiser) and the Acting Asst. Secty. Mr. J.G. Modiselle.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, D/P/S/C Mr. D.G. Lace (3 months leave), Revd. Archdeacon R.P.Y. Rouse, Revd. Fr. C. Lunniss, C.R. Revd. P.T. Lerösche, Revd. A. Cowgill and Mr. K.N. Fleischer.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th December, 1939, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Report by Organisers: Mr. Marivate submitted a report prepared by himself in conjunction with Mr. Mokgako on their training overseas as Scout Organisers and Trainers.

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D/P/S/C - West Rand: Mr. L.M. Seepe reported that owing to his unforeseen transfer, he would be unable to accept the appointment as District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner for the West Rand and thanked the Council for the honour they had conferred on him.

Training Group - Western Native Township: A letter was submitted from Mr. H.P. Jones stating that, with the Council's consent, he had inaugurated a Scouters' training group in the Western Native Township and would report on its progress in the near future.

Appointment of Revd. K.H. Swensson as Hon. D/P/S/C: The Chairman said he had pleasure in reporting that Mr. Swensson had accepted the appointment of Honorary District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner. It was agreed that permission be granted to Mr. Swensson to enrol troops and recommend Officers where such facilities were not provided.

Training Courses: Letters were submitted from Mr. K. Hopkin-Jenkins of the Municipal Native Affairs Department, Johannesburg, asking for the help of the Organisers in training Scouters and running a Camp for them on the 2nd and 3rd March, 1940 at Orlando, and from Mr. O. Makapan of Delmas suggesting that an Organiser visit his troop and ascertain whether it was being run on the correct lines. The Chairman stated that arrangements would be made for the Organisers to render assistance to Messrs. Makapan and Hopkin-Jenkins.

CORRESPONDENCE. A post card was submitted from the Revd. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor notifying the Council that he would like to renew his membership as he had now returned from furlough overseas.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

Letters were submitted from several Municipalities replying to the Council's appeal for grants to enable the Association to engage a European Organiser.

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With the exception of the Pretoria, Germiston and Randfontein Municipalities who promised to vote £25, £25 and £5 respectively, and Krugersdorp Municipality who replied in the negative, the remainder stated that the Council's request would be considered with the Estimates for the next financial year.

N O T E D.

Mr. Venables said that in the case of Krugersdorp, he had later been consulted on the matter and he hoped that the Municipality would re-consider their decision. The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked Mr. Venables for his negotiation in this respect.

A letter was submitted from Mr. H. Legat, Commissioner for Overseas Scouts, expressing appreciation at the tribute paid by the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council to the Imperial Training Centre, London, in connection with the visit of the Organisers to England.

N O T E D.

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Council a new publication by the Chief Scout, entitled "Paddle Your Own Canoe" (Messrs. Macmillan & Co. Ltd., 2/6 nett), highly recommended by Lord Hampton, Chief Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, London.

A letter was submitted from Capt. W.E. Barber suggesting that the Association hold an Easter Camp, preferably for Patrol Leaders, from the 21st to the 25th March, 1940.

The Chairman stated that he would inform Capt. Barber of the Scouters' training camp which Mr. Hopkin-Jenkins was organising at Orlando on these dates and ask for his support.

A G R E E D.

Mr. Venables informed the Council that it could be assured of the co-operation of his Department so far as providing tents, transport facilities etc., similar to those made at the Training Course held at Orlando in December, 1938.

N O T E D.

FINANCE.

The following Financial Statement as at the 31st December, 1939 was submitted and noted:

Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)	No: 1 a/c	£70. 11. 10
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)	No: 2 a/c	111. 10. 0
Petty Cash .....		5. 17. 4
		<u>£187. 19. 2</u>

Sales for the month of December, 1939 £22. 10. 1

The Hon. Treasurer reported that owing to the resignations of Capt. W.E. Barber and Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls from the Finance Committee, difficulty was being experienced in obtaining two signatories to cheques drawn on the Association's Banking Accounts. It was therefore resolved that Mr. Henry W. Shearsmith and Mr. Job Richard Rathebe be and they are hereby authorised to sign cheques drawn on the Association's No: 1 and No: 2 Accounts with Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.), Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, in conjunction with either of the present signatories, Messrs. J.P. Rees and R.M. Strachan.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. These were all approved by Council. The next Council Meeting was fixed for the 19th February, and the meeting closed at 5.25 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

(TRANSVAAL DIVISION)

179, Proes Street,

Pretoria.

26th February, 1940.

DIVISIONAL BULLETIN NEW ISSUE NO: 1.

To All Officers In The Division.

My Dear Scouters,

I am ashamed to find that it is so long since I last wrote to the Division as a whole. Some of you will remember that a few years ago I used to send out a Bulletin almost every month in order that you might be kept in touch with Divisional Headquarters and also with one another. For many reasons it has not been possible to issue the Bulletin during the last year or so but now I hope that this new issue will be continued fairly regularly. I have heard from many Officers how useful they found it and I do not want to deprive them of anything which will help to keep them and their troops keen and efficient.

HEADQUARTERS PUBLICATION.

The problem of running some sort of official publication has frequently been before the Divisional and Headquarters Councils, but it has not yet been found possible to find a man with sufficient time to give to it or a means of making it self-supporting. I should, however, like to commend to your notice "FORWARD" which is the Official Organ of the Pathfinder Scout Movement of Southern Rhodesia. It is published monthly from the Pathfinder Scout Office, No: 2 First Floor, Board of Executors Building, Manica Road, Salisbury, and costs 3d per copy or 3/- a year. It is well produced, contains much interesting matter and useful hints for the running of the troop. Orders should be sent direct to the Editor at the address given above.

HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL.

A well attended meeting of this Council was held at Florida on December 14th, 1939 and much useful work was done. I give below a few items of information which came out at the meeting:-

- (a) CENSUS. Our Movement today in South Africa has 365 Troops, Crews and Packs, 490 Officers, 215 Rovers, 8579 Pathfinder Scouts, 2781 Cubs making a total of 12,065. Of these the Transvaal Division has 176 Troops, Crews and Packs, 189 Officers, 155 Rovers, 4600 Pathfinder Scouts, 1742 Cubs with a total of 6686 of all ranks. That is, in our Division we have over half of the total strength of the Association.

- (b) PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT. A long discussion on this subject

was held and in summing up, the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner pointed out that the weakness at present is lack of training of the Officers. He emphasised that all positions in the Association are open to Africans and that African leaders have their opportunity if they

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wish to take it by taking an active share of the work. He also suggested that our Association is not sufficiently in touch with the Education Departments and responsible members of the Churches. A well deserved tribute was paid to the work of African Teachers as Officers.

(c) REVISION OF P.O.& R. The Executive Committee of the Headquarters Council was asked to consider suggestions for revision of the present P.O.& R. in the light of experience of working on the present Handbook. If any Officer or District has suggestions to make they should be forwarded in the first instance to Divisional Headquarters (P.O. Box 8356 Johannesburg).

(d) AWARDS. The following awards were made to Transvaal Officers.

Bar to the Medal of Merit: Capt. W.E. Barber and Mr. C.J.R. Nicholls  
(Div. Headquarters)

Medal of Merit: A/D/P/S/C E.J. Masiuana  
(Pretoria)

I take this opportunity of congratulating these Officers to be the first of our Movement to receive Scout Awards as compared with our former Pathfinder Scout Awards, and also of expressing my appreciation of their good work for the Division over a long number of years.

OFFICER TRAINING ORGANISERS. Towards the end of last year I wrote to all District Commissioners to say that our two Organisers, Mr. D.C. Marivate and Mr. N.S. Mokgako had returned from the Gilwell Scout Training Centre in England and were now available for conducting Officer Training Courses in the Division. I am aware that many Schools had broken up and it was difficult to get answers during the holiday period, but I hope that now all Scouters will feel free to call upon the services of either or both of our Organisers. The idea is that where there is a small group of Officers in a District they should organise a Training Course locally and ask the Organisers to come and conduct it. The Course could be held over the weekend, say from Friday afternoon till the Sunday afternoon, or in the afternoons and evenings of the week. There would be no charge but it is expected that the Organisers would be given hospitality, and local arrangements would have to be made for board and lodging. This is an excellent opportunity for Officers in rural areas to have training brought to them and I hope our Organisers will be kept busy. Letters of application should be addressed direct to the Organisers at Divisional Headquarters.

DISTRICT RALLIES. It is some years since any Rallies on a large scale have been held and it is doubtful whether the time is ripe for any such Rallies at present, but I am sure that it would be well for each District to have at least ~~an~~ Annual Rally and so keep the Movement in the minds of the public in addition to stimulating the enthusiasm of the Officers and boys themselves. Will you please do your best to arrange a Rally in your District during the current year? I shall be glad to try to attend such Rallies if I am invited and given fairly long notice.

TESTS. Every boy in the Association should be working for some particular/.....

particular test at and between every parade and he should know what that test is and what are the requirements for it. I feel that many of our activities fail because they lack any objective and we attend the Troop Parades with very vague ideas as to what is our programme. The number of applications for Badges (First Class and Second Class and Proficiency) is nothing like what it should be. Please do your best to see that your Troop is doing its share.

All good wishes for good Scouting this year,

Yours fraternally,

S. P. Woodfield.

DIVISIONAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COMMISSNER (TRANSVAAL).

THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

(Transvaal Division)

P.O. Box 8356,  
Johannesburg.  
1st March, 1940.

Dear Scouter,

The Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council is calling for applications from all Pathfinder Scout Officers along the Reef, Pretoria and environs to attend a "Scouters' Training Course" to be held from the 21st to the 25th March, 1940 inclusive, at ORLANDO FARM SITE, just off the Potchefstroom Road, 4 miles South-West of Orlando Township.

The Course is entirely free and Scouters are only asked to pay their travelling expenses to Johannesburg. All those who intend to attend this Course should assemble at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Eloff Street Extension, Johannesburg at 10 A.M. sharp on Thursday, 21st Instant, from where transport will be provided to convey all kit and passengers to the Camp site. Scouters should be in full uniform. The following is the minimum kit required:-

1 spare shirt and shorts and stockings.  
A pair of boots or shoes, polish and bootbrushes.  
A towel, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, comb and/or hairbrushes.  
A coat, 6 handkerchiefs, notebook and pencil.  
A rope 6 ft. long.  
An enamel plate, enamel mug, knife, fork and spoon.  
Blankets, pillow and 1 pair of pyjamas.  
(A stretcher bed or groundsheet or some other form  
(of protection against dampness when sleeping on )  
the floor.

Admission to this Camp is strictly by letter of application and as "The early bird catches the worm", send in your application early to:-

The Hon. Divisional Secretary,  
Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Headquarters,  
P.O. Box 8356,  
Johannesburg.

These should reach him not later than 2 P.M. on Monday, 11th March, 1940.

Trusting that you will take advantage of this splendid opportunity of extending your knowledge in Scoutcraft,

Yours in the Brotherhood,

N.S. Mokgako (Asst. Secty.)

THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL .

P.O. Box 8356,  
Johannesburg.  
1st March, 1940.

The Next Meeting of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council  
will be held in the Committee Room at Scout Headquarters, Cr.  
Eloff and Fox Streets, on Monday, 11th March, 1940. at 4.30 P.M.

You are requested to attend.

J.P. Rees.  
JOINT HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

A G E N D A.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Isaac More - P/S/M. Brits Native School, Troop.  
Josiah Madisha -G/P/S/M. Brits Native School, Troop.  
William. B. Moledi - P/S/M. 1st Lichtenburg Troop.

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TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS.

Lot.M. Seepe has left the West Rand and his new address  
is: 1423, Ntsala Street, Western Native Township.  
Thomas W. Motsei has left Warmbaths and his present Address  
is: Wesleyan Institute, Village Main, Johannesburg.



MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Cr. ELOFF & FOX STREETS, ON MONDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1940 AT 4.30 P.M.

PRESENT: The Div.P/S Com.Revd.Canon S.F. Woodfield, M.A., (Chair);  
D/P/S/Cs Mr. H.W. Shearsmith, S.H. Mbambo, Revd. J.A. Maund, and K. Hopkin Jenkins; A/D/P/S/C Mr. J.R. Rathebe; Mr. L.I. Venables, Capt. W.E. Barber; Mr. A. Cowgill, Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, Mr. Buchler, Mr. S.G. Senoane, Revd. C.M. Lunniss, Mr. C.P. Molefe, and Mr. I.H. Semanya; the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R.M. Strachan, Divisional Secretary, Mr. J.P. Rees, Mr. D.C. Marivate, (Organiser), and the Acting Asst. Divisional Secretary, Mr. J.G. Modiselle.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Revd Leresche, Mr. J.S. Mashupie, Mr. N.S. Mokgako, Mr. E. Lithebe, Mr. K. Fleischer, and Mr. R. Jones.

MINUTES: The following alterations were made :- The name of Noel W. Nduna was added under apologies"; on the second page second paragraph read "Mr. Venables said that in the case of Krugersdorp and reef he etc."; second page sixth paragraph read "The Chairman state that Capt. Barber would be informed of the Scouters Training camp etc". The minutes were then confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Easter Camp. D/P/S/C K. Hopkin Jenkins said that he had discussed details of the Camp with Mr. N. Mokgako. Mr. L.I. Venables wished to know whether the camp was open to members from the Reef and Pretoria only and whether it was for Scouters and Patrol Leaders together. The Chairman suggested that the Reef and Pretoria districts be canvassed first. Capt. Barber moved that the camp should be for Patrol Leaders and not more than twelve Officers. D/P/S/M. Mr. S.G. Senoane, Mr. Buchler, and Mr. J.R. Rathebe spoke against this. Capt. Barber withdrew his motion and D/P/S/M Mr. S.G. Senoane's that the camp be for Officers only was carried.

D/P/S/C. Mr. Hopkin Jenkins said he thought the cost of the Camp would be 8/- per head for 4 days. The Hon. Treasurer said that the Council had £50.0.0. available to spend on the camp. It was proposed by Mr. Rathebe that the cost of the camp be borne by the Council up to a limit of £50.0.0. and those attending be asked to pay their travelling expenses and nothing for the camp.

Agreed.

Mr. Venables proposed that the camp be held on the farm four miles south west of Orlando recently purchased by the Municipality. After some discussion the Council gratefully accepted this invitation.

D/P/S/C. Mr. Hopkin Jenkins proposed Thursday 21st March to Monday 25th March inclusive, as the date of the camp.

Agreed.

Mr. J.R. Rathebe suggested that care should be taken to ensure that all Officers were on an equal footing in the Camp.

Agreed.

Capt. Barber thought that all Officers should be in full uniform.

Agreed.

Awarded of Wood Badge. D/P/S/C. Mr. Buchler having qualified for D/P/S/C, Canon Woodfield placed the leather bootlace and badge around the neck of D/P/S/C. Mr. Buchler amidst hearty applause.

The Chairman congratulated him on behalf of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Chairman said he had received a copy of the current number of "Forward" from Southern Rhodesia.

He handed it to the meeting for inspection.

He announced that Miss. Warner was starting Scouting in Zwaziland amongst Coloured youths, with the approval of the C.P.S.C. Troops would be registered in the Transvaal Division.....

The Chairman read the minutes of the second meeting of the Headquarters Council, held on December, 14th, 1939. "With the regard to minute 12 "Training of Officers" the Revd. Cowgill asked for a copy of the "Training of Officers Scheme prepared for use at educational centres". It was proposed and seconded that all out of pocket expenses, but not salary, of the two Transvaal Organisers be paid by any Division employing them.

FINANCE:

The Hon. Treasurer read his Financial Statement as follows:-

No: 1 a/c showed a balance of £70. 15. 11d. and No: 2 a/c

£67. 17. 0d at 31st January, 1940.

This was accepted by the Council. D/P/S/C Mr. Hopkin Jenkins was elected to the Finance Committee.

APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Ariel Maleka as A/P/C/M. 3rd Brakpan was approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was fixed the 11th March, 1940.

There being no further business the meeting then terminated at 6.P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting on.....1940.

CHAIRMAN. \_\_\_\_\_.

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P.O. Box 8356,  
Johannesburg.  
30th March, 1940.

You are earnestly requested to attend the next Meeting of the Transvaal Pathfinder Scout Council to be held at Scout Headquarters, Cr. Eloff & Fox Streets, on Monday, 8th April, 1940 at 4.30 P.M.

J.P. Rees (Hon. Secretary.)

AGENDA.

1. Apologies. 2. Minutes. 3. Matters arising out of the Minutes (a) Alexandra District. 4. Correspondence. 5. Finance. 6. Recommendations from the Finance Committee. 7. Appointments and Registrations. 8. General. 9. Date of next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS. D.W. Giesekke, D/P/S/C Louis Trichardt;

A. Cowgill, Commissioner attached to Headquarters;  
E. Matyeka, G/P/S/M 2nd Witbank; E.J. Motau, G/P/S/M 1st Irene;  
I.A. Semanya, P/R/L St. Peter's College; C.P. Molefe, A/P/R/L St. Peter's College; F/S/MS: F. Ntsie, 2nd Alexandra; John B. Mokoena, 4th Orlando, E. Rampa, 2nd Witbank, D. Mphelo, 1st Rooi-  
stad. A/P/S/MS: S. Monehi, 1st Lady Selborne, J. Manne,  
1st Witlaagte.

REGISTRATIONS: 2nd Witbank Pack, Box 196, Witbank. (No Officer).  
4th Orlando Troop, Orlando Lads Hostel, P.O. Orlando (J.B. Mokoena)  
1st Rooi-  
stad, Box 20, De Wildt (D. Mphelo); 1st Lichtenburg  
troop, Box 87, Lichtenburg (W.B. Molede); 1st St. Peter's P/R/S  
Crew, The Priory, Rosettenville. (C.P. Molefe and I.A. Semanya).

Enquiries re starting new troops have been received from

A. Bopape, Medingen, Duivelskloof, N.E. Transvaal;  
Martins Matshana, P.O. Boshhoek, via Rustenburg and Ben Ch. J.  
Seakgoe, Bapong, P.O. Reddingshoop, Transvaal.

MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Cr. Eloff & Fox Streets, ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1940 AT 4.30 P.M.

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PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield, (Chair); A/D/P/S/Cs D.E. Nduna and S.H. Mbambo; Revd. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse, Revd. Fr. Trelawney-Ross, C.R., and Revd. P.T. Leresche; Capt. W.E. Barber and Messrs. L.I. Venables, K. Hopkin-Jenkins, I.A. Semanya and C.P. Molefe; The Hon. Divisional Treasurer, Mr. R.M. Strachan; The Hon. Divisional Secretary, Mr. J.P. Rees; Mr. D.C. Marivate (Organiser); Mr. N.S. Mokgako (Organiser-Secretary) and the Asst. Secretary, Mr. J.G. Modiselle.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Revd. Dr. Ray E. Phillips, Revd. Fr. C.M. Lunniss, C.R., Revd. J.A. Maund, Revd. G. Westphal, Revd. A. Cowgill and Mr. K.N. Fleischer.

MINUTES. The date of the last meeting was corrected on the Minutes to Monday, 19th February, 1940. The Minutes were then confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Camp: Mr. Hopkin-Jenkins read out a programme of the proposed Camp. A discussion followed in which Fr. Trelawney-Ross, Archdeacon Rouse, Revd. Leresche and A/D/P/S/C D.E. Nduna expressed strong objection to holding a camp in Holy Week. Mr. L.I. Venables suggested postponing it to July, and Capt. Barber moved that this be done. The motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE. Revd. Fr. C. Bouffard applied for six months leave, which was granted.

P/S/M Joshua W.P. Shai of the 1st Alexandra Troop applied for help in the District of Alexandra, pointing out that there was no District Officer. Mr. N. Mokgako was asked to investigate and report.

Mr. D.W. Giessekke of Lemana Training Institution stated that he would not be able to enter fully into his duties as Pathfinder Scout Commissioner for the Louis Trichardt district until July. The Council nevertheless wished him to take up his appointment at once.

Mr. L.M. Seepe wrote resigning from the Council because of his appointment to the Staff of the Princess Alice Hospital, Sophiatown. The Council expressed their thanks to him for his service in the past.

Mr. W.B. Moledi, P/S/M - 1st Lichtenburg Troop, solicited donations towards the acquirement of instruments for a Brass Band. The Chairman expressed his disapproval of this letter.

The Chairman read the letter which the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner had sent to all Officers in the Division, suggesting a standard of Scouting which he would be glad if every pack, troop and crew tried to achieve during 1940.

A/D/P/S/C S.H. Mbambo expressed his pleasure at receiving the Divisional Bulletin, New Issue, No: 1 which the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner had sent out on the 26th February, 1940.

A letter /.....

A letter was read from Mr. H.W. Shearsmith stating that because of his transfer to Springs he would have to resign from his appointment as District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Wit. Rand Central, and also from the Finance Committee. He suggested that Revd. Fr. A. Winter, The Priory, Rosettenville, be asked to succeed him as District Commissioner.

The Council expressed its deep regret and instructed the Hon. Secretary to write to Mr. Shearsmith in appreciation of his fine service to the Movement.

The Chairman said that Mr. H.W. Shearsmith would remain on the Council as Headquarters Secretary.

FINANCE. The Hon. Treasurer read his Financial Statement as follows:  
No: 1 a/c showed a balance of £91. 17. 5 of which £30. was reserved for the European Organiser Fund, and  
No: 2 a/c showed a balance of £71. 16. 0 at the 29th February, 1940.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(i) "That a duplicating machine be purchased from the Boy Scouts Association, Transvaal Division, for £10.

Mr. Venables proposed that the Chairman and the Treasurer examine the machine and decide.

A g r e e d.

It was agreed that in the event of this machine being purchased, a letter be sent to the Bantu Men's Social Centre thanking them for the many occasions they had permitted their machine to be used by the Asst. Secretary.

(ii) "That the visits of the Trainer-Organiser be authorised by the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner before any expenses they incur are paid by the Hon. Treasurer."

A g r e e d.

GENERAL. Trainer-Organiser D.C. Marivate read a report on his visit to troops in Delmas from the 20th - 23rd February, and to Witbank on the 23rd and 24th February, 1940. At Delmas he had been enthusiastically received and had been able to re-organise both the troops and packs as well as giving instructions to Scouters and addressing a meeting of parents. At Witbank he found a need for instruction and help. Officers reported that they had not received their Warrants. He had arranged to run a Training Camp there with the assistance of Mr. N. Mokgako on the 15th, 16th, and 17th March, 1940.

It was decided to write to the District Commissioner in regard to Warrants. The Div. P/S Com. said he hoped to be visiting the district and inspecting troops in July.

Mr. L.I. Venables reported that he had been present at a meeting in Western Native Township attended by over 700 parents and friends. The meeting had been addressed by G/P/S/M H. Pridham-Jones and by Mr. Mokgako. The latter had been able to explain the use to which the original Jamboree Fund had been put. Mr. Venables thought the meeting had been a success.

The Chairman gave an invitation to members to attend a general Rally at Pretoria on Ascension Day (2nd May.) A Medal of Merit from the Chief Scout of South Africa, H.E. The Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Duncan, would be presented to A/D/P/S/C E.J. Masiuana. This was the first Scout Medal of Merit to be presented in the Division.



3 JUN 1940

*Revolver*

THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL.

P.O. Box 8356,  
Johannesburg.  
1st. June, 1940.

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You are earnestly requested to attend.

R.M. Strachan.  
for: Hon. Divisional Secretary.

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APPOINTMENTS.

J.W.P Shai - D/P/S/M. Alexandra District.  
Richard.Mkoko. - G/P/S/M. Bapsfontein-Varkfontein Group.  
J.R. Madiba. - P/S/M. 1st. Alexandra.  
Samuel Nkadimeng.- P/S/M. 1st. Wallmansthal.  
Colbert. A. Phungula.- P/S/M. 4th Alexandra.( Swiss Mission).  
David. T. Racheke. - P/S/M. 5th Orlando.  
Monica.M. Warner. - P/S/M. St. Michael's School.(Swaziland)  
Philemon.A.Maseko. - P/S/M. 1st. Van Ryn Estates.  
H.P.Jerry Morathane. - P/C/M. 1st. Alexandra.

REGISTRATIONS.

1st.Bultfontein Troop.- 472,Bultfontein Sch., ( E. Pule ).  
Bapsfotein -Varkfontein Troop.- P.O. Bapsfotein.(Richard Mkoko)  
1st Van Ryn Troop. - St. Mary's Sch.,Van Ryn Est.(P.Maseko)  
4th Alexandra Troop. - P.O. Box 49, Bergvlei, ( C.A.Phungula)  
5th.Orlando Troop. - St. John Berchman's Sch.,(D.T.Racheke)  
St. Michael's School, Pack.St. Michael's Bremersdorp,(M.Warner)

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PATHFINDER SCOUT COUNCIL HELD AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Cr. Eloff & Fox Streets, ON MONDAY, 13TH MAY, 1940 AT 4.30 P.M.

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PRESENT. The Div. P/S Com. Revd. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A., (Chairman) /  
Hon. D/P/S/C Capt. W.E. Barber; Com. attached to  
H.Q., Revd. Archdeacon Y.R.P. Rouse; A/D/P/S/C Mr. J.R.  
Rathebe; Mr. K. Hopkin-Jenkins; The Hon. Divisional  
Treasurer, Mr. R.M. Strachan; Mr. D.C. Marivate (Organiser);  
Mr. N.S. Mokgako (Secty-Organiser) and the  
Assistant Secretary, Mr. J.G. Modiselle.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Com. attached to H.Q., Revd. A. Cowgill, D/P/S/Cs Revd. J.A.A. Maund and Mr. G.D. Lace, Revd. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor and Revd. H.W. Rist, Messrs. L.I. Venables and K.N. Fleischer and the Hon. Secty, Mr. J.P. Rees.

MINUTES. The alteration in the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th April, 1940 was re-corrected to read: "South African Headquarters of the Pathfinder etc." The minutes were then confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

D/P/S/M - Wit'Rand North: Archdeacon Rouse reported that accompanied by Organiser Marivate he had attended a meeting held in Alexandra Native Township for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Council for the appointment of a District Pathfinder Scoutmaster in that area. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of this meeting by conferring this rank on Mr. J.W.P. Shai, formerly G/P/S/M - 1st Alexandra.

D/P/S/C - Witbank: A letter of thanks to the Council on his promotion to a District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner was received from A/D/P/S/C E.J.M. Phago of Witbank.

NOTED.

Orlando Troops: Organiser Marivate reported that he had visited Orlando Township to take stock of Scouting generally. At the Presbyterian and Mooki Memorial Schools there were no troops, but at St. John's Catholic School there was an enthusiastic group of boys under a keen intending Scoutmaster, Mr. D. Racheku and the Methodist troop was under the able leadership of Mr. S. Maseko, formerly P/M - 2nd Germiston. It was not possible to visit the Anglican and Municipal Boys' Unit groups on this occasion.

NOTED.

CORRESPONDENCE. A letter on behalf of Officers in his district was received from Mr. R.B. Ntuli, A/D/P/S/C - Waterberg, thanking the Council for the thoroughly useful and much enjoyed Scouters' Training Course conducted by Organiser Marivate from the 26th - 28th April, 1940 at Warmbaths.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Limburg asking for help from the Organisers, and he hoped that Mr. Marivate would take the matter in hand when he visited the Northern Transvaal.

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He also reported that he would be attending a Rally at Phokeng, Rustenburg, on May 24th, 1940 and was visiting Evaton on the 14th May, 1940 in response to a request from P/S/M B.T. Sehlahla of Wilberforce Training Institution.

FINANCE. The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement of the position as at the 30th April, 1940 as follows:

No: 1 a/c showed a Bank Balance of £147. 5. 4 and No: 2 Account £83. 16. 7. The Petty Cash Balance was £6. 11. 2. The sales as compared with the month of March showed an increase of £3. 10. 3.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

"That in view of the quotations received from the C.R. Press for the publication of the new edition of "How to Start a Troop" - viz: £3. 10. 0 for the first thousand copies and £2. 0. 0 per thousand copies thereafter, an order be placed for a thousand copies to supply the Transvaal alone, but if other Divisions wished to have supplies this Council ask South African Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters to undertake the cost of printing on behalf of the Divisions."

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner on these lines and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the proof of the new edition of "How to Start a Troop" to each Divisional Commissioner, inviting comments and asking for the number of copies that would be required.

EXPENDITURE OVERSEAS. In view of the increasing cost of goods from overseas due to the international crisis, the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Capt. Barber, proposed that an order for goods to the extent of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds) be placed with Imperial Scout Headquarters, London in order to replenish the Pathfinder Scout shop.

A G R E E D.

APPOINTMENTS & REGISTRATIONS. These were all approved.

GENERAL. "Ascension Day" Rally: The Div. P/S Com. reported that at the invitation of D/P/S/C Revd. Maund he had attended a well organised Rally in Pretoria on May 2nd, 1940. A competition on Scout work was run by one of the Johannesburg Scout Headquarters Officials of the European section assisted by the District Commissioner for European Scouts in Pretoria. Hon. Dist. P/S Com. Capt. W.E. Barber was a guest of honour and there were about four hundred boys from eight local troops present. The Secty-Organiser N.S. Mokgako also attended. To wind up the day's programme a presentation ceremony was conducted when Mr. E.J. Masiuana, A/D/P/S/C - Pretoria received the Scout "Medal of Merit", the first to be awarded to a Pathfinder Scouter.

Warrants: A discussion was led on the subject of "Uniforms" and it was reported that Officers on several occasions paraded in long trousers even when they had to receive warrants. Arising out of this the Council agreed that in future warrants should only be handed to Officers when in full uniform.

Training Camp: Mr. Hopkin-Jenkins stated that with the Council's approval he would arrange a

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Scouters' Training Course from the 8th - 15th July, 1940 as this had been postponed last March.

Capt. Barber suggested that emphasis be laid on the closing date for applications so that a correct report could be given to the Council at its next meeting.

A G R E E D.

Accommodation for Organisers: Mr. Marivate suggested that the Council consider purchasing small Scoutmaster tents for each of the Organisers so as to ensure that they always had accommodation when on tour. The Div. P/S Com. promised to refer to this again in his monthly circular letter to Scouters and would lay stress on the fact that permission would only be given to the Organisers to pay the visit when it was ascertained that all necessary arrangements had been made for them.

Training Course at Warmbaths: Organiser Marivate submitted a written report to the Council on his visit to Warmbaths.

NOTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was fixed for the 10th June, 1940.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 5.45 P.M.

Minutes confirmed at the meeting hold on \_\_\_\_\_.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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