**The Boy Scouts’ Association,**

**The Greenock District**

**Minute Book**

**June 1937**

**Chairman Rev. Alex. Philp**

**Hon. Secretary A. Ian Dunlop to 25th Oct. 1938**

**Hon. Secretary Hugh Johnstone to 31st Oct. 1939**

**District Commissioner H.W. Butter**

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 22nd June 1937 at 8. o’clock pm.**

**Being a Monthly Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; ADCs, A. Philp, J.J. Swan, and Wm. Shearer; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. Fred Gale; and Representatives of the following Groups: 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 45th, 52nd, 57th, 70th; 86th, 89th.

Attending – Mr. A. Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

and Rev. Alex Philp in the Chair.

Shannon Cup, Fire Shield.

The Chairman presented the Shannon Cup and the Fire Shield to the winning Patrol of the 32nd Troop. He complemented the Troop on their double success.

Warrant.

The District Commissioner presented a warrant as ACM 45th Renfrewshire to Miss Isabel Connie.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting dated first June 1937 were read, approved and adopted on the motion of Mr Gale, seconded by Mr William Dally after minor alterations.

Apologies.

Apology for absence was intimated from the Honorary Treasurer.

Letters- League of Nations Union.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Greenock Branch of League of Nations Union asking if the Association would attend a Youth Peace Service to be held in theTown Hall on Sunday 10th October 8- 9 pm. Mr. Brown proposed, Mr Morrison seconding, that a representation should be sent, all officers being asked, it being too late for the younger boys and attendance at such functions in the past not having been very good. This was agreed.

Youth Rally.

No names had been received for Youth Rally at Edinburgh on 8th July.

Chief’s Silver Wedding.

There were no further contributions to the Chief Scout’s Silver Wedding Fund.

“The Skipper”.

As requested at last meeting, the Secretary had written to the Skipper.

Thanks.

Letters had been sent to Mr McWhirter, Mr McKenzie and Mr Troup thanking them for their help, the last two at the Annual Parade and Mr McWhirter at the Shannon Cup Competition.

Warrants.

The Secretary intimated that three warrants should be returned as soon as possible and asked for help to attain them - Mr McKillop's (22nd), Mr McGowan 's (11th), and Mr Smith's (89th).

Reports - Invoice, Everton and Lets.

The Gala had realised £9 and the Parade £3. Accounts had been passed for payment as follows.

Simpson (Cement) 6/-.

Blacks 4/11.

The Committee it recommended that the lawn mower be sharpened (at a cost of about 6/-).

The report was adopted.

Everton Hut.

Mr Butter and Mr W Dally had been appointed joint Conveners of the Everton Hut Committee. The Committee had had estimates from -

M. Kirkwood, Cowison’s Ltd., Spurs Ltd., and Smith and McCuaig. The lowest, that of M Kirkwood, was accepted. The foundation was now completed and work was progressing. The Committee also agreed to have the interior painted and outside roof redleaded and exterior painted in Spring of next year.

Grants of £125 from Special Areas Commissioner and £30 from Margaret St. Fund had been obtained. The Committee wished to thank those who assisted in the demolition of the old Hut and the 5th Group for the use of their Hut for storage of gear.

Competitions.

The Shannon Cup had been won by 32nd Renfrewshire; 32nd - 80 pts; 45th - 72 pts.

The Fire Shield had been won by 32nd Renfrewshire; 32nd - 72 pts; 45th - 60 pts; 52nd -56 pts.

The Public Service Vase Competition would take place in the near future.

Cub Council.

Cub Annual Picnic had taken place on Saturday 5th June 1937 to Everton, 200 Cubs and 20 CM 's attending in bad weather. The Beaven Sports Trophy had been won by 6th Renfrewshire Pack. The annual training camps for Cubmasters had been held at Greenacre on 12th/13th, 19th/20th June, nature study being the principle subject. 19 CM's had attended.

The question of the Gourock Pack winning the Beaven Sports Shield opened up the question of Gourock Group participating in Greenock competitions. The Gourock SM had approached the DC asking if the Troop might participate in Scout Competitions. It was pointed out that Gourock had no one with which with whom to compete being a lone Group. It was decided that the Secretary should write to the County Scout Council asking if it were in order for Gourock to be allowed to compete in Greenock competitions.

Rover Report.

A Rover Scout Council meeting had been held on 3rd May 1937. Mr Philp and Mr Dally had attended a meeting of the corresponding County body in Paisley and Mr Philp reported on the meeting. The Secretary had been asked to write to the Association Finance Committee asking for a reduction in the cost of rent of the Hall as in summer weather no light was used. There was 6/- in the funds. Rovers were asked to assist at the building of the Bonfire. 2 Rovers were wanted to assist Mr. Brown in distributing Coronation Programmes. A Rover Scout Investiture had been held at Everton on 6th June. A Rover hike would take place in the autumn.

Mr Orr Presentation Committee.

The total cost of the portraits £8.8.0 had been subscribed. The DC had seen Mr Orr and he confirmed the fact that he wanted a quiet evening ceremony for the presentation, members of the Association and subscribers being present.

The Tontine Ballroom might be had on 3rd week in September at a cost of 1/6 per person - tea and sandwiches. Mr Orr had said that the end of September would be the earliest suitable time. Names of subscribers should be given to the Secretary who would issue invitations at 1/6 per head. The programme should be left to the Committee. Mr. Brown and Mr Swan proposed that the report be adopted. The date, Monday 20th September, was fixed, subject to the approval of Mr Orr.

The District Commissioner said that some people, unable to be present at the presentation, might wish to see the portraits, and asked for permission, if necessary, to put a paragraph in the Telegraph that the portraits could be seen at some fixed place. This was granted.

Other Business - Parade.

Mr. David Thompson (11th) asked why his Troop had not been informed by the DSM that the March Past would take place at George Square. The DC explained how the misunderstanding had arisen.

Permanent Sites.

Mr Shearer asked whether it was the case that permanent campsites were given to Troops camping at Everton. The DC replied on in the negative.

Jamboree.

The sum of £14.10 had been anonymously donated for Scouts attending the Holland Jamboree. £7.5 for each boy.

Let

The warden asked if a Let had been granted to the 85th Renfrewshire for Thursday 24th June as he had seen in Telegraph that Scouts were to meet in the HQ. The reply was in the negative.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for 31st August.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

1. Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 31st August, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being a Monthly Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; ADCs, A. Philp, J.J. Swan, Wm. Shearer, I. Lyle, C. Finnie Jr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. Fred Gale; and representatives of the following Groups: 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 45th, 52nd, 57th, 59th 70th; 80th, 86th, 89th Renfrewshire.

Attending – Colin Finnie, Sr, Badge Secretary;

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary;

Rev. Alex Philp in the Chair.

Public Service Vase.

The Chairman presented the Public Service Vase to a Patrol of 32nd Troop.

Warrants.

Warrants were presented by District Commissioner to the following – Rev. Alex Philp ADC (Rovers), Miss MTA Edridge (CM 70th), Philip P Gormley (ASM 11th), William Ferguson (SM 80th), John Mackay (ASM 80th).

Wood Badge.

The DC presented a Wood Badge to A DC James J Swan.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 22nd June 1937 were read, approved and adopted.

Business Arising.

\*The Secretary had written re League of Nations Union letter.

\*No Scouts had been sent to Edinburgh Youth Rally.

\*9/1 had been sent from Greenock for Chief Scout’s Silver Wedding present.

Gourock Group.

In reply to a letter from Secretary, County Secretary stated that permission of County Scout Council was not required if Gourock was to take part in Greenock competitions. A resolution proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded Mr Dally Sr, was then passed as follows- “That the 6th Renfrewshire Gourock Group, be invited to take part in Greenock competitions until the Annual General Meeting 1938, with the permission of the DC of Cloch District.”

Letters etc.

\*The Chairman asked that the sympathy of the Association with Mr and Mrs Dyer who had lost a son, and Mr Finnie Sr. and Mr Finnie Jr. who had lost a wife and mother, be recorded in the minutes.

\*Greyhound Racing. No action had been taken as a result of a letter from Greenock Working Boys and Girls Religious Society about greyhound racing in Eastend.

\*Poppy Factory. Letter was read re moss for Lady Haig's Poppy Factory.

\*Thanks. Secretary thanked Mr Hume Sr for new minute book.

New Vice President.

It was announced that Viscount Kelburn was willing to become a Vice President of the Association.

Warrants.

Following warrants were received for cancellation-

those of Miss Jean McGowan (ACM 11th) and William McKillop (GSM 22nd).

Following applications for warrants approved.

TA Kirkwood (SM 23rd), A. Blair (ASM 23rd), A Jones (ASM 38th), Miss M Pearson (ASM 38th), Miss L Zoller (ACM 38th).

Treasurer.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John D MacDonald resigning from the office of Treasurer of the Association. On the motion of Mr CRD Brown, and unanimously, Mr Hugh Johnstone was appointed to act as Treasurer.

DSM.

Mr MacDonald also resigned position as District Scout Master. It was resolved to leave the post vacant until AGM in October.

Reports - Finance, Everton and Lets.

\*The Committee met on 24th July and passed following accounts for payment.

J&P Clark (Chloride of lime) 1/-

Simpson (Cement and sand) 5/-

Fire Policy 18/9.

Lamont, printer £1.3.0.

Blacks 7/6.

IHQ (Pennant) 6/9

Shannon Cup Expenses 7/-.

Hon. Secretary’s Expenses 8/3.

\*An account from M Kirkwood for a letterbox 19/11, passed by Committee was, at request of Association, to be referred back to Mr Kirkwood.

\*It was resolved that in future a price be obtained for all work done prior to execution of work.

\*A Let to 45th Renfrewshire for 22nd July (2/-) had been granted.

\*The Committee had met again on 31st August and passed following accounts for payment.

Telegraph (advertising parade) £1.0.0.

Gas Department (Installment of heaters). £1.7.10.

PB Right 9.10.

Cooperative (Shannon Cup groceries) 17.1½ .

Ferguson (Lawn mower) 7.6.

J & P Clark 4.3.

Church and Turner 9.0.

P & J Beaten 7.6.

Simpson (Cement and sand) 14.0.

MacAlister and Fyffe 16.5.

J Hume. 15.3.

Honorary Secretary 4.0.

\*Following Lets granted-

to 59th Renfrewshire, 3rd September, 2/-

to 45th Renfrewshire, 15th, 22nd, 29th September, 2/-each.

To 80th Renfrewshire, August 5th, 12, 19th, 26, 5/-.

A request from SM William Ferguson (80th Renfrewshire) for use of HQ on Thursday evenings during session at 1/- per night was granted.

\*The Committee recommended purchase of a gas stove at a later date. It seemed to be more satisfactory than the radiators.

\*2/6 Locker fees for the current season had not yet been paid. Committee recommend 2/6 fee be paid in advance on 15 October each year for the following session.

Competitions Committee.

32nd had won Public Service Vase - 32nd, 133 points. 45th, 126 points. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Munn, Convener.

Sea Scouts Committee.

The Sea Scout Committee had examined Sea Scouts Boat with view of granting a Boat Certificate, but it was understood that, in the meantime, disaster had befallen the boat. Mr CRD Brown suggested that Mr Adams of Gourock would act as Inspector of the craft if the need arose.

Everton Hut Committee.

The Committee had met last night. The Hut was nearing completion and gear should be moved into new lockers this weekend. Some extras, not in specification, were required- viz. a churning can, extra set of keys for lockers, lining continued to roof, a ventilator above main door. An estimate was to be obtained and power was given to Committee to proceed with work.

As to painting. The outside was being creosoted now as in specification. It was suggested that outside be painted in the spring and inside at once, and that estimates for these be obtained immediately. The locker room should be creosoted. The lockers should be numbered 1 – 13, and were allocated by ballot as follows.

1 - 70th, 2 - 52nd, 3 - 10th, 4 - 38th, 5 – 33rd, 6 - 57th, 7 - 80th, 8 – 45th, 9 - 89th, 10 - 7th, 11 - CM's, 12-23rd, 13 - 11th.

“Scouty Methods” Committee.

Publication to be vest pocket size. Secretary asked for someone to help gather advertisements and Mr THE Pearson agreed to help.

Mr Orr's Presentation Committee.

The Committee had met *and* had prepared a provisional programme which was approved. The youngest Scout from the youngest Troop should make the presentation.

Otter Swimming Club.

Mr JJ Swan proposed that a Swimming Club, the Otters, be reformed for purposes of giving instruction and swimming to Scouts. Following Committee to go ahead with scheme and report - Mr Swan, Mr Hume, Mr S Thompson.

Swimming.

Application should be made to the Corporation for special swimming facilities at the soonest suitable times - vis-a special night be kept for Scouts at any new swimming pool built.

Census.

The Secretary appealed for early return of census forms and of registration fee with also Groups financial statement.

Mr Orr's Presentation.

The cost of tickets for Orr’s presentation had been raised to 1/9 per head.

Everton.

Mr Hume proposed that Everton should close this year on last weekend in September instead of on Autumn holiday weekend.

Camp Skipper

Mr. Thomson asked why Camp Skipper was so seldom at Everton. He complained that there was no supervision and suggested that a Committee of wardens with a Convener be appointed. It was resolved to deal with the matter at AGM.

Next Meeting.

Would be held on 5th October and AGM on 21st October.

This was all the business.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

A Ian Dunlop, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 5th October, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm.**

**Being a Monthly Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Camp Skipper, E. Salmon; and representatives of following Groups: 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 57th, 70th; 80th, 86th,

Attending – Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Treasurer.;

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary;

and Badge Secretary Colin Finnie Sr. in the Chair.

Chairman.

Rev. Alex. Philp sent apologies for absence, having been called suddenly from town. Mr Colin Finnie Sr. was chosen to act as Chairman.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting dated 31st August 1937 were read, approved and adopted.

Welcome to new Treasurer.

The Chairman called for a welcome to the new Treasurer, Mr Hugh Johnstone.

Business Arising.

\*The Gourock DC’s permission had been obtained for Gourock Group to take part in Greenock competitions.

\*The Secretary had written to Town Clerk about swimming facilities.

Apology.

There was an apology for absence from Mr Colin Finnie Jr.

Warrants.

Miss Jean Kerr’s warrant as ACM 9th Renfrewshire was received for cancellation and applications from Miss Margaret Gardner (52nd ACM) and Alan Hardie (ASM 70th) were approved.

Census.

The Secretary gave Census report giving details of numbers etc. There was a drop in 53 in total numbers, but a large increase in King Scouts and First Class badges.

Reports - Finance, Everton and Lets.

\*Following Lets had been granted

To Association, 5th & 26th October 2/- each,

Cub Council, 17th September 2/-,

Otter Swimming Club,

7th Renfrewshire, 27th Sept and 30th Sept. 1/- each,

70th Renfrewshire, 1st October 2/-,

Cub Council, 2nd October, no charge,

80th no longer required use of HQ.

Cub Council, 8th October 2/-,

Rover Council 11th October 1/-.

Cub Council applied for use of HQ on

22nd Oct and extension of time to 11.30 pm - granted at cost 2/6.

\*An application for use of HQ by Clean Scotland on Friday evenings was not granted.

\*A claim for articles missing from 5th Hut at Everton by GSM 5th Group was refuted, it having been pointed out that some part of the lost articles was found near 5th site in Everton. It was stated that if this claim was satisfied, the Association would be inundated with other claims for goods lost at Everton.

\* The account from Mr Kirkwood and Sons, 19/11, which had been queried was passed for payment. No change could be made in cost of letter box.

\*Estimates had been received for placing the gas fire - £4.6.0 and £1.17.0. The latter from the Corporation had been accepted.

\*The Honorary Secretary’s account for petty expenses, 8/2, was passed for payment.

\*It had been learned that Gourock Group were disposing of 100 chairs and piano. The Committee had viewed same and recommended offering £4 or £5 for them. The Association agreed that offer be made.

\*It was recommended that £5 be paid to SHQ. This was agreed- nothing had been paid in last financial year.

\*There was a deficit of about 10/- on Mr Orr’s Presentation Social - it was agreed to take a collection at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer gave a summary of last year's accounts. The Honorary Secretary proposed and Miss Tulloch seconded that the accounts be printed for distribution. This would cost about 18/-.

Badges.

During last year, 1307 badges had been circulated by Badge Secretary.

Everton Hut.

Estimates for painting had been received. One from P Mackie, £13, had been accepted.

A proposal that the Hut be painted by Scouts and not by Contractor was defeated by 7 votes to 3.Authority was given to the painter to proceed to paint inside now, outside in spring.

Scouty Methods.

Scouty Methods would be published soon after Annual Meeting. A few advertisements were still to be obtained.

Otters Swimming Club.

A meeting of Scouts and Scouters interested in formation of a swimming club within movement was held in Scout HQ on 10th September, 36 attending. Following resolutions were made.

1. Club to be called Otters Swimming Club.

2. Membership shall be open to all Scouts and Scouters in District.

3. Members shall be divided into two sections and only those in second section to wear Club Badge.

4. The test which must be passed before the Club Badge may be worn is a) swim 50 yards b) dive from a height of 6 ft c) surface dive in depth of at least 4 ft and pick up object from bottom.

5. Club Badge and colours shall be “The Scout Sports Badge” with letters O.S.C. beneath on a royal blue costume.

6. The yearly subscription shall be 6d per member. Officials for year September 1937-38 shall be Captain JJ Swan, Treasurer, Sam Thompson; Secretary Ronald Grant.

Club to meet on Monday evening 6-7 in Port Glasgow Baths.

A request from club for loan of £2.14.0. to buy badges, to be paid back when these are sold, was granted.

Cup Council.

The Cub Council met for AGM on 17th September. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors were re-elected. Constitution and competition rules were adopted as last year. Miss Jean Tulloch’s name suggested again for DCM. Annual Social to be held provisionally on 22nd October.

Next Meeting.

AGM would be next meeting on 26th October. The Association would meet at 7.45 on that evening to pass the minutes of this meeting.

Other Business.

\*The Everton Hut was nearly finished.

\*A proposal that Inverkip and Port Glasgow be asked to participate in Greenock competitions was defeated by casting vote of the Chairman.

A proposal that invitation to Gourock to participate be rescinded was defeated by 9 votes to 2.

Winter Camping.

To a question whether winter camping would be allowed at Everton, the Camp Skipper said that, in the meantime, it would not, but there would soon be a new Camp Skipper.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 26th October, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being a Monthly Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; ADC Alex Philp, Chairman, Colin Finnie Jr., William Shearer, A.I. Lyle; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; and representatives of: 7th, 10th, 22nd, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 70th Renfrewshire Groups.

Attending – Colin Finnie Sr. Badge Secretary

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Treasurer

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary

Rev. Alex Philp in the Chair.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting dated 5/10/37 read, approved, adopted on motion of Mr. John Dally.

New Group.

New Group formed (1st Greenock, 1st Renfrewshire) under Rev. J. McCallum Young C.M., Minister of Mt. Pleasant Church. His warrant application was approved.

57th.

The 57th Group was recontrolled by Old West Kirk.

Chairs.

Our offer for chairs and piano from Gourock Group was to be raised to £7.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 26th October, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

Mr. Ryrie Orr, Hon. President; District Commissioner, HW Butter; Assistant District Commissioners Wm Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr, A.I. Lyle, Rev. Alex Philp; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Camp Skipper, E. Salmon; and representatives of the following Groups: 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 57th, 59th, 70th Renfrewshire,

Attending – Colin Finnie Sr, Badge Secretary;

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Treasurer;

1. Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary;

Rev Alexander Philp in the Chair.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 27th October 1936 were read, approved and adopted on motion of John Dally, seconded by A.I Lyle.

Apologies.

There were apologies for absence from McArthur Muir, CC; Mr Walter Scott, County Secretary; Lord Inverclyde and Colonel Shaw Stewart, Vice Presidents.

Reports.

\*DC.

The District Commissioner Mr HW Butter gave his Annual Report dealing with camping and training.

\*Treasurer.

The Treasurer explained his accounts for year 1936-37 and moved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Auditors. Messrs JM Kerr and Lindsay. Mr Colin Finnie moved that the balance sheet in future years should not show either a profit or a loss in the Social Account - any profit should be shown as a donation, any loss made good by private subscription. The accounts were approved and the Chairman thanked Mr Johnstone.

Honorary Secretary.

The Secretary gave his report for year 1936-7 dealing with badges, numbers, warrants etc.

Adoption.

Mr Ryrie Orr proposed adoption of reports, saying how pleased he was with the progress made in the last year. He congratulated those responsible for the reports. Mr Colin Finnie Jr. seconded. The reports were adopted.

Appointment of Office Bearers.

Following appointments were made for year 1937-38, the officers of DSM and DRSL to take effect immediately also.

President- Ryrie Orr Esq. JP MA FEIS

Vice presidents - Right Hon. Viscount Kelburne R.N..

Lord Hugh Beresford.

Lord Inverclyde DC

Colonel WG Shaw Stewart MC

Colonel Hewison MC

Colonel D Paterson DSO

Provost Davey.

Ex Provost T Baxter JP.

Ex Provost J.W. Bell JP.

Chief Constable James Christie OBE

The Secretary proposed that the Chairman keep the Chair for the elections. The Chairman thanked Mr Orr, Mr. Butter, the Secretary and Treasurer for all their services. He was optimistic about the future.

Appointments-

Chairman- Rev. Alexander Philp re-elected on motion of DC.

Vice Chairman- James J Swan re-elected.

Hon. Secretary- A. Ian Dunlop re-elected

Honorary Ttreasurer- Hugh Johnston re-elected

Badge Secretary Colin Finnie re-elected

Camp Skipper William Dally

District Cub Master Miss Jean Tulloch re-elected.

District Scout Master- William Dally.

District Rover Scout Leader- George Allan.

Warden of HQ- James McCrindle.

Auditors- Messers. JM Kerr and Lindsay re-elected.

The DSM, DCM, DRSL had been proposed by Scout Council, Cub Council and Rover Scout Council.

Co opted Members.

The following were Co-opted to the Association-

From Girl Guides Association- Miss Cath C Humphreys,

From Boys Brigade- John Kerr Esq.

From Toc-H- James Wright Esq.

From School Management

Committee- Fred McLeod Esq.

Lay Members.

Following Lay members re-elected. Mr Hume Sr, Mr WP Stratton, Mr Fred Gale.

Associate Members.

The following were elected Associate Members-James S Kincaid Esq. and Dr. Keith Robertson.

Representatives.

The following representatives were appointed

To Scottish Headquarters- Secretary, Treasurer and Badge Secretary

To County Scout Council- Secretary and Treasurer

To Juvenile Organisation Committee;

-to General Committee- Chairman and Mr CRD Brown

-to Executive Committee- Chairman.

Amendment to Constitution.

An amendment to the Constitution was approved, to allow the Association to have an Executive Committee and thereafter the following Executive Committee was appointed-

H.W Butter (DC), JJ Swan (ADC and 45th), Rev Alexander Philp (ADC and Chairman), Colin Finnie Jr (ADC and 52nd), AI Lyle (ADC), William Shearer (ADC and 32nd), Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM and 22nd), William Dally (DSM and Camp Skipper), George Allan (DRSL), Colin Finnie (Badge Secretary), A Ian Dunlop (Hon Secretary and 70th), Hugh Johnstone (Honorary Treasurer), Miss E. McEachern (Secretary of Cub Council), Robert Morrison (Secretary of Scout Council), John Dally Jr (Secretary of Rover Scout Council), Rev. J McCallum Young (1st), GD Allan (3rd), John Fleming (5th), John Hume Jr (7th), Miss M MacIntyre (9th), John Dally (10th), David Thomson (11th), TA Kirkwood (23rd), A Munn (33rd), Colin RD Brown (38th), William Dean (39th), William Gilliland (57th), David Graham (59th), William Ferguson (80th), Miss J McKillop (86th), Bernard Reilly (89th Renfrewshire).

10 should be a quorum. The Committee was given full powers of Co-option with the committee was given full powers with powers of Co-option.

Sea Scout Committee.

Mr E Salmon, Mr. AI Lyle, Mr S Thompson should form the Sea Scout Committee of the Association. It was agreed that the formation of other committees be left to the Executive Committee which could meet later in the evening.

Scottish Scout.

The Treasurer would be pleased to receive and send to Edinburgh, subscriptions for the Scottish Scout 1 /2 per annum.

The Annual Social would be dealt with at the Executive Meeting.

The Chairman was thanked very sincerely for all his work and for conducting the meeting.

This was all the business.

Rev. Alex Phillip, Chairman.

A Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 26th October, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being an Executive Committee Meeting.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; Assistant District Commissioners I. Lyle, Wm Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr, Rev. Alex Philp; Hon. Sec. A. Ian Dunlop; Hon Treasurer Hugh Johnstone; Badge Secretary Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; DSM and Camp Skipper W Dally; DRSL G. Allan; Secretary of Scout Council Robert Morrison; Secy of Rover Scout Council John Dally Jr.; John Hume Jr. 7th; David Thomson (11th), A. Munn (33rd0), David Graham (59th). Rev. Alexander Philp in the Chair.

Finance Committee.

The following were appointed to form of Finance Committee to deal with finance, Everton and Headquarters (including Lets)- Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, District Commissioner, Badge Secretary, Camp Skipper, Mr Colin Finnie Jr, Mr. John Dally Sr., DCM Miss Jean Tulloch, and a quorum to be 5.

Badge Committee.

Badge Secretary Colin Finnie, Miss E McEachern and Mr George Allan to form Badge Committee.

Cub, Scout, and Rover Scout Councils.

The Cub, Scout, and Rover Scout Councils should be regarded as sub-committees of the Executive Committee.

Annual Social.

The Annual Social should be held on a Friday about the beginning of January. On the motion of Mr Finnie Jr., seconded by Mr Finnie Sr, it was decided not to hold it in the Tontine Hotel this year. The toast list should be cut down and the maximum cost be 4/- per head.

The following Committee was appointed to deal with the Annual Social - DC, Mr Swan, Hon. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer with Mr Robert Morrison.

Report - Finance, Everton and HQ.

There was £14.15.5½ on hand before accounts were passed. It was agreed to pay half of rates account amounting to £3.14.9. Following accounts were passed for payment.

Electricity 12/1

Treasurers expenses 1/0.

Gas 16/8.

Secretary’s Expenses 7/6

Water Rates £3

An application by Rover Council for use of HQ on the third Friday of each month till April was granted.

Following Lets were granted

Rover Council 8/11/37 (1/-), 19/11/37 (1/-),

Scout Council 2/11/37 (1/-), 19/10/37 (1/-),

45th 29/10/37 (1/-).

Everton Group Report.

The Everton Group (Scout Section) held its Annual Meeting in the Association Headquarters on 19th October, DC in Chair. Robert Morrison appointed Secretary, THE Pearson, Treasurer, and William Dally was recommended for DSM. James McCrindle elected Lay Member. 7th, 10th, 38th, 52nd, Troops were represented.

Competitions Committee of 5 with powers of Co-option was appointed- John Hume, William Dally, R. Morrison Convener, THE Pearson, and David Thompson. The arrangements for Football Shield Competition would be made immediately. Next meeting of Scout Section on 2nd November.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 30th November, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

District Commissioner, HW Butter; Assistant District Commissioners Wm Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr, C.R.D Brown, Rev. Alex Philp (Chairman); Hon. Secy. A.Ian Dunlop, Badge Secy. Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Camp Skipper and DSM, William Dally; Secy of Cub Council, Miss Ena McEachern, Secy. of Scout Council, Robert Morrison; John Hume Jr (7th Ren), John Dally (10th Ren); David Thomson (11th Ren); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); William Ferguson (80th Renfrewshire). Rev. Alex. Philp in the Chair.

Groups: 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 32nd 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 57th, 59th, 70th Renfrewshire,

DSM.

A hat badge, as District Scout Master, was presented to William Dally by the Chairman.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 27th October 1937 were read, approved and adopted.

Apology.

An apology for absence was received from the Treasurer Mr Johnstone.

Representation.

Mr J.J. Swan (GSM 45th Renfrewshire) unable to attend Executive Meetings had appointed Mr William Faulds to act for him and represent 45th Renfrewshire at Executive Meetings. This was agreed, it being pointed out that the appointed for one year. ADC Mr Philp (GSM 57th Renfrewshire) being Chairman, it was agreed that Miss IW Nichol (CM 57th) represent the 57th Group at Executive Meetings.

Warrants.

Warrant for cancellation received from Charles Thomson (57th Renfrewshire SM). Applications approved from Miss M Harvey (ACM 70th Renfrewshire), Miss J Murray (ACM 7th), Elston Reffel (SM 57th).

Scottish Scout.

A letter was read from SHQ asking people who received the Scottish Scout to pay their subscriptions through the Secretary.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*£15.5.11½ in hand; Following accounts passed £7 for chairs and piano, £1.17 for fitting gas fire, £1.7.10 as instalment on heaters, Secretary’s Expenses Account 11/6, 2/10 being half of payment for cleaning.

The Association would make up deficits on Wappinschew if not more than 5/-.

Mr Stratton had been paid the sum of 5/- for attending to hedge, which sum he had donated to the Association.

\*The Committee would examine the HQ on 11th December.

\*Following groups still to pay registration fees 5th, 9th, 10th, 23rd, 39th, 80th Renfrewshire. \*Several Everton fees for lockers still due.

\*Lets money due-

Cub Council 8/6, Everton Troop 2/-, Rover Council 5/-, 57th 5/-, 7th 1/-, 23rd 2/-, 45th 8/-, 80th 2/-.

\*Following Lets granted-

Cub Council, 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month till April (2/- each);

57th Group, Monday evenings till end of March (1/- per night);

57th Group Party, 26/11/37 (2/-);

Scout Council, 5/12/37 (1/-),

23rd Renfrewshire, 5th November (2/-) and 1st Friday of each month till May not including December (2/- per night),

7 Renf., Wednesday 27th (1/-);

Association, 30th November (2/-);

Rover Council, 7th Nov (1/-),

80th Renfrewshire, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th December (1/- per night);

5/- to be paid from Training Account to Robertson Street Account for use of HQ at RL Wappenshew on 27th / 28th November 1937.

\*The question of claim by 5th Group was remitted to the Executive by the Finance Committee.

5th Group Claim

A letter was read from 5th GSM John Fleming protesting against refusal of Association to pay in respect of its claim for 12/9 in respect of gear alleged lost from 5th Hut while it was loaned to the Association. On the proposal of Mr Colin Finnie Jr, seconded by Mr William Dally, the proposal of Mr Dunlop, seconded by Mr William Shearer, that the 12/9 be paid because the Association hired the Hut, being defeated by 6 votes to 4, it was agreed to abide to the decision made by the Association on 5th October i.e. that no payment be made.

Badges.

Mr Colin Finnie reported a large badge order this month.

Everton Troop

\*The Troop had met on 2nd November, the District Commissioner in the Chair; meeting recommended acceptance of Cricket Trophy offered for competition.

\*A “Display of Scouting” had been suggested and a Committee appointed to see what support might be obtained.

\*A collection of Scout songs for the District was being started. Meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 3.00 pm.

\*Football Shield competition already well in hand.

\*Committees had been appointed as follows

Football Shield - W Dally, D Thomson and convener (R Morrison).

Fire Shield- John Dally Jr, P Gormley and Convener.

Public Service Vase - A Munn, J. Hume and Convener;

Shannon Cup - William Dally (Camp Skipper) THE Pearson and Convener.

Next meeting 5th December Troops representatives 7th, 10th, 11th, 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 70th.

Everton Hut.

On proposal of John Dally, seconded by Colin Finnie, it was agreed to reappoint existing Everton Hut Committee to see work completed. The Scout Committee had recommended that the hut be only used for training in winter time. This to be remitted to Finance, Everton and HQ Committee.

Annual Social.

It was decided to hold the Annual Social in the Lorne on Wednesday 12th January, the tickets to cost 4/- each. Estimates had been received and considered by the Committee. Mr JJ Swan would be MC and see to Band and Dance Programme. There would be fewer toasts and speeches this year and an endeavour would be made to keep the speeches short. Invitations should be sent to the President, Vice Presidents, Co-opted members, County Commissioner and Mr. Muir, Mr McWhirter and Mr Troup. Tickets could be hard from the Treasurer.

Scouty Methods.

The new edition of Scouty Methods had now gone to press and would soon be ready for distribution.

Mr Stratton.

The Secretary reported that an error had been made at the last meeting. It had been stated that Lay members had not paid their 1/- fees for 1936-7. This was wrong, the bunch shilling having been paid by Mr Stratton, but not entered in the Treasurer's books, from the information of which the statement had been made.

The Cloch District.

The District Commissioner reported that he had been in communication with the County Commissioner about extending the District. The Cloch District would now be dissolved and the Gourock and Inverkip Groups added to the Greenock District.

Lay Members.

It was asked whether Lay members were notified of their appointment at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary had stated that this had not been the custom in past years. It was explained that the proposer of appointment notified the new Lay member.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 28th December, 1937 at 8. o’clock pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex Philp ADC in the Chair.

District Commissioner, HW Butter; Assistant District Commissioners J.J. Swan, Colin Finnie Jr, Colin R.D Brown; Hon. Secy. A.Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Colin Finnie Sr. Badge Secretary; Secy of Scout Council Robt. Morrison; John Hume Jr (7th Ren), John Dally (10th Ren); A. Munn (33rd Ren); TC Wilson (38th Ren); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th Ren); David Graham (59th Ren).

Best Wishes.

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to those present for the coming year.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting 30/11/37 were read, approved and adopted.

5th Group.

The decision of the last meeting had been reported to the GSM 5th Group and he had expressed himself satisfied. The matter was now closed.

Apology.

There was an apology for absence from Miss Jean Tulloch.

Representation.

Mr W P Stratton had accepted appointment as a Lay member of the Association.

38th.

A letter was read from Mr CRD Brown appointing Mr TC Wilson as representative of 38th Renfrewshire at Executive Meetings. This was accepted, it being understood that the appointment was for one year.

SHQ Finance.

A letter was read from County Secretary informing the Association that SHQ would again ask for 2/6 per section of each Group this year. The matter would lie on the table.

Probation Officers.

There was a letter from the Town Clerk asking if any senior officers of the Association would be willing to act as voluntary probation officers. It was agreed after discussion to accept the letter, but the Secretary was asked to inform Mr. Gray that the probation officer should inform the Secretary of cases who in turn could arrange with the appropriate SM to make an effort to bring such boys into Troops.

Mr Orr.

There was a letter from Mr Orr, expressing his good wishes to the Association for the new year.

China Mission.

A letter had been received from the International Red Cross Committee (Central China) asking for funds. It was agreed to allocate 5/- from the Association to start the fund and quite a sum was collected from those present.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*The Committee had met and inspected HQ, finding all correct and in order.

\*Lorrame’s were putting the old piano on a sale hoping to raise £2 or £3 for it for us.

\*New note paper was needed. It was decided to acquire as much as Secretary needed.

\*Following Lets arrangements had been made.

CC Toy Committee Dec 5th, 12, 19th, 24th, 25th. (No charge).

DC Campfire Class, Dec 3rd, 14th, 21st. (No charge).

Scout Council Jan 9th (1/-).

45th Renf. Dec. 23rd (1/-), Jan 8th (2/-)

C.C. cancelled Let 24th December

Rover Council Wappenschaw, Feb. 5th/6th (5/-). Lets cancelled third Friday of each month.

Executive Dec. 20 (no charge). No charge henceforth should be made for Executive Committee Lets

57th cancelled Lets 28th Dec. 3rd Jan. Time extended to 2/- Let 27th Dec.

County Scout Council Executive, December 20th (no charge).

80th cancelled Lets 22nd, 29th Dec. Let 13th January (1/-)

\*Following money was due.

For Lets.

Cub Council (10/6), Rover Council (8/-), 23rd Ren (2/-), 80th Ren. (5/-).

For Registration Fees

23rd Ren (5/-); 5th Ren (5/-); 9th Ren (5/-), 10th Ren (5/-), 80th Ren (5/-).

Several Everton locker fees were still due.

\*The Treasurer had £9.18.9½ in hand

\*Following accounts passed.

£2.14.0 for Otter Swimming Club Badges (to be repaid)

4/9 for Hon. Secretary’s Account.

4d for Hon. Treasurer’s expenses.

9/11 Paving at Everton.

13/11½ for J. Hume Jr (Cleaning material).

£2.7.11 Gas.

£1.1.3. Electricity.

3.0 Stationary.

It was decided that it would be necessary soon to raise Lets costs but this was left over in the meantime.

Badges.

There was a fair badge order this month.

Everton Pack.

\*Mr JJ Swan reported that there had been an Annual Cub Toy Parade to St Andrew’s Church on Sunday 11th December, (150 Cubs attending).

\*A dance had been held on 16th December and toys purchased with £5.14.10 proceeds, - these distributed labelled to 292 homes, Infirmaries, Quarrier’s Home, Convalescent Homes etc.. Total 756 toys - this being a record. He paid a tribute to the unselfish work of CM's. Mr Philp, Chairman expressed the appreciation of Association for this work.

\*A meeting of the Cub Council had been held 7th Dec when much normal business was transacted.

Everton Troop.

The Section had met 5th December. A Committee had been appointed to go into question of the Display of Scouting and programme for it. Rules for Cricket Trophy Competition was left in hands of Competitions Committee. Meetings would continue to be held on Sunday afternoons. Scouters might attend the DC’s campfire class.

Everton Crew.

Annual meeting of Greenock Rover Scouts held 18th Oct. 1937. Mr Philp appointed Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer John a Dally, Auditors Messrs. Thompson and Morrison. DRSL Mr George Allen; A Rover training class would be held every month. There would be a conference in HQ 5th/ 6th February 1938.

The Council had met again on 17th December. A draft programme for the conference was prepared. Meetings in future would be held in Rover Crews’ Dens, instead of in HQ.

Everton Hut.

Mr Kirkwood had promised to complete the Hut at Everton before January the 15th.

Annual Social.

It was necessary to ‘boost’ the Annual Social as very few tickets so far had been sold. A rigorous effort would be made to sell at least 100 tickets. 4 Band players had been engaged at £3.

Scouty Methods.

The edition of Scouty Methods was now out and copies for each member of the movement might be taken away from the meeting. A copy would be sent to each minister in the town.

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary requested that in view of his having been appointed to another post, it would be advisable to appoint an Assistant Secretary at the next meeting- so that the assistant might have some experience of the work before he might be appointed to the Secretaryship, to be vacated at, or before the next AGM. It was agreed to look out for a suitable person, preferably unattached to any Group.

Mr Finnie and Audit.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr reported that so far he had only received 3 sets of accounts for inspection, and these had been audited by other auditors. He understood that some Groups closed their financial years at December 31st, so he expected to receive some more in the near future.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 25th January, 1938 at 8 pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alexander Philp ADC in the Chair.

Assistant District Commissioners A.I. Lyle, William Shearer; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; Camp Skipper and DSM, William Dally; Secretary of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; Secy. of Rover Scout Council, John A. Dally; George Allan (3rd); John Hume Jr (7th), John Dally (10th); David Thompson (11th); Alex. Munn (33rd); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); David Graham (59th); William Ferguson (80th); Bernard *Reilly* (89th); and Mr. W.P. Stratton.

Death of County Secretary.

The Chairman referred to the passing of the County Secretary, Mr Walter Scott, who had died at the beginning of the month. He spoke of the great Scouting zeal of Mr. Scott, and all the work he had done for the Movement.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 28/12/37 were read, approved and adopted.

Business arising.

The Secretary had written to the Town Clerk about the Probation Officer question and had received a formal reply.

17/6 had been collected at last meeting for the China missions.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from D.C. H.W. Butter, and Mr. C.R.D. Brown for absence.

Cloch District.

The Troops of the Cloch District were now in the Greenock District and the Cloch Association had been wound up.

Warrant.

The warrant of Miss Chrissie Buchanan, ACM, 57th Renfrewshire, was approved.

Letters.

\*Circulars about Wood Badge, the Duke of Connaught’s Shield for Marksmanship, and the Otter Shield were being sent out.

\*At a meeting of C.H.Q. Executive, Mr HW Butter had been appointed County Secretary. The Chairman expressed the good wishes of the Executive to Mr Butter on his appointment.

\*An application for 32nd Renfrewshire, asking for the use of 30 chairs was granted.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Lets.

57th, Cancelled Let 3/1/38;

Executive, Jan 25th. No charge;

70th Renfrewshire, 21/1/38. 2/-;

D.C. Campfire Class, 4/1/38; 15/1/38, no charge;

Scout Council, 12/2/38, 1/-;

45th Renf. Cubs, Thursdays 7 – 8.30, 1/- until 24th Feb. (6/-);

80th Renf., Weds 7.30-9.30, 1/- till 23rd Feb. (6/-);

\*The Treasurer had on hand £14. 3. 5. £15. 1. 3 was the net income from Scouty Methods of which £4. 10/- were still due. £7 for chairs to Gourock Group and £2. 10/- for cleaning had been passed, and the following accounts were passed for payment:-

Beaton- 5/-;

Orr Pollock (advertising AGM)- 16/-;

John Hume Jr (gas fire)- £1. 5/-;

Hon. Secretary’s expenses- 5/-;

Hon. Treasurer’s expenses- 3/2.

\*The following money was due for -

Lets- 23rd Renfrewshire - 2/-;

Registration Fees- 5th, 9th, 23rd; and

Several Everton locker fees were still to be paid.

\*It was hoped to raise some sum for piano.

\*The Chairman asked that Mr. T.H.E. Pearson be thanked for his work in the production of “Scouty Methods”, and the report was approved.

Badges.

A few badges had been ordered this month.

Everton Troop.

Meeting was held on 9th January 1938. It was decided that at forthcoming Display of Scouting on 28th April, each Troop should present one item and that parents and friends were to be invited. Camp Fire class to be changed to Saturdays. All Scouters, warranted and unwarranted, are eligible for membership to Everton Troop. Sunday 13th February, uniform not essential.

Everton Crew.

Mr Philp, ADC, said that he was sorry that so few were attending the Crew meetings. A Wappengschaw was being held on the 5th & 6th February and a large attendance was hoped for.

Assistant Secretary.

Since there were no suggestions for appointment of Assistant Secretary, Miss Dunlop would attend for present to take minutes.

Next meeting would be held on 1st March.

This was all the business.

Alex. Philp- Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop- Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 1st March, 1938 at 8 o’clock pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alexander Philp (ADC) in the Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners A.I. Lyle, William Shearer; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Rover Scout Leader, George Allen; Secy. of Cub Council, Miss E. McEachern; Secy. of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; John Hume Jr (7th); David Thomson (11th); Alex. Munn (33rd); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); Bernard Reilly (89th); John Campbell (6th).

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 25th January 1938 were read, approved and adopted.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Colin Finnie Sr., & Mr Arthur Muir.

Warrants.

Cancellation of warrant of Miss Morag MacIntyre (CM 9th) was intimated. Applications for ASM warrants in names of Mr. T. McCauley and Mr. J. Cairns (89th) were approved.

Letters / Swimming Relay.

An invitation from Glasgow County to Greenock Scouts’ Swimming Team of four boys to take part in their Gala at Govanhill Baths on 1st April (Scouts to be under 18 years) was remitted to Mr Swan, who had agreed to take charge of the matter.

Ibrox Park Rally.

The first Circular about the Ibrox Park Rally, 4th June, was read- details being given of arrangements. After discussion, it was agreed that we could probably sell 200 tickets to the General Public. A Committee consisting of Secretary, Treasurer, DCM, DSM, DRSL, and Mr Campbell (6th) was elected to make the detailed arrangements. The Rally should be well advertised in the Telegraph Scout Notes and in the Gourock Times.

Total Abstinence.

A letter had been received on 9th February asking two delegates to attend a meeting about opening of Licenced Premises on holidays and New Year's Day etc. The Secretary had been unable to attend. The Chairman pointed out that the Association was in sympathy with the move against opening, but according to its rules could not take any active step.

Wood Badge, County Flag.

Circulars had been distributed about the County Flag new regulations and the Wood Badge course at Milliken.

52nd Request.

A request from the 52nd Rover Crew for use of 25 card tables was granted.

Shannon Cup.

The District Commissioner said that it was his opinion that the Shannon Cup competition was not getting its due support. The training to be derived from the competition was immense, and every Troop should enter- not necessarily to win the Cup. It was a shame to ask Examiners to spend all the time they did to decide between two Troops.

Open Air Service.

The Open-Air Service should be held on 5th June to Rankine Park, arrangements as last year. The DC was asking Lord Rowallan to take the Salute. Rev. R.K. Somerville should be asked to conduct the service, and Rev. D Kedward to assist him. If either of these ministers could not come, Rev. J. McCallum Young should be asked to assist. Arrangements as usual were to be made for Roman Catholic Scouts. The 5th Band should be requested to attend and the other arrangements (funding another band, finding out Park Regulations, March Past, etc) were left in the hands of the District Scout Master. Mr. David Thomson hoped there would be no mistake this year as regards the March Past of Roman Catholic Scouts.

Gala.

The Swimming Gala was to be held in West End Baths on 3rd June. Application should be made soon. Arrangements should be left in hands of following Committee, Mr JJ Swan (Convener), Robert Morrison, S. Thompson, C.R.D. Brown, H. Campbell (6th) and the Secretary A.I. Dunlop.

Registration of Constitution.

A letter had been received from the County Secretary stating that the present Executive Committee as constituted did not conform with P.O.R. It seemed unnecessarily large. It was suggested by him, however, that to make it conform to Rule 143, Lay Members should be co-opted. The Secretary was, therefore, instructed to get in touch with Messrs. McNab, Fyfe, Webster, Ross, Murdoch, Garvie, Rankine (Lay Members of the Cloch Association now merged in the Greenock Association) and Messrs Stratton, Hume, and Gale, of the Greenock Association and ask them if they would be willing to be co-opted to the Executive. Also inform them of the minimum membership fee of 1/-.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Lets.

To Executive, 1st March, no charge;

Cup Council, Cancel Feb 25th, March 11th, 25th. Let March 4th (2/-), March 26th (2-6 pm), (2/-), Handicraft Exhibition.

23rd Renfrewshire, Cancel 4th March.

45th Renfrewshire, Cancel Feb 17th. Let Feb 18th (2/-); March 11th (2/-), Whist Drive.

Miss Duncan for Training, Feb 25th, March 18th, 25th, no charge.

\*Fire Insurance.

A quotation for insurance against fire of the new HQ at Everton and contents for total sum of £150, at £1. 11. 6 premium (subject to survey and provision of 2 extinguishers and 2 buckets) was discussed. The Secretary, in accordance with Finance Council Recommendation, moved that the offer be accepted, but an amendment of Mr Morrison that the matter be left on the table till next meeting was carried.

Goods.

The Warden had requested the following for use in HQ:-

1 Step Ladder, 1 Window Brush, 1 Cornice Mop.

It was agreed to purchase the two latter, and a step ladder if he could obtain a set under 10/- second hand.

\*The Treasurer had £16. 13. 7 in hand and bank.

\*Following accounts passed for payment.

Cleaning £7 10. 0 (of which £2. 10/- had already been passed-completing the payment due for Feb. 1937- Feb. 1938.)

Rankin (for printing Balance Sheets) 17/-.

Corporation Heaters £1. 7. 10.

Deficit on the Annual Social £3. 5. 3 (to be shown as general expenses).

Secretary’s Expenses, 3/2

Treasurer’s Expenses 1/3.

Giving a total of £13. 4. 6.

The Report was passed.

Cub Council.

A Cub Council Report was read giving details of the winter’s meetings. The Cub Display had been arranged for 27th April 1938.

Scout Council.

The Scout Council had met on 13th February and arrangements had been made for the Display. Nearly every Troop in District had promised support. High hopes of success were held. It was agreed by the executive that Mr. Brown should be given a set of keys of HQ, because difficulty had been experienced in getting into the Hut.

At least one member hoped to be able to attend the Milliken Wood Badge Course.

Next meeting would be on March 6th.

Next Meeting.

The Executive would meet again on 29th March 1938.

Thanks.

Mr HW Butter thanked those present for good wishes expressed to him at the last meeting in appointment as County Secretary. He said he welcomed an enlarged field of service in the Scout Movement.

Alex. Philp, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 29th March, 1938 at 8 o’clock pm**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alexander Philp (ADC) in Chair at beginning, thereafter Colin Finnie Jr. (ADC) in Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, W. Dally; Secy. of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; Secy. of Rover Scout Council, John Dally Jr.; John Hume Jr (7th); John Dally (10th); David Thomson (11th); T.C. Wilson (38th); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); Bernard Reilly (89th); and Mr. WP Stratton.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting, dated 1st March 1938, were read, approved and adopted.

Business Arising.

The District Commissioner reported that as Lord Rowallan was away from home, there was no reply yet to his letter.

Swimming Gala Relay.

Mr JJ Swan reported that a team of 5 boys had been selected to compete in Invitation Team Race at Glasgow Gala on 1st April. The team was as follows; C. Lochhead (59th), Peter McFarlane (59th), R. Leggatt (70th), Jim Docherty (5th), Jack Docherty (5th). One of those was a Reserve.

The response to request for swimmers had been poor, but it was hoped that the team selected, which was very good, would be successful.

Chair.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr then took the Chair, Rev. Alex. Philp having to leave the meeting.

New Group

A new Gourock Roman Catholic Group had been formed at St. Ninian’s School. The registration was approved by the Association.

Lay Members.

In accordance with decision of last meeting, the Secretary had written to possible Lay Members but, so far, had only two affirmative replies - from Mr. W. P. Stratton and Mr. John Hume Sr. He accordingly proposed that these gentlemen be co-opted as Lay Members. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Stratton back again. It was decided to leave the question of the Constitution over until more replies were received from the possible Lay Members.

All the books of the Cloch Association were now handed over to the Secretary.

Warrants.

The warrant application of Ian Steel (ASM 70th) was approved.

Letters etc.

A letter of Thanks was read from the 32nd Group Secretary, thanking the Association for the use of chairs.

After considerable discussion, and on the proposal of Mr Stratton, seconded by the Secretary, it was decided to accept the quotation and terms of agreement with the Guardian Assurance Company for insuring the Everton Hut and Association’s contents for £150 at a premium of £1. 11. 6.

The Secretary was to instruct SMs that the policy did not cover Group property stored in Hut.

The District Commissioner had written to the Chief Scout asking him to visit Greenock Scouts on 5th June at parade, since he was to be in Glasgow for Rally on 4th June. He had received a reply from the Chief’s Secretary, regretting that the Chief is not well enough to take any engagements at present but sends best wishes, and hopes to meet Scouts of Greenock in the near future.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Lets

Scout Council, 6th March (1/-);

Cub Council, Cancel 22/4/38, Let 15/4/38 (2/-).

Executive, 29/3/38, no charge;

70th Renfrewshire Cubs, 25/3/38 (6-7.30) (1 /-). April 22nd (2/-);

45th Renfrewshire, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7th, 14, 21 (8 /-).

8th Renfrewshire, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 15, 22, April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 (13/-).

\*Providore at Everton

A letter was read from Mr. S. Wren, asking to be allowed to run a Providore at Everton this season beginning 2nd April. It was suggested that the hours should be limited, and that, since we were asked to discourage visitors at Everton, it should be for Scouts only.

\*Piano.

On request of 80th Renfrewshire for use of piano in HQ by qualified pianist on three nights, it was agreed that charge of 1/- per night should be made.

\*Badges.

On Mr Finnie, Badge Secretary, reporting that Scouters were not paying for badges, it was agreed to enforce the rule that cash for badges must accompany the order. This to be brought to notice of all Groups.

\*Audit.

On Mr Finnie Jr’s reporting that he had not yet received copies of audited accounts from the open Groups (3rd, 23rd, and 80th), the Secretary agreed to write demanding these.

\*Following accounts, because of urgency, had been paid since last meeting.

Rates- £3.14. 9.

Heating and Lighting £3.17. 0.

Ladder (Littlejohn’s) 9/-

Dean of Guild Account 11/-

Dusters 1/-.

A total of £8. 12. 9.

\*The financial position was not encouraging. At present, the Treasurer had £12 in hand and accounts to the amount of £37 to be paid; there was prospect of money coming in in near future.

\*On the motion of Mr Stratton, it was agreed that from 2nd April 1938, a charge of 1d per head should be made on all campers at Everton each weekend, and on his volunteering, it was agreed that this should be collected for the Treasurer by Mr Robert Morrison, the money to be paid over to the Treasurer periodically and earmarked for Everton. Notice of this to be put on notice board at Everton.

\*A request from Rev. A.C. Dow, A.D.C. Dunfermline L.A. for use on HQ of night 15th/16th July by 77th Fife Troop on way from Exhibition to Camp in Arran, was granted. The Finance Committee had made a nominal charge of 5/-, but it was agreed on Mr Dally Jr 's motion that no charge be made and the Troop be treated as guests.

Badges.

Badges were still going well.

Cub Council.

A meeting of Cub Council had been held on 11th February and arrangements made for Handcraft Exhibition. Annual Display to be in Seafield on 27th April. Training Camps fixed for 11th and 18th June and Cub Picnic for 28th May.

Scout Council.

A meeting had been held on 6th March. Arrangements had been made for Scout Display of April 28th. It was agreed that Public Service Vase Competition be held in one Hall on 29th April and Shannon Cup Competition on weekend 21st- 22nd May - the other conditions to be as in previous years. Next meeting to be held at Everton on 3rd April.

Mr. Brown had asked all SM's to let him know what they were doing at Display.

The District Commissioner reported that at the last meeting, in speaking about the Shannon Cup Competition, he did not intend to convey the impression that he had appointed the Shannon Cup Examiner. That was a question for the Committee.

Rover Scout Council.

Meeting of Rover Council had been held at St. George’s Church Halls on 18th March. There was a deficit of 7/4 and annual subscription was now due. It was proposed to have a weekend camp at Everton, open to all Rovers in County, a Committee to make the arrangements.

Swimming Gala.

The Committee had met and made the arrangements for Gala to be held on 3rd June.

Ibrox Rally.

Greenock to arrange for a aaRoman Invasion at the Rally at Ibrox. 300 would be required. Boys asked to meet at Everton on Monday at 2.30 pm. There would probably be a special train to Ibrox on 4th June, costing no one more than 1/2. Costumes would have to be obtained but probably a grant would be received from S.H.Q. to defray cost.

Open Air Service.

Rev. R.K. Somerville would give the address at the Open Air Service on 5th June. It was agreed to ask each Group to supply 4 ladies to collect money at Rankin Park and Lady Alice Park. These ladies to get in touch with Treasurer. The money to be counted in the Park Pavilion - the money collected at Lady Alice Park being taken there for counting.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be on 26th April and probable the May meeting on May 24th.

Non Member.

Mr Hume pointed out that a non member of Committee was present - this was due to a misunderstanding.

Camp Skipper.

The Camp Skipper asked that his duties be defined. After very long discussion, it was agreed that he should (being appointed by the Association) look after all Association property at Everton (Hut, Swimming Pond, water supply), see campsites were clean, have full powers over the camp at Everton. As regards jurisdiction over campers, that was not a question for the Association, but between the District Commissioner and Camp Skipper. The District Commissioner and Camp Skipper would work in cooperation for the good of camp and campers.

This was all the business.

W. Shearer, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 26th April, 1938 at 8 o’clock pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC William Shearer in the Chair, the Chairman ADC Rev. A. Philp being absent.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, A.I. Lyle, Colin Finnie Jr; Hon. Secretary, A.Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, William Dally; Secy. of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; Secy. of Rover Scout Council, John A Dally Jr.; John Hume Jr. (7th), David Thomson (11th); A. Munn (33rd) T.C. Wilson (38th); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); Wiliam Ferguson (80th), Bernard Reilly (89th); J. Campbell (6th); EI Long (8th).

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 29/3/38 were read, approved and adopted on motion of Mr Morrison, seconded by Mr Hume.

Business Arising.

\*Messrs. Ross and Webster were unable to become Lay Members but Mr Fyfe at of Inverkip was willing. The Secretary (seconded by Mr. Colin Finnie Jr) accordingly proposed his election and co-option.

\*The insurance of Hut at Everton had been arranged as agreed.

\*The Secretary had sent a letter to each GSM about parts arising from last meeting re

1. Group property at Everton

2. Camping charges at Everton

3. Badge payment

4. Collectors for Parade.

No collectors names had yet been received by Treasurer.

\*8th Renfrewshire accounts had now been audited, but 3rd and 23rd had not yet been shown to Mr Finnie.

Warrants.

\*Warrant for cancellation - Andrew Blair (23rd).

\*The application for ACM Warrant of Miss Dorothy Preston was to be brought before Association again, since she was under age. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Warrant applications might be approved by the Association when the applicant was 3 months under the required age, so that the warrant might be granted when he reached the required age. The motion of Mr Finnie Jr. that the application be not considered until applicant reached required age being defeated by 11 votes to 4. The Secretary was instructed to write to County Secretary for fuller particulars and decision.

The Warrant Application of Miss Christina Buchanan, who was now 17 years, 9 months, which had already been before Association’s Executive was approved.

Letters etc.

\*The Wood Badge Course arranged for Milliken could not now take place.

\*The new R.C. Group at Saint Ninian’s School, Gourock, was now registered as 8th Renfrewshire (2nd Gourock, St Ninians). The Chairman welcomed the new GSM Mr Edward J Lang.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Lets

Executive, 26/4/38, no charge.

23rd Renf., Cancel April 1st and May 6th.

45th Renf., April 7, 14, 21, (1/- each).

80th Renf. Cancel 5/4/38 & 19/4/38. Let 27/4/38, 4/5/38, 11/5/38, 18/5/38, 25/5/38

at 1/- each.

County Executive, 19/4/38, no charge.

DC for Ibrox Rally Rehearsal, 5/4/38, no charge.

C.C., 21/4/38, 23/4/38, 25/4/38. Display and Competition arrangements, no charge.

7th Renf., 28/4/38, (1/-).

\*Accounts.

£1. 11. 6 had been paid for first installment of Everton Hut Insurance. The Treasurer, then having in hand £4. 15. 1, the following accounts were passed for payment.,

Riddoch (Engraving Cups etc.) 12/6

Secretary’s 10/-

To Mr Swan- Expenses at Glasgow Gala, 15/-

Purchase of 28 lbs of Irish lime and a whitewash brush was authorised.

£7 account for chairs from Goourock, to be paid immediately we had the money.

\*Registration fees still due from 5th, 9th, and 23rd Groups.

Everton Registration Fees from Cub Council, 7th and 23rd Renfrewshire. Payment was due from several Groups for Lets, £1.10 still to be paid by a firm for Scouty Methods advertising. £15 and possibly another £15 from Margaret St, Trustees, against which there were several accounts outstanding.

About £1 so far had been collected on the 1d per weekend arrangement at Everton.

Badges.

There was quite a large order this month.

Scout Council

\*There was to be an informal meeting of Troops in Seafield on Thursday first, the Troops to meet at Seafield at 8 pm.

\*The Football Shield and Public Service Vase Competitions were being arranged at present, there being, however, no entries so far for the latter.

\*There was only one entry so far for the Shannon Cup Competition.

\*Mr. Brown the ADC (Scouts) was away from home and Mr Swan would carry out the arrangements on Thursday.

Gala.

Tickets for Swimming Gala would be issued this evening.

Rally, 4th June.

\*A Circular had been sent out asking for members going to Ibrox. There was no reply from 5th or 39th. All attending were now to take 6d ration. Other details were given on the Circular. Another Circular would be prepared giving details of fares etc, and, before 16th May, a return would require to be made giving accurate numbers attending; (no change possible after then).

\*Tickets for public were being distributed by Miss Tulloch, and all money and unused tickets to be returned to her before 18th May.

\*Payment for 6d Ration and Railway fares to be made to Secretary by 11th May with return of numbers.

\*March Past.

7 Scouts required for March Past were to be taken from 7 Troops selected by ballot. These were 7th, 10th, 11th, 33rd, 38th, 70th, 80th Renfrewshire.

Open Air Service and Parade.

Rev. R.K. Somerville, and Rev J. McCallum Young would be the Ministers at the Open Air Service. All permission had now been obtained. The 5th Band could not attend, and so arrangements were being made with the Wellington Pipe Band. Difficulty was being found in obtaining a Band to play the Hymns. On the motion of Mr Dally Junior, seconded by Mr Lyle, the Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary of BB Battalion asking for the use of a Band.

It was agreed that the 33rd Renfrewshire supply two boys to hoist flag in Park and that 7th Renfrewshire supply a patrol of 8 boys with colours at the saluting base. All arrangements in hand of DSM.

Mr Robert Morrison agreed to make enquiries as to the possibility of having the use of a loudspeaker in the park for the use of the ministers. The cost would be about £2.10.

Mr. Thomson reported that arrangements were complete for the Roman Catholic Scout Service and for a Band.

5th.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr objected that the 5th Group were not being represented at Executive Meetings. After discussions, it was, however, decided not to take any action at present. The matter might be brought up again.

Glasgow Gala.

Mr Swan reported that, once again, the team attending the Glasgow Gala had been unsuccessful. However, the level of the swimming had been very high indeed and the Greenock team was by far the youngest competing.

Mr Joseph Cairns.

Mr Bernard Reilly (89th Renf.) reported that Mr. Joseph Cairns, whose application for Warrant as ASM 89th Renf. had been approved, had been transferred to 11th Renf. and he asked that the application be cancelled.

Millar Scholarship.

Circulars were available about the Millar Scholarships.

Scout Show.

It was agreed that Troops attending the Show on Thursday night be asked to contribute their usual weekly subscription to defray cost of Let of Seafield.

Camping.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr gave information about camping permits. Applications were necessary for all camps outside District and must be sent in 21 days before camp. The accurate number of prospective campers was not required.

Next Meeting.

On motion of Secretary, seconded by Mr Finnie Jr, it was agreed next meeting be on 24th May. This was all the business.

James J Swan, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 24th May, 1938 at 8 o’clock pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan ADC. Vice Chairman in the Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, A.I. Lyle, William Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr; Hon. Secretary A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Badge Secretary, Coiln Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, William Dally; District Rover Scout Master, George Allan; Secy of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; Secy of Rover Scout Council, John A Dally Jr.; John Hume Jr (7th), John Dally 10th; David Thomson (11th); A. Munn (33rd) ; Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); David Graham (59th), Bernard Reilly (89th); J. Campbell (6th); EJ Lang (8th) and Mr. WP Stratton.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting, dated 26 April 1938, were read, approved and adopted. The Secretary had written to the County Secretary about warrant applications. His letter had been forwarded to County Commissioner who had sent his ruling “While, an application by a person under the prescribed age, may be considered and approved by a local Association, the applicant’s period of probation can only commence when he or she has reached the prescribed age”. After discussion, and on the motion of Mr. Colin Finnie jr, it was agreed that “No application for warrants can be considered by the Local Association until the applicant has reached the prescribed age”.

Apology.

An apology for absence was received from the chairman Rev.. A. Philp.

Applications for Warrants.

On the motion of Miss. J. Tulloch, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the following Warrant Applications were approved;

Edward J Long (8th Renf., GSM), Mrs Mary Waldron (CM 8th); Miss Francis Mary Long (ACM 8th), Charles McCafferty (ASM 8th); J. Arthington (ASM 7th); Miss Jean Crainer (ACM 7th); J.R. Beaven (ASM 7th); Joseph Cairns (ASM 11th).

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Following Lets had been granted.

7th Renf., Thursday, May 5 (1/-); 12th (1/-), 19th (1/-), 26th (1/-, June 2nd (1/-).

80th Renf., Extend Let 18/5/38 (7-11pm) (2/-), Use of piano (1/-), use of piano 11/5/38 (1/- ).

Executive, 24th May (no charge).

Cup Council, 6th May (2/-).

\*It was recommended that the following accounts be paid;

Secretary’s Expenses 10/-,

Plumber (for burst pipe) 4/1½.

The Treasurer had now on hand £4. 19. 11.

\*The books of 80th Renfrewshire had been audited, but those of 3rd and 23rd were not yet audited. 23rd Renf. had not yet paid 2/6 Everton locker fee. On motion of Mr Finnie Jr, seconded by Mr Stratton, it was agreed that if the fee was not paid within 7 days, the gear in the locker be removed. The Secretary was instructed to write.

\*The Hut at Everton had been broken into and 1 hike tent (45th) and 2 blankets (33rd) were missing. After discussion, it was agreed that push bolts be purchased and affixed to the door, the door to open inwards as at present.

\*It was proposed by Mr Shearer, and seconded by Mr Stratton, that payments for Lets be made in advance. An amendment, however, by Mr Finnie Jr that the matter be deferred until Lets prices discussion to take place before next winter, was carried by 13 votes to 4.

Several Troops still owed Lets money, but it was hoped it would soon be paid.

\*Registration fees for 30th Sept. 1938 were still unpaid by 5th and 23rd. It was agreed that the Secretary write to the Controlling Authority in each case demanding the fee. An amendment of Mr. Graham, seconded by the Secretary, that the Secretary should write to the GSM first was defeated, as also was another amendment that the matter be left over for one month.

\*£15 and possibly another £15 was expected soon from Margaret Street Trustees, and it was hoped the Gala would raise £9 and Parade £10.

\*About £1. 15. 0 so far had been collected at Everton (1d /week).

Badges.

There was another large badge order this month.

Cub Council.

A meeting of the Council had been held 20/4/38. Mr Christie had judged 15 entries for Art Trophy, which had been won by Ian Walker of 22nd Pack.

23rd Pack had won Challenge Flag Competition. (10 Entries.)

Cup Picnic was to take place on 28th May.

The Annual Display was held in Seafield on 27th April. It was a great success - over 340 Cubs and 725 in the audience.

Scout Council.

\*Shannon Cup Competition was won by 45th Troop and 23rd Troop was second. Mr Finnie Jr congratulated the winners of the Cup since the Chairman this evening was the GSM, 45th Group.

\*Football Shield.

A new tie had to be drawn up. Great difficulty had been found in obtaining pitches.

\*Fire Shield Competition would be held on 8th June. 48 boys were attending a Fireman's Badge Class held by the Firemaster.

New Fire Shield rules were drawn up and approved by the Executive.

\*Rules for the Fire Shield Competition.

1. Teams to consist of 1 PL and 6 Scouts, and no PL to be reduced for purposes of competition.

2. Scouts must not be more than 16 years of age on the day of the competition.

3. Team need not be a regular Patrol.

4. Each team should be able to run out hose and connect hydrant to fire plug, and to direct jet through a hoop or at a target. Team should also dry out hose and pack gear after use.

5. Each team should be able to render first aid, enter and rescue a person from a burning building, using Fireman’s Lift - and apply artificial respiration by Schaffer method (4/10/38).

\*The Display at Seafield had been a success. 12 Troops were represented- 169 boys being present. 12/- had been collected.

Gala.

The use of the Baths had been granted at 30/-. There was to be a Gala Open Handicap and race for girls under 16. There would be a polo match. A 1d programme was being prepared and Bennett’s had agreed to put in advertisement on the back - to pay for printing.

Entries must be made as soon as possible, and money and unused tickets should be returned on the night of the Gala. More entries were expected this year, and a bigger audience was hoped for.

Rally, 4th June.

Two Rovers (one from 10th and one from 70th),would be in the March Past. It was decided that the Secretary endeavour to have the tram stopped at Lyndoch Street Station to allow Scouts to embark and disembark. The result of his endeavours were to be put in Scout Notes or communicated to GSM's.

All orders etc had been sent out. 715 were attending. The train would leave Princes’ Pier Station at 1.10 pm returning there at about 10.30 pm. Ration tickets would be given out now and Railway tickets sent later.

Romans and Picts were desperately needed. It was absolutely necessary that Greenock supply a complete century for the Episode. The Chairman made a very strong appeal that all Groups should support.

Unused Railway tickets might be sent to the Secretary and money would be refunded.

Mr EJ Long apologised that his young Troop (8th Renf.) were unable to attend the Rally.

Open Air Service.

Ministers officiating Open Air Service*s* would be Rev. RK Sommerville and Rev. J McCallum Young and Father McLaughlin. All permission had now been obtained. The Bands would be Wellington (for which 25/- would have to be paid), and BB (to play the Parade to and from Park and also the hymns etc.) The Treasurer was dealing with Hymn Sheets and collecting boxes. So far, very few ladies had given names in for collecting in the Park. 2 boys from 33rd would erect flag in the Park and, when the 7th Renf. stated that they were unable to act as Guard at saluting base, the 6th Renf. Troop agreed to act as the Colour Guard – (8 boys with colours).

Mr Morrison reported about the possibility of a loudspeaker in the park. He gave technical details and said that a good system of speakers etc might be set up for £2. 2. 0. On motion of Mr Morrison, seconded by Mr Swan, it was agreed to proceed. The amendment that no action be taken (Mr. Dally Sr, seconded by Mr. Hume) was defeated.

The Saluting Base would be put at George Square. Arrangements were complete for the Roman Catholic Parade and for the Roman Catholics to join the Parade before the March Past. Troops would meet at George Square at 2.30 pm. The Inspecting Officer would be Rt. Hon. Lord Inverclyde DC. If the weather was wet, permission had been obtained to use the Community Centre Hall.

The matter of uniform was then raised. The District Commissioner gave a ruling that full Scout uniform must be worn, or else civilian clothes with Scout badge in lapel.

Next Meeting.

The Secretary suggested that there was no need for a meeting in June and, if a meeting was necessary, one might be called. He made this motion and was seconded by Mr Hume. An amendment, however, of Mr Hugh Johnstone, seconded by Mr Dally, that a meeting be held in any case on 21st June was carried.

Field.

Mr. Thomson suggested that the Secretary write to the Town Clerk asking for the use of a field one night each week for games - football, and other recreations. He agreed to do so.

Ships.

Mr Campbell, Gourock, pointed out that arrangements might be made for Scouts to visit the Fleet on 25th June and 2nd July. He would say more later. Any Scouts wishing to visit the Fleet should see Mr Campbell and be prepared to come in uniform.

Camp Forms.

Mr Finnie had some camp forms with him for those who desired them.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A. Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 21st June, 1938 at 8.15 pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC. Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman, in the Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, A.I. Lyle, James J. Swan, William Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr; Hon. Secretary, A.Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, William Dally; Secy. of Cub Council, Miss E. McEachern; Secy. of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; Secy. of Rover Scout Council, John A Dally Jr.; John Hume Jr (7th); John Dally (10th); David Thomson (11th); Thomas Kirkwood (23rd); T.H.E. Pearson (38th); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); Bernard Reilly (89th); J. Campbell (6th); Mr. WP Stratton and Mr. Gale.

Minutes.

On motion of Mr JJ Swan, the minutes of meeting 24th May were adopted.

Visit to Fleet.

Mr Campbell reported that 144 Scouts and 80 Cubs so far, would meet at Princes’ pier on Saturday at 2.30 and would probably be taken out on the ship's boats. Later in the meeting, Mr Campbell suggested that Deep Sea Scouts in the Fleet might wish to see Headquarters. Mr McCrindle, Warden, agreed to arrange to meet any such.

Sports Field.

The Secretary had written to Town Clerk re Sport’s field and had a formal reply that the matter was being considered.

Loudspeakers.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr. pointed out that the loudspeakers at the Parade had been a great asset and he thought the Ministers also had found him very helpful. The Executive agreed. Mr Finnie then raised the question of Scouts being on parade at the Annual Parade without hats, in contravention of a ruling given at last meeting. The DSM and DC disagreed as to responsibility and there was considerable discussion. During the discussion, Mr. John Dally Jr. made an assertion about the DC which the Chairman ruled out of order and commanded Mr Dally to withdraw, or withdraw from the meeting. Mr Dally refused and the Chairman forbade him to take further part in the business. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman again gave Mr Dally an opportunity of withdrawing his assertion, but Mr. Dally refused.

Apology.

An apology for absence was intimated from Mr. William Ferguson.

Membership.

A letter was read from Mr. CRD Brown (GSM 38th) intimating resignation of Mr TC Wilson as ASM and representative of 38th to Executive, and appointing Mr T.H.E. Pearson as representative. The Executive concurred.

Warrants.

Following warrants received for cancellation.

John McKay, ASM 80th Renfrewshire

TC Wilson, ASM 38th Renfrewshire

Letters.

\*A letter was read from Bailey Mrs. MacLeod, intimating that there was to be a Peace Parade on 13th August in connection with the Exhibition Peace Pavilion. A meeting would be held on 24th June to consider this and it was agreed to send three representatives- Messrs Butter, Swan and Johnstone. These gentlemen would decide whether the Scouts would attend the parade or not. Doubts was expressed whether or not this might have political leanings.

\*A letter had been received from Mr. T Kirkwood (GSM, 23rd Renfrewshire) inviting Groups to attend dedication of 23rd Colours in St. Andrews Church on 26th June at 11 pm. This was an open invitation and there would be no District Parade.

\*Mr William Ferguson intimated by letter that he was starting a Cub Pack in his Group. The Executive congratulated him.

\*The County Flag had been won by 15th Renfrewshire (Kilbarchan), 32nd Renfrewshire being unsuccessful.

Reports. Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*Following Lets granted

Cub Council, 10/6/38 (1/-).

45th Renfrewshire, 24/6/38 (2/-); 13/6/38 (1/-).

7th Renfrewshire, 9/6/38 (1/-).

80th Renfrewshire, 1/6/38 (1/-); 8/6/38 (1/-); 15/6/38 (1/-); 22/6/38 (1/-); 29/6/38

(1/-).

\*The Treasurer had £44. 10. 5 on hand. Since last meeting, £30 had been received from Margaret St. Trustees, £2.11 in donations, £10 .6. 6 from Gala and £11. 14. 8 from Collection at Parade (of the later amount, 25/- had been paid to Wellington Pipe Band).

\*After slight amendment by Executive Committee, the following list of payments was authorised.

£10.15 to Messrs Kirkwood (Everton Hut).

£5.5.0 to Neill, Clark and Murray (Legal charges).

11/6, Tennant (Piano).

£2.2.0. Tennant (Loudspeakers at parade)

£1.4.0. Telegraph (Advertising parade).

£1.14.0. Lamont (Printing).

3/- Taxi at Parade

10/-. To Groundsman. (N.B. It was reported that Groundsman's hammer had been lost and if unfound would have to be replaced. If necessary, 5/- was additionally allocated for this purpose.)

£1.3.8. Shannon Cup Expenses.

18/19. Insurance of Robertson St. Hut.

8/- To J Hume Jr. (Cleaning material).

11/6 Secretary’s Expenses.

\*There was discussion re sending donation to the other Bands which assisted at Parades- BB and St. Lawrence’s. Mr Reilly proposed (seconded by Mr. Thomson) that a donation be sent, and this was agreed, the proposal that the recommendation of Finance Committee that no payment be made, being defeated by 6 votes to 4. As to the amount, Mr Finnie (seconded by Mr Johnstone), suggested 5/-, Mr. Stratton (seconded by Mr Reilly) 25/-, and the Secretary (seconded by Mr Kirkwood), 10/-. The Secretary’s motion was carried. It was pointed out that this would b an ex gratio payment- to be paid to each Band.

\*Since last meeting, payment for chairs (£7.00) had been made and £4. 1. 0 to Mansion House for Rent, and Rates. The payments authorised amounted to £26. 11. 5, leaving £17.19.0 in hand. Of this, £13.0.3 would have to be paid soon for painting Hut at Everton, and 10 lbs of green paint would also be required for Everton. This last was authorised. £1.1.0. donation had been received from Lord Inverclyde.

\*It was reported that the hut had been broken into on 25th May and 1 hike tent had been stolen.

\*It was reported that the door of HQ, Robertson Street was not lockfast. Mr W. Dally promised to deal with it.

Badges.

Not so many badges had been ordered this month.

Presentation.

The Shannon Cup and Fire Shield were presented to two Patrols of the 45th Group. The Chairman congratulated the Troop on its double success. A Certificate for Diving at the Swimming Gala was presented to Scout J. Docherty of 5th Renfrewshire.

Cub Council.

Meeting had been held on 10th June. 170 Cubs had attended picnic, Beaven Sports Shield being won by 6th Pack. A friendly Football League was to be inaugurated (5-a-side). Training Camps havdbeen held 11th /12th and 18th/19th June. 26 had attended and sessions were taken by the Hutman, Miss Duncan, Mr Finnie, Mr Dunlop, and the District Commissioner.

Scout Council.

\*Fire Shield had been won by 45th Renfrewshire. Football Shield Competition was still proceeding. There was no Public Service Vase Competition this year because of lack of entries. The Shannon Cup had been won by 45th Renfrewshire and an Examiner's report was read to the meeting.

Next Meeting.

At the proposal of Mr Colin Finnie Jr, seconded by Secretary, it was decided to hold next meeting on 30th August.

Display Programme.

The Chairman accepted from the District Commissioner a framed copy of the first Display Programme for a Display held in Greenock in 1910. The Chairman remarked on the historical value of the Programme.

57th Renfrewshire

Intimation was received from 57th Group that from 1st July, Group Colours would cease to be grey and blue and would, instead, be Scout Green.

Gala.

A letter had been received from Secretary of the Greenock Amateur Swimming Club, thanking Mr Morrison, Gala Committee Secretary, for Letter of Thanks, but making the following observations.

1. A complete list of entries should be given in future to their Selection Committee at least one day before actual Gala dates.

2. A meeting of the Club and Scouts should be arranged one week prior to any Galas. It was pointed out that the list of entries at the last Gala was inaccurate and incomplete and was only received after Gala began.

It was resolved to accept the letter and keep these suggestions before the next Gala Committee, and it was deprecated that so few SM's had carried out the injunctions of the letter sent to them asking for entries one week before Gala. The blame did not attach to the Committee but to the individual GSMs.

Rover Crew.

Mr Stratton asked if it was true that a Rover Crew had been disbanded. The Chairman (ADC Rovers) had no such information.

National Scout Week.

Mr Finnie Jr asked if week 19th- 26th June was not National Scout Week. The Secretary had no information.

Cubs.

Mr JJ Swan said that cases had been reported to him, where a certain SM had approached Cubs in other Packs under age and asked them to join his Troop. He said he would not name the SM, but asked that this be noted and deprecated. He asked also that if Cubs did join a Troop, other than that connected with their Pack, the SM should obtain a report from the Cubs CM.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

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**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 30th August, 1938 at 8.15 pm, o’clock.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC. Rev. Alex. Philp in the Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, A.I. Lyle, James J. Swan, Colin Finnie Jr, William Shearer; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, William Dally; Secy. of Cub Council, Miss E. McEachern; Secy. of Scout Council, Robt. Morrison; T. Wright (5th); JAB Campbell (6th); John Hume Jr (7th), Edward J. Long (8th); John Dally 10th; Peter Ferrier (33rd); T.H.E. Pearson (38th) ; Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); T. McLeod (80th); Bernard Reilly (89th); J. Campbell (6th); and Mr. WP Stratton .

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting, dated 21st June 1938, were read, approved and adopted.

Business arising.

\*There was a letter from St. Lawrence Prize Band thanking the Association for donation of 10/- for services at Parade.

\*It had been considered advisable to take part in Peace Parade and three Troops had been represented.

\*The Chairman apologised that the meeting was a little late in beginning, the business at the Finance Committee meeting being more than usual.

Representation.

Letters were read from William Ferguson (80th Renf.) and John Hendry (33rd Renf.) stating that they were unable to attend Executive Meetings and asking that T. McLeod (80th) and P. Ferrier (33rd) be allowed to represent them at Executive Meetings. This was agreed to, until the Annual General Meeting. It was proposed by Mr Shearer, seconded by Mr Hume, that although Mr. MacLeod had as yet no warrant, he should remain on Executive.

Warrants.

Warrant of William Gilliland (57th) received for cancellation. Applications approved in names of Angus Bridgeford (ASM 23rd Renf.) and Miss J Murray (CM 23rd).

Letters.

\*Migration. Information might be had from the Secretary about migration to New South Wales.

\*Football Pitches. A letter was received from Town Clerk stating that no football pitch could be given for exclusive use to Scouts in Greenock.

\*Milliken would be closed on 3rd/4th and 10th/11th September.

\*Annual Conference. Circulars about Annual Conference of SHQ at Inverness would be distributed.

Reports- Finance, Everton and HQ.

\*The Committee made the following recommendations which were endorsed by the Executive on motion of Mr Stratton, seconded by Mr Dally.

“That the arrangements for letting to Groups be amended to be as follows-

For ordinary Group meetings, 2 hrs, 1/6, 4 hrs, 3/-, and latest hour at night to be 10 pm.

For functions other than Group meetings, and excluding Councils-For evening 7-11 pm, 7/6 and for use of piano, 2/ 6.

Also, if a Group be named by Finance Committee at Executive Meeting as owing money for Lets, such a Group should not be granted any further Lets until the sum is paid through.”

\*Following Lets had been granted-

To Executive for meeting 30/8/38 (no charge).

To 80th Renf, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 30. 1/- each. 5/-.

\*The Treasurer at present had £19.18.6 and had accounts to be paid as follows.

Corporation Heaters £1.9.10.

Everton Painting £13.1.3.

Advertising AGM in Telegraph 16/-.

Lime and Padlocks (Everton) 14/-.

Hon. Secretary 2/-

£16.3.2. i.e.leaving £3.15.4.

These accounts are passed for payment.

\*Outstanding moneys due to Association were as follows.

From Westburn for advertising in Scouty Methods £1.10.0.

From Otter Swimming Club £2.14.0.

From Troops for Lets £1.3.0.

\*A letter had been received from County Secretary raising question of £5 donation to SHQ for current year. This was left on table for one month.

\*Following were authorised for purchase for Everton –

1 Shovel 4/6

3 bags Cement and 4 bags sand.

Inquiry to be made re painting cement floor at Everton locker room- at present the dust could not be eradicated.

\*Mr Stratton pointed out that the HQ at Robertson Street would need to be painted soon and creepers were clinging to the Hut at the back of building. The Committee would deal with the matter of painting .

Scout Council.

The Secretary of the Scout Council gave a written report on the Scout Competitions run in current year.

Scouty Methods.

It was suggested that a new edition of Scouty Methods be produced as last year's was so successful. A Committee was appointed to deal with the matter consisting of following. Mr Pearson (Convenor), the Secretary, and Mr JJ Swan. Someone suggested that the balance sheet be published in the book and that an Annual Review of Events be incorporated. The Committee would keep the matter before it.

Next meeting. The Committee would meet again on 27th September.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 27th September, 1938 at 8.00 o’clock. pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman for first part of meeting, ADC. Rev. Alex. Philp; thereafter, ADC Colin Finnie Jr;

District Commissioner H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, A.I. Lyle, Colin Finnie Jr, William Shearer; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; District Scout Master and Camp Skipper, William Dally; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; Secy. of Cub Council, Miss E. McEachern; John Hume Jr (7th); Edward J. Long (8th); John Dally (10th); Peter Ferrier (33rd); T.H.E. Pearson (38th); Miss I.W. Nichol (57th); and Mr. WP Stratton .

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 30th August 1938 were read, approved and adopted.

Football Pitches.

Another endeavour had been made to obtain a football pitch for permanent use of Scouts on one night per week, with no more success. It was agreed that the Secretary apply now for the use of some pitch each Saturday afternoon in November, December and January, as it was understood this was done each year by the Boys Brigade.

Football Shield.

The Chairman congratulated the 33rd Group on winning the Football Shield and presented it to Mr Peter Ferrier for his Group.

DSM.

It was announced that the District Scout Master was resigning this evening. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr William Dally for his services.

Warrants etc.

The following were resigning from the 7th Goup - the warrants would be sent in in a few days - John Hume Jr (GSM), John Beaven (ASM), J. Arthington (ASM), Thomas Arthur (RSL). The District Commissioner was dealing with the matter and stated that there had been a difference of opinion between the officers of the Group and the Controlling Authority. The resignations were accepted. T.H.E. Pearson’s warrant as ASM 38th Renf. was received for cancellation and his application as CM approved.

Following applications for warrants approved-

W. Hill (ASM 70th) J.A. Rankin (ASM 23rd)

T McLeod (CM 80th) Mr. Baker (ACM 6th)

W T Wright (GSM 5th) ES Chegwyn (ASM 38th).

Warrants received for cancellation from

Miss M.E.S. Brockwell (CM 38th)

George Farrish (ASM 59th).

Letters.

\*Information re SHQ Conference Hospitality might be had from Secretary.

\*The County Reunion would be held at Port Glasgow on 5th November.

\*A request from County Secretary for two Scouts to form half of County Team to swim at Stirlingshire Swimming Gala, was remitted to Mr. J J Swan.

\*It was announced that if enough names were received, a class for Physical Instructors would be opened in JIC in Greenock. There would be no expenses - 20 nights of 2 hours each.

\*Parade. All Protestant Scouts in the District were asked to attend a service in Town Hall on Sunday 9th October at 3 pm in connection with Recall to Religion. It was agreed that there be a District Parade, leaving Wellpark at 2.15 pm. Cub officers were invited also. Mr Lyle would be in charge of Parade and permission would be requested from the Police Authorities.

Reports. Finance, Everton HQ.

\*Following Lets granted.

To Executive, 27th Sept., no charge.

To 33rd for Whist Drive, 23/9/38, 7/6.

Everton Troop, 4/10/38, 1/6.

To 45th for Whist Drive, 20/10/38, 7/6.

To Otter Swimming Club, 26/9/38, no charge.

To Cub Council, 16/9/38 and 7/10/38, 1/6 each (2 hours), i.e. 3/-.

To 7th Renf., 30/9/38, 2 hours, 1/6.

\*Requests for lockers at Everton from 6th and 8th Renf. to be held over until Camp Skipper appointed.

\*It was recommended that Mr. Colin Finnie be re-appointed Auditor of Group Accounts- this was agreed.

\*The Treasurer had £7.15.1 at present.

\*Following accounts passed for payment.

Blacks (Rope for Everton) 2/6.

Simpson (Sand and Cement) 19/6.

Treasurer’s Expenses 3/4.

Secretary’s Expenses 5/6.

Authority was given to pay for shovel etc at McGillvray's and paint at McAllister and Fyffe-also carting to Friel.

\*Authority was granted to Finance Committee to ask for estimates for painting Headquarters and to proceed with work. Any boarding in disrepair would be replaced.

\*It was agreed, after a vote, to grant £2.10 to Scottish Headquarters - the motion that no payment be made being defeated by 11 votes to 3.

\*9/- was due for Lets from 80th Renfrewshire, but the Let for the next evening, (Wed. 28th Sept.) would be allowed this time.

\*The Camp Skipper reported to the Finance Committee that he had carried out a locker inspection at Everton and was dealing with some points that had arisen, with the Scoutmasters concerned. A work party had been at Everton last weekend and for the next three Saturday afternoons, helpers were requested. The Treasurer reported that the Everton account stood as follows.

Income £5.11.1. Expenditure £2.5.6.

Leaving £3.5.7 before several odds and ends were paid for.

Sea Scout Committee.

The Committee had met on 13th September and appointed Mr E Salmon Convener. The Committee had since drawn up provisional rules for Sea Scouts which were approved by the Executive.

Badges.

There was a very large badge order this month.

Cub Council.

The Council had met provisionally on 16th September. The Annual Meeting would be on 7th October 1938.

Scouty Methods.

Arrangements were proceeding in obtaining advertisements etc. It was suggested that the Rules for Competitions to be published be revised by the Section Councils before publication. The Executive would then be relieved of all responsibility with regard to competitions.

AGM.

The Annual General Meeting would take place on 25th October at 8 pm. The Executive Committee would meet at 7.30 pm. It was suggested that an advertisement, taking less space, might be put in the Telegraph.

Constitution.

The Constitution approved by last AGM had not received sanction of SHQ since there was not enough Lay representation. It was then suggested by the District Commissioner that the number of members of Executive Committee be greatly reduced. After discussion, it was agreed that the Executive recommend to the Annual General Meeting that, after the AGM, the Executive Committee consists of following-

Ex officio members (i.e. District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners, District Cub Master, District Scout Master, District Rover Leader, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Badge Secretary, Camp Skipper), 3 Lay Members and 3 Scouters (Warranted) elected at the AGM. A motion that the plan was not feasible was heavily defeated.

Balance Sheet.

It was agreed that the Treasurer have 250 copies of Balance Sheet printed for Annual Meeting.

War.

The District Commissioner said that he had instructions from Imperial Headquarters regarding the International Situation. If war broke out, as far as possible, Groups were to be allowed to carry on, even if only under a PL or ASM. Such cases to be reported to the District Commissioner.

Students Day.

A request from the Charities Day Committee (1938) that Scouts collect in their Districts was before the Committee. It was agreed that no action could be taken by the Association in this matter. Individual GSM's, if they liked, could invite their boys without uniform, to offer their services for collection.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A.Ian Dunlop, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 25th October, 1938 at 7.30 pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC. Rev. Alex. Philp in the Chair.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Hon. Secretary, A. Ian Dunlop; Hon. Treasurer, Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; Edward J. Long (8th); David Thomson (11th); T.H.E. Pearson (38th); P. Ferrier (33rd).

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 27th September 1938 were read, approved and adopted.

Advertisement.

16/- Account had been paid in error and refunded by Greenock Telegraph.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 25th October, 1938 at 8.00 pm,**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

Ryrie Orr Esq., Hon. President; District Commissioner H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, William Shearer, Colin Finnie Jr, Rev. Alex Philp, Arthur. I. Lyle, ~~JJ Swan~~; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Camp Skipper, William Dally; and representatives of the following Groups (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 23rd, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 52nd, 57th, 70th, 89th) and co-opted member of the Boys Brigade, John Kerr Esq .

Attending Colin Finnie Sr., Hon. Badge Secretary;

A.Ian Dunlop, Hon. Secretary;

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Treasurer

Rev. Alex. Philp in the Chair

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting, dated 26th October 1937, were read, approved and adopted. (Moved Mr. Shearer, seconded Mr W Dally).

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr Arthur Muir, CC.; James J Swan ADC; Mr F MacLeod, Colonel W Guy Shaw Stewart, and Rev. J McCallum Young.

Reports

\*DC. The District Commissioner Mr HW Butter gave his Annual Report dealing with camping and training. The Chairman thanked Mr Butter.

\*Honorary Treasurer. The Honorary Treasurer, Mr H. Johnstone read over his financial statement for the year to 30th September 1938, and balance sheet as at 30th September 1938, and compared each item with the previous year. He also moved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs JM Kerr and Lindsay. The Chairman thanked Mr Johnstone.

\*Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Secretary, Mr A.I. Dunlop read his report for the year dealing with badges, numbers, warrants etc. The Chairman thanked Mr Dunlop.

Adoption of Reports.

The adoption of the Reports was moved by Mr Ryrie Orr, the President of the Association, who congratulated Mr Butter and office bearers for the work they had put in and the fine results obtained. He also congratulated Mr JJ Swan for his work in connection with the Otter Swimming Club and intimated that he was presenting two of the boys of the club with season tickets for the West End Baths for diligence and regular attendance at the Swimming Club meetings.

Mr Orr's adoption was seconded by Mr. John Kerr who remarked on the friendless between the Boys Brigade and the Boy Scouts Association. He was also pleased to note that religious services were usually delivered to the Scouts at their weekend camps. The reports were adopted.

Constitution.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Executive Committee, as formed at the last AGM, had never been approved by the SHQ and accordingly all business transacted by it was unconstitutional. It was moved by Mr Dunlop and seconded by Mr Colin Finnie Junior that this business be accepted as forming constitutional business of the Association. This was carried unanimously.

Appointments.

The following appointments were made for the year 1938-39.

President Ryrie Orr, JP, MA, FEIS. Mr Philp remarked it would be a great loss if Mr Orr

was not President.

Vice Presidents.

Lord Beresford.

Lord Kelburne, RN

Lord Inverclyde, DC

Colonel WG Shaw Stewart, MC

Colonel Hewison, MC.

Colonel Paterson, DSO

Ex Provost Baxter JP

Provost Davey

Chief Constable Christie, OBE.

The Chairman, who had resigned, had intimated his willingness to retain the Chair during the election. The following were the appointments.

Chairman Rev. Alex Philp (moved by DC).

Vice chairman James J Swan, (moved by DC).

Honorary Secretary Hugh Johnston, (moved by Ian Dunlop).

Hon. Treasurer A. Ian McNeil, (moved by H. Johnston).

Badge Secretary Colin Finnie, (moved by Colin Finnie Jr).

Camp Skipper Eoin Steel, (1st DC, 2nd J. Hume Jr.)

Warden of HQ J. McCrindle, (moved by Ian Dunlop).

DCM Miss Jean Tulloch*,* Re-elected.

Offices del from present

DSM Mr William Ferguson, (1st D Thompson, 2nd Mr Dunlop)

DRSL- G Allan.

Honorary Auditors Messrs JM Kerr & Lindsay.

Hon. Legal Advisers Neill, Clark and Murray.

Co-opted Members.

Boys Brigade, John Kerr Esq.

Girl Guides, Miss C. Humphreys (1 Octavia Cottages)

Toc-H, David Marshall (1 Alexandra Mansions).

School Management Committee, Mr F McLeod.

Associate Members.

RL Scott Esq.

Dr. Keith Robertson.

JS Kincaid Esq.

Representatives to SHQ.

Mr Hugh Johnston.

Mr A.Ian Dunlop.

Mr Colin Finnie Senior.

Representatives to ACC

Mr Hugh Johnston.

Mr. A. Ian Dunlop.

Representatives to JOC.

General Committee and Executive, Rev. Alex Philp.

General Committee, William Shearer.

Lay Members. Mr W P Stratton.

Mr Fyfe.

Mr Hume Sr.

Mr F Gale.

Mr A. Munn. (1st J.Hume Jr, 2nd T.H. Pearson)

Constitution - Executive.

On the recommendation from the previous Executive, Mr Finnie Jr. moved, seconded by Mr Dally, that the Executive Committee be formed and to be to be consist of the following:-

All the ex officio members,

3 Lay Members and

3 Group Scouters.

The resolution was adopted unanimously and Messrs Stratton, Munn and Gale were appointed at the Executive as Lay Members and Messrs. Dunlop, Reilly and Reffell appointed to the Executive as Group Scouters.

Quorum.

It was also agreed that the quorum should be 7 (1st, Mr Finnie Jr, 2nd, Mr Lyle).

Sea Scout Committee.

The previous Committee consisting of Messrs. Salmon, Lyle and S. Thompson were re-elected.

Scottish Scout.

The Treasurer would be pleased to receive contributions and forward them to SHQ.

Scouty Methods.

A suggestion by Mr Morrison that the income and expenditure of the Association should be printed in Scouty Methods was to receive the Executive Committee's consideration.

Other Committees.

The Executive Committee had the power to form any such Committees it considered necessary.

Annual Social.

A motion to hold an Annual Social was carried by 14 votes to 9, arrangements to be left to the Executive.

Resignation.

On the occasion of the resignation of Mr. A Ian Dunlop from the office of Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the Association, Rev. Alex Philp thanked Mr Dunlop sincerely for the hard work and time he had devoted to the fulfilment of his task over several years of his office. HW Butter, the District Commissioner, then said that he was very sorry to lose Mr Dunlop in the capacity of Honorary Secretary but was pleased to know that Mister Dunlop was still carrying on his good work as a member of the Association and the Executive Committee. He intimated that Mr. Dunlop was retiring owing to pressure of studies. On behalf of the Association, Mr. Butter then called on Miss Tulloch to present to Mr Dunlop a walnut Westminster chiming clock suitably inscribed as a tribute to Mr Dunlop for the services he had rendered.

Mr Dunlop suitably replied and thanked the members for their esteem and tribute. He also intimated how sorry he was to resign the appointment but he found it forced upon him by pressure of studies and the time he required to devote thereto.

Vote of Thanks

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Johnsone to Mr Philp for conduct of the meeting and for all his work.

This was all the business.

Rev. Alex Phillip, Chairman.

Hugh Johnston, Honorary Secretary.

*Newspaper article*

**Scout Secretary Resigns.**

**Presentation at Association Meeting.**

At Greenock Boy Scouts’ Association Annual Meeting held last evening at the Headquarters, Robertson Street, a presentation was made to Mr A. I. Dunlop on his retiring from the position of secretary.

Rev. A. Philp, who presided, referred in warm terms to the services given by Mr Dunlop. He said it would be hard to find one who carried out the duties of office with such thoughtful care and efficiency.

Mr HW Butter, District Commissioner, said he was very happy indeed to be called upon to perform a very pleasant duty, but he must confess that his happiness was blended with a certain amount of regret that they, as an Association, were losing the services of Ian Dunlop. He knew, however, that no alternative was open to him, and they were somewhat recompensed by the knowledge that, although no longer their efficient secretary, he remained actively connected with them in another sphere. (Applause.)

The office of Honorary Secretary and that which he occupied were closely allied, and he was proud to say that during Mr Dunlop 's period of office, their relationships at all times were most cordial. Mr Dunlop entered into his work with an uncommon enthusiasm, and he distinguished himself by his thoroughness and his characteristic efficiency.

He conveyed to Mr Dunlop, and name of the Association, their warmest felicitations, and their appreciation of his services to the movement, and he had the honour to call upon Miss Tulloch to present him with a token of esteem - meagre evidence of gratitude for his good work.

Mr Dunlop was presented with a Westminster chiming clock.

[A report of Scouting activities in Greenock for the past year will appear tomorrow].

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 25th October, 1938 at 10.00 pm,**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the Chair, Rev. Alex. Philp.

District Commissioner, H.W. Butter; Assistant District Commissioners, Colin Finnie Jr, JJ Swan, Arthur I. Lyle, William Shearer; District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Badge Secretary, Colin Finnie Sr.; Camp Skipper, Ian Steel; and Messrs. A.I. Dunlop (~~70~~~~th~~), Elstow Reffel (57th); B. Reilly (~~89~~~~th~~); and Mr. W.P. Stratton (Lay Member)

Attending

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The minute of meeting of Executive Committee, dated 25th October 1938, at 7.30 pm was read, approved and adopted.

Business.

\*A letter was read from Mr. J Hume Jnr. seeking permission of the Association to establish a new Group in District. After discussion and explanatory remarks by the District Commissioner, the Executive expressed their approval and gratification.

\*A communication requesting permission to change the colours of the 33rd Renfrewshire from Murray tartan to lemon and crimson was read from Mr Peter Farrier and the necessary permission was granted.

Finance and Social.

After consideration, the following Committee was appointed *to* deal with the matter and report to the Executive. Dates proposed were 20th or 18th January 1938. Committee viz:- Mr Johnstone, Miss Tulloch, Mr Swan. It was also agreed that the Social take the form of a Supper and Dance. No guests to be invited.

Badge Committee.

The following were elected to the Badge Committee:- Mr Colin Finnie Senior, Honorary Badge Secretary, Mr George Allan, DRSL, and Miss E. McEachern.

Cub, Scout, and Rover Committees.

The nominees put forward by the respective Secretaries for election to these Committees were approved.

Committee Reports.

The monthly report of the Everton Troop and Scout Council was read and approved.

Mr Colin Finnie Jr. reported that he had audited the Everton Troop accounts and that the 4th Group accounts were in hand.

Football.

It was intimated that applications for card, together with charge, were to be made before Wednesday each week. It was agreed also that application by the Association for Corporation pitches be made in July.

Mr. A. Ian Dunlop read a letter of thanks from a Kelty Troop who were granted the use of H/Q on a recent occasion.

This was all the business.

H. Walter Butter, DC, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson St., on Tuesday, 29th November, 1938 at 8 pm.**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the Chair: H. W. Butter, Esq. in the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp and JJ Swan, was appointed Chairman, and on the later arrival of Mr. Philp, the Chair was vacated in his favour.

H. Walter Butter Esq. DC; Colin Finnie Jr. Esq., and William Shearer, Esq., ADCs; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Colin Finnie Sr. Esq., Hon. Badge Secretary; Eoin Steel, Esq., Camp Skipper; and Messrs. A.Ian Dunlop, B. Reilly, Elstow Reffel; and Messrs W.P. Stratton and A. Munn, Lay Members.

Attending

1. Ian McNiell, Hon. Treasurer.

and Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 25th October 1938, were read, approved and adopted. Moved by Mr Colin Finnie Jr., seconded by Mr W.P. Stratton.

Business.

\*Annual Social.

Miss JS Tulloch reported the finding of the Dance Committee and, after discussion, Mr Reilly moved, seconded by Mr Dunlop, that the Tontine Hotel estimate be accepted. This estimate being the cheapest and most suitable. The motion was carried and it was agreed that tickets be 4/- per person.

9th Greenock Colours.

A letter was read from J. Hume Jr. intimating his choice of Royal Blue and Scarlet for the 9th Greenock Group colours. This matter was placed in the hands of the District Commissioner for attention.

Apologies.

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr. Lyle.

Warrants.

The following cancellations of warrants were accepted.

Sadie Cooper, (22nd)

Miss JR Anderson (59th).

A. Ritchie (59th).

and the following applications approved.

P. Ferrier (33rd).

A.K. Murray (7th)

J Cairns (11th).

Letters.

\*A letter from the Honorary County Secretary enclosing particulars of the Dreadnought Scheme for Boys for migration was read and the Chairman commended the effort which was being made thereby to relieve unemployment, and it was agreed to pass the letter over to the Scout Council to leave the particulars before the Scouters.

\*A letter acknowledging receipt of the Greenock District Registration Form and copy of proposed bylaws was also read from the Honorary County Secretary.

\*A letter from the Secretary of the Cub Council to hold their Annual Parade to St Augustine Church was approved.

Finance.

\*Mr Colin Finnie Jnr. moved “that the Scout, Cub and Rover Councils be granted one meeting of 2 hours duration each month free of charge” and on Mr Stratton's amendment that “the meeting should be used purely for business”, Mr Finnie incorporated this in his motion. Mr Dunlop proposed an amendment “that 2 hours be granted for one meeting in each month, whether for training or any other business”.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stratton.

The amendment was seconded by Miss Tulloch.

On a vote, the amendment was carried by 7 votes to six (6).

\*The Secretary was instructed to notify all Scouters having unpaid lockers that if the 2/6 fee was not paid before 20th December 1938, the lockers Let would be cancelled and granted to other applicants.

\*The Treasurer reported he had £2.13.3 in cash and £14.1.0 in bank, a total of £16.14.3.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment.

£. S D.

Water Rates 3: -: -.

½ December Rates 3: 12: 1.

Corp Inst. on Heater 1: 7: 10.

Hon Warden (Cleaning) 5: -: -.

Sunday Cleaning and ??? -: 9: 5.

Everton Sundries- -: 6: 8.

Treasurers Exp. -: 5: -

Total of £ 14: 1: -.

\*The 7th Renfrewshire per. J Hume were due 1/6 for use of H.Q. and the 23rd, 6/- . No further Lets could be granted until settled.

\*The following application for Lets were granted:

Cub Council, 4th, 10th, 11th, 24th Dec., free, for repairing panelling and distributing

toys to necessitous children.

45th Renf., 1st, 15th, 22nd Dec. 2 hours each.

Everton Troop, 6th Dec., 2 hours.

80th Renf., 30th Nov., 7th, 14th, 21st Dec., 6.30-10 pm.

Everton Wardens.

The Finance, Everton and HQ Committee recommended that Wardens be appointed to assist Camp Skipper in running and looking after the property of the Association at Everton. The Executive Committee endorsed the proposal.

Mr Butter moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Camp Skipper, and Mr Shearer seconded. Carried without a division.

Providore

The Everton Committee also recommended that a proper door be re-established in the store at the Everton Headquarters to be in the care of the Camp Skipper and 2 wardens acting under the Camp Skipper. This was approved by the meeting.

Badges.

Colin Finnie Esq. Snr. reported a fair sale of badges during the past month.

Reports - Everton Troop.

The Everton Troop report for the meeting, dated 1st November 1938, was read and approved.

Property Insurance.

The point arising over the insurance of the Association Property and the liability of the Association as property owners was remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

JOC.

Mr. Shearer reported that he had attended a General Meeting of the Juvenile Organisation Committee and intimated that, after careful enquiry, the Committee intimated that there were only 1 in every 4 out of children available for organisations, in organisations, and that organisations in the new housing areas would be very helpful, bearing in mind, of course, the difficulty which would be experienced in obtaining hall accommodation.

The Chairman moved that we send the information to the Cub, Scout, and Rover Councils for discussion, and with a view to taking action and communicating with Mr Shearer.

Audits.

Mr Finnie Jnr reported that he had examined the financial reports of the 8th, 32nd, 70th, 85th, 45th and 6th groups for the Association.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Thursday 27th December, 1938 at 8 P.M.

This was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 27th December, 1938**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the Chair, Rev. Alex. Philp; H.Walter Butter DC; Colin Finnie Sr, Badge Secretary; JJ Swan, ADC; A. Munn Jr., Lay Member; A.Ian Dunlop. GSM; Elstow Reffel SM; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; Colin Finnie Jr. ADC; W.P. Stratton, Lay member; B. Reilly, SM; W. Ferguson, GSM; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master,;

Attending

1. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

and Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 29th November 1938, were read, approved and adopted. Arising. Application by J Hume Jnr. for registration of 9th Renfrewshire approved by SHQ.

Warrants.

\*Cancellations. The following were cancelled; Elizabeth Love, ACM 32nd Renf., Christine Buchanan, ACM 57th Renf.

\*The following applications approved; Christian Buchanan, ACM 32nd Renf., William S. Faulds, ASM 45th Renf.; Miss RB Snowball, ACM 45th Renf.; CP Costelloe, ASM 23rd Renf.

D. Graham's application for SM 59th was remitted back to be approved of Controlling Authority.

Letters.

\*Letter from HW Butter, Hon. County Secretary, was read returning copy of Registration Form and Bye Laws of the Local Association and intimating approval and registration at SHQ.

\*Letter from SHQ re moss for Lady Haig Poppy Factory read and agreed to be passed to 3 Councils for intimation.

\*Intimation of the Scottish Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Dumfries was read and copies of notices made available for those who were further interested.

\*Circular from Western Area Council W.A. Social read and copies made available for those interested.

\*A gift of a Scout Record Book containing photograph of Ryrie Orr Esq., the Association President, was intimated by the Honorary Secretary, from Mr Orr. The book to be kept at Headquarters. Rev. Alex Philp expressed the appreciation of the gesture by the Association and Mr Butter intimated that he had acknowledged the gift to Mr Orr.

Reports.

The Finance Committee reported £5.3.11 in cash and at bank, and recommend payment to Gnk Corp. for gas £2.4.3 and electricity £1.3.4 leaving a balance in hand of £1.16.4. Approved.

Lets.

The following Lets were recommended;

28th Greenock Pack. 6/1/39 for 2 hours. 1/6.

Everton Troop. 10/1/39 for 2 hours. No charge.

57th. 1 doz card tables granted at hire of 1/-.

and approved.

*Repairs*

J McCrindle, Hon. Warden reported on a burst pipe and Mr Stratton advised that the water be turned off at main during cold weather.

Insurance.

It was recommended that the Association should be insured for Property Owners Liability for £500 at a premium quoted of £1. Approved. Also that fire cover for HQ, Robertson St, be increased to cover £285 at an approximately increase of 2/6. Approved.

*Outstanding Amounts*

The following were the o/s amounts for Lets.

J Hume, Jnr. 7th Greenock. 1/6.

23rd Renfrewshire 3/-

80th Renfrewshire 12/-

and o/s for Registration Fees

6th, 10th, 59th.

and o/s for locker fees at Everton.

10th Renfrewshire, which was now to be transferred to the 6th Renf. (Gourock) who were the first applicants for a locker.

*Everton*

The Camp Skipper asked leave to purchase 1 pick, 2 spades and 2 shovels to proceed with path laying etc. This was granted, but application for sand and cement to be held over.

Badges.

The Stephanie reported small order.

Cup Council.

Report for December was read and approved. Over 700 toys had been distributed to the poor at Christmas.

Everton Troop.

Report for December was read and approved.

Points

\*The Cub Council were to be approached to ascertain the possibility of a joint Cub and Scout Show.

\*The Constitution was discussed and a separate draft will be submitted.

\*JOC report was discussed.

Auditing.

Mr Colin Finnie Jnr. reported that the 89th Renfrewshire had been audited by him.

Annual Social.

Mr. A Ian Dunlop proposed sending circulars to Scouters in order to push the sale of tickets and to receive returns etc in good time. This was agreed.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 31st January 1939, and this was all the business.

H. Walter Butter, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 27th January, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp, H.W. Butter was appointed Chairman, and on the later arrival of Rev. Alex. Philps, the Chair was vacated in his favour.

H.Waller Butter DC; Arthur Lyle ADC; Colin Finnie Jr. ADC; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; A. Munn and W.P. Stratton, Lay Members; A. Ian Dunlop. GSM; Elstow Reffel SM; B. Reilly, GSM.

Attending Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer, and

Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Secretary.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, ~~Mr. Butter intimated the sudden bereavement of T.H.E. Pearson in the sudden loss of his father and made the following motion~~:-The District Commissioner made sympathetic reference to the bereavement sustained by Mr T.H.E. Pearson in the passing of his father, and moved that there be recorded in this minute, the Executive's deep sense of sorrow and loss, and their respectful sympathy with Mr Edward, his mother and family, an excerpt to be forwarded to Mr. T.H. Edward Pearson, 38, Campbell St, Greenock:-

The resolution was adopted in silence.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 27/12/38 were read, approved and adopted. Moved by Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Munn.

Wood Badge Courses.

The Secretary intimated that he had received a supply of Cub, Scout, and Rover Wood Badge Courses for 1939 and anyone interested could obtain copies from him.

Reports.

\*The Finance Committee reported £3: 8: 11½ in hand and recommended the following accounts for payment;

Hendry (engraving) 4/-

Orr Pollock (Adv. Annual General Meeting) 12/-

Property Owners Liability Insurance for HQ, £1

and additional Fire Insurance Cover 1/3

after payment of which, there would be a balance of £1: 11: 8½ in hand. Approved.

\*The following applications for Lets were granted:-

9th Renf., 23rd Jan. 1939, 3/-.

80th Renf., 1, 8, 15, 22 Feb. 1939, 3/- each.

Cub Council, 3rd & 10th Feb. 1939, charge of 1/6 for 2nd meeting.

45th Pack, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb. 1939, 1/6, and Mar. 17th for a Whist Drive, 7/6.

Everton Group, 7th Feb. 1939

A letter of resignation of appointment was read from the Hon. Warden for reasons of a private nature, and it was decided to remit the case entirely to the Finance Committee, with powers to deal with the matter, and a special meeting of this Committee was called for Thursday 9th Feb. 1939 at 8 PM.

It was intimated that an invitation had been extended to Pipe Major Richardson to attend the present meeting, which he had graciously accepted and would attend sometime after 9.30 PM.

Everton.

In view of the failure of the 10th Renfrewshire to retake their Everton locker, it was decided to communicate with the 6th Renfrewshire and offer them the locker. That group being the first to apply for such.

Sea Scouts.

Mr Butter reported that the Sea Scouts Committee had had a meeting and re drafted the rules which would be laid before the next meeting of the Executive.

Scout Council.

The Constitution of the Scout Council was read and approved.

Dance.

Mr Ian McNeill reported that the Dance had been efficient financial success and estimated a balance of £2 profit. Two complimentary tickets had been granted, one to the President, one to the Hon. Warden.

Mr McNeill moved a vote of thanks to the members of the Dance Committee, Mr Swan, Miss Tulloch, and Mr Johnstone, for the work they had had in connection with the Dance and the very satisfactory result.

Mr Johnstone then moved a similar vote of thanks to Mr McNeill for the invaluable assistance he had given the Committee, and in attending to the financial side of the function.

Pipe Band.

Mr Butter, D.C., intimated that he had discussed the formation of a Pipe Band with Ryrie Orr, Mr Arthur Muir, CC, and several others, and it was his opinion that, if it were financially possible, the formation of such would be a great asset to the Local Association.

Pipe Major Richardson then reported that the probable cost of formation would be £195 and the cost of maintenance over the first two years approximately £10, and that, thereafter, the Band would probably be able to maintain itself and even be a source of revenue to the Association.

It was agreed to call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Association in order to lay the available information before its members and to consider proceeding with the project.

Everton.

The Camp Skipper read his report on Everton and, in connection with the altered position of the wash hand, the Camp Skipper was instructed to obtain a piece of piping and try out wash hand in new position.

With regard to the Flag Pole, it was suggested that two wooden battens be fixed to base about 1½ feet each and the Camp Skipper was instructed to report thereon.

Mr. Reffell, Mr. Hume, Mr. Swan and Mr. Pearson were appointed as Wardens for Everton to assist the Camp Skipper, and Mr. Hume and Mr. Munn had been appointed to assist the Camp Skipper in running the Providore.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 28 February 1939., and this was all the business.

A. Ian Dunlop, Acting Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within HQ, Robertson St., 21st February, 1939.**

**Being an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

In the Chair, Rev. Alex. Philp,

H. Waller Butter DC; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; J. Hume Jnr., GSM, 9th Renf.; William Shearer, GSM, 32nd Renf; T.A. Kirkwood, GSM, 23rd Renf.; A. Ian Dunlop, GSM, 70th Renf.; Elstow Reffel, GSM, 57th Renf.; Wm. Dally, SM, 10th Renf.; J. McCourt, ASM, 10th Renf.; JAB Campbell, GSM, 6th Renf.; A. Kerr, GSM, 6th Renf.; E. Nichol, CM, 57th Renf.; Jas McCrindle, ACM, 38th Renf.; R. Morrison, ASM, 52nd Renf.; W. McKenzie, ASM, 45th Renf.; W.P. Stratton, Lay member; Alastair Munn Jnr., Lay Member.

Attending

Hugh Johnstone; Hon. Secretary.

A. Ian McNeil, Hon. Treasurer.

Mr Colin Finnie.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman, Rev. Alex Philp, made reference to the very sincere feeling of loss in the District occasioned by the passing of one of the Association’s ablest assistants, Mr Colin Finnie. There was no more gentlemanly and willing worker in the Association and a man with the highest ideals. His passing was a great loss to the younger Scouters to whom he was the wise old head. The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, expressed a very great sympathy to Mr Finnie's sons and daughters.

H. Waller Butter, District Commissioner, warmly associated himself with Rev. Alex. Philps’ remarks. He had first met Mr Finnie in 1922, who had, with the utmost patience, given him every hope and encouragement, both in his office as S.M. and D.C. Mr Finnie had continued in the Scout Movement for 25 years, despite many other interests and calls on his time, but Scouting was his main interest. Mr Finnie had passed on but he had left with us a great example to be an inspiration, and the greatest memorial to his memory would be to carry on and consolidate our advances. Mr Butter then asked the meeting to be upstanding for two minutes in silent tribute.

Association Pipe Band.

The Secretary read an extract from the previous minutes of the Executive calling this Extraordinary General Meeting in order to discuss the formation and maintenance of an Association Pipe Band, and reported the findings of the Executive Committee with regard to same.

After discussion, Mr Morrison moved that a Committee be drawn from the Association to organise such a Band and to consider ways and means of raising the necessary funds. Mr W Shearer seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Every member of the Association was then asked to answer the following questions.

a) Is a band an asset?

b) Is it possible to raise the funds to form a Pipe Band?

To the first, the answer was yes in every case, and to the second, a few were doubtful, but the majority agreed it was possible and methods suggested were as follows.

a) Public and Private List Subscriptions.

b) Appeal to the Margaret Street Trust.

c) Each Group assisting in some material form.

d) Association Functions and every member assisting.

Mr Kirkwood then moved that the Association definitely organise such a Band, and Mr Morrison seconded.

Mr Dunlop moved that Committee be composed of 7 members including DC, Chairman, Secretary, and Mr. Richardson, and that Convener be on the Executive Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Kirkwood.

On the later motion by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mr. Dally, it was unanimously agreed that Committee consists of nine members including the above referred to, and should have the power to add to its number by co-option. This was unanimously carried.

Mr. Richardson, sponsored by Mr. A. Ian Dunlop and Mr. W. P. Stratton, was unanimously approved as a Lay Member of the Association.

The Committee was appointed as follows;

R. Morrison; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC; J Hume Jnr; William Dally; Rev. Alex. Philp; H. Waller Butter, DC; H. Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

Arthur I. Lyle, ADC was unanimously appointed Convener of the Committee.

This was all the business.

Chairman

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Tuesday, 28th February, 1939**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp, A. Ian Dunlop M.A., was elected Chairman.

H. Waller Butter, DC; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; B. Reilly, SM; W.P. Stratton & Alastair Munn Jnr, Lay Members.

Attending Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

A. Ian McNeil, Hon. Treasurer.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were intimated for Rev. Alex. Philp and Eoin Steel.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 31/1/39 were read, approved and adopted.

Dance.

The net profit from the Association Dance amounted to £1: 18: 6.

Pipe Band.

As a result of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Association, it had been decided to proceed with the formation of a Pipe Band, and, at that meeting, a Committee had been appointed to deal with the matter. Mr Arthur Lyle, ADC, was appointed Convener of the Committee.

Warrants.

Applications:-

Joe Bennett, ACM, 32nd Renfrewshire

Sam Dalrymple, ACM, 32nd Renfrewshire

were read and approved.

Reports.

\*Finance.

Cash in hand and in Bank amounted to £4: 9: 2 and accounts due were as follows.

Hon. Secretary (4 months postages etc £1:2:4.

Estimate for heating, lighting and rates due in immediate future £6:12:-,

against which £7:10 was due the Association by the After Care Committee. It was agreed that the accounts should be paid on receipt of the payment from the After Care Committee.

\*HQ.

A letter of withdrawal of resignation was read from the Hon. Warden indicating his ability to continue in office if the Executive approved. The withdrawal was accepted and the Executive was pleased to note that Mr. McCrindle found it possible to continue.

\*Lets.

Applications for Lets were as follows;

33rd Renf. for 10th March for a Whist Drive, 7/6;

57th Renf. for 5th April for a Whist Drive, 7/6;

45th Renf. Cub Pack for Thursdays, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March. 1/6 per night;

all of which were granted.

\*Everton.

It was recommended that the Camp Skipper be given authority to purchase 6 bags of sand and two bags of cement when required. This was approved and Camp Skipper was recommended to use small rubble in mixing.

It was also recommended that 4 lbs of green paint and a small quantity of wood for shelving be purchased for Everton. Agreed.

H. Waller Butter reported that the Flag pole was being attended to.

It was agreed that the cost of a wreath recently purchased by the Association should be defrayed by collection.

Sea Scouts.

H. Waller Butter DC reported that a meeting had been arranged of the Sea Scout Committee with the County Commissioner and the rules then adopted were read. The rules were approved with this addition to the certificate that every boat shall be equipped with sufficient life-saving apparatus as required by the Inspector.

Letters.

\*Railway Voucher applications for reduced fares for Scouts were in the hands of the Secretary who would supply any one desirous of using them.

\*National Service Circular was read.

\*County Flag Competition Circulars were in the hands of the Secretary and particulars and outlines of the scheme could be obtained from him.

Badge Secretary.

On the motion of H. Waller Butter DC, seconded by H. Johnstone, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Alexander Munn Jnr. was appointed Honorary Badge Secretary.

Cub Council.

Report was read and approved.

Following the JOC Report, a Cub Pack had been started in a new housing area. This was heartily approved by the Executive.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 28th March, 1939 and this was all the business.

H. Waller Butter, Acting Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 28th March, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp, H. Waller Butter, Esq., D.C. was appointed Chairman.

Wm. Shearer; Wm. Ferguson DSM; B. Reilly; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Arthur Lyle ADC; A. Ian Dunlop; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper.

Attending

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary. A. Ian McNeil, Hon. Treasurer.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were read from Rev. Alex. Philp; Elston Ruffil; Alex. Munn Jnr., District Badge Secretary; and Colin Finnie Jnr.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 28/2/39 were read, approved and, on the motion of A. Ian Dunlop seconded by Miss Jean Tulloch, were adopted.

Registrations and Warrants.

\*Application for registration of Cub Pack, 31st Renfrewshire (8th Greenock) Open Group was read and approved.

\*Applications for warrants were read and approved as follows:-

David Graham, SM, 59th Renfrewshire.

Dorothy MW Preston, ACM, 33rd Renfrewshire

I Isabella W Nichol, CM, 57th Renfrewshire

Isabella W Nichol, ACM 57th Renfrewshire for cancellation

Amelia Carron Robertson, ACM, 6th Renfrewshire

For cancellation, John B Hardie, SM, 70th Renfrewshire.

Reports - Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported he had cash in hand (£3:11:9), in bank (£2: 11: 1), and at credit of Pipe Band Fund in Bank and in hand £12:17:1.

\*Accounts due were as follows.

Simpsons -: 13:-.

Black 3/6.

Mcgilvary £1: 4:-.

Fletcher £2: 11: 3.

Corp. Heaters (Final) £1: 7: 10.

Insurance £1:11: 6.

It was agreed to pay all but Fletcher (£2: 11: 3), which was to be held over.

\*Applications for Lets granted as follows:-

45th, 6/11/20/27th April, Cub Pack.

Cub Council Challenge Flag, 8th April.

Cub Council Meeting, 21st April.

80th Renf. 7. 12. 19. 26 April, 3/- each.

Pipe Band Whist Drive, 13th April.

The D.C. intimated that camp permits had been printed which he wished to be utilised by each Group. The Scout Council was to be informed.

Everton.

Skipper reported that -

\*Flagpole is now up. 6 12” bolts and two batons had been used.

\*Water supply is now in order and camp is ready for opening.

Sea Scouts.

Bye Laws had been approved by County Commissioner and SHQ, and were now before IHQ.

Scout Council.

Meeting next Tuesday at 8 o’clock in HQ.

Pipe Band.

Mr Ferguson had been co-opted to Committee.

Badges.

Fair demand, but fuller report next month. Carried down.

Social

Social for Scouters had been arranged for 18th April.

Scout Week

Scout Week was to be held from 28th May - 4th June. Trophies would be displayed at various shops throughout the town and Secretary asked to write to book the Lady Alice, Battery and Rankin Parks for Scout Week. Also, to Secretary, West End Baths.

Letters.

\*Letter requesting representative for Fitness Council was read and it was agreed to ask Mr E.G. Richardson to attend.

\*The Rules of Milliken Camp were in the hands of the Secretary.

\*Acknowledgement of expression of sympathy had been received from T.H.E. Pearson. The Secretary was asked to write Mr Pearson and congratulate him on his new appointment.

Any Other Business.

\*With regard to Bands for Scout Week parades, Mr Dunlop moved that the matter be left in hands of Mr Ferguson, DSM. Agreed.

\*The Gala Committee was as follows – Mr. J.J. Swan, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Dunlop, subject to approval of Scout and Cub Council.

Next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 25th April, 1939, and this was all the business.

Alex Philp, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., Tuesday, 25th April, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp in the Chair.

H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Colin Finnie; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Wm. Shearer; Elstow Reffell; A. Ian Dunlop; Alex Munn Jnr., Badge Secy.; ~~Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper;~~ B. Reilly; Wm. Ferguson, DSM; JJ Swan, ADC.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer; Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 28/3/39 were read, approved and adopted. Moved by Mr Lyle.

Business Arising.

Registration of 31st Renfrewshire, 8th Greenock, had been approved by IHQ.

Apologies.

Apology for absence was read from Mr EG Richardson.

Warrants.

Cancellation from Miss MF Draper, 45th Renfrewshire was approved.

Finance.

\*Committee reported £4: 9: 7 in hand and at bank, and the following accounts were passed for payment.

J.G. Church (Everton). £1. 1. -.

Fletcher. £2. 11.3.

McAlister and Fyfe (Everton). 4/3.

Treasurer. 4/3.

Leaving a balance of 8/3. Account for Rankin (£1.1.6) was held over to be inquired into.

\*Pipe Band Fund in hand and in bank £98: 12: 9, due for poster, passed for payment 15/6.

\*Registration fee was still outstanding from 10th Renfrewshire, and Secretary was instructed to write GSM advising that notice would be sent to the Controlling Authority unless fee was paid by 10th May, 1939. Agreed unanimously.

\*Applications for Lets were as follows.

80th Renf. Each Wed. in May, 6.30 - 10.

9th Renf. Each Thurs. in May, 8 - 10.

45th Renf. 4th May, 6 - 10.

This 4th May being same as applic. by 9th Renfrewshire, GSM of 45th agreed to communicate and make arrangements with GSM 9th Renfrewshire.

Sea Scouts.

Sea Scout rules had been returned from IHQ with several amendments. Rev. Alex Philp moved that these amendments be adopted subject to approval by Sea Scout Sub-committee. Seconded by Mr A.I. Dunlop. This was adopted.

Scouty Methods.

Mr Dunlop reported that since the going away of Mr. T.H.E. Pearson, he had been approached and undertaken the completion of the arrangements for publication. The cost of publication would be £22 and the income from advertising £29. To include photographs as previously suggested would be too expensive and take up too much time. Competition rules for publication were read and approved, subject to being compared with reports in hands of Secretary.

Everton Rules amended. Scouters and PLs in charge must have their local permit card duly signed by GSM.

Pipe Band.

No report, except that arrangements for Scout Week were well in hand and as previously reported. On Monday next, boys were asked, with permission of GSM's, to report in order to commence forming band. Mr Richardson requested authority to purchase practice chanters at cost of approximately £6. This was granted.

Keep Fit.

Report on Keep Fit meeting attended by Mr Richardson was read and intimated that the Association would be communicated with direct regarding any movement and it was agreed to let the matter lie on the table. Mr Richardson was thanked for his efforts.

Badges.

Mr Munn reported a very large order for badges during the month and gave a very full report therein.

Rover Moot.

Extension of time for enrolment up to 26th May.

Form T.I.

Forms Transfers for use of any Scouter transferring to a new District were in the hands of Secretary, and Mr Finnie moved that three councils should be advised of this transfer form.

Physical Training

PT courses for leaders during the summer could be obtained and particulars were in the hands of the Secretary.

County Flag.

Mr Butter reported 1 entry, 32nd Renfrewshire, and moved that they should be taken as representing Greenock District. This was approved.

Band fee

It was also agreed that the question of charging each boy of the band a small fee each night should be remitted to Band Committee to deal with.

National Swimming Badge.

Rev. A Philp, seconded by Mr A. Lyle, moved that Mr. Swan and Mr Butter be given full power to make full arrangements with regard to this badge and report back.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 23rd May, 1939, and this was all the business.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St, on Tuesday, 23rd May, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Exectutive Committee.**

*Chairman*

In the absence of Rev. Alex Philp, James J. Swan, Vice Chairman, was in the Chair.

Apology

Apology for absence was intimated from Rev. Alex. Philp.

*Sederunt*

H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; A. Ian Dunlop; Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Wm. Ferguson, DSM; E.G. Richardson, Lay Member; B. Reilly; Elstow Reffell, SM; Colin Finnie, ADC; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer. Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting dated 28th April, 1939 were read, approved and adopted on the motion of Colin Finnie, seconded A. Ian Dunlop.

Warrants.

Applications for warrants were approved as follows:-

Miss T. Whiteford, ACM, 89th Renfrewshire

Mr Bernard Reilly, GSM, 89th Renfrewshire

Cancellation of T.A. Kirkwood’s, SM warrant approved, subject to approval of financial statement. Regret was expressed at Mr Kirkwood decision, but it was noted with pleasure that he intended to continue in assisting the 23rd Renfrewshire Cub Pack.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Kirkwood regarding the auditing arrangements on transfer of Open Group property. The Association Auditor, Mr Colin Finnie, would examine the Group statements and then report to the Executive Committee.

Reports.

\*The Finance Committee reported £108: 10: 9 in hand - £107 : 8: 6 at credit of Pipe Band Fund, £1.2.3 at credit of Association Account.

\*Accounts for payment were as follows.

Pipe Band Fund.

McKelvie £1. 13. 6.

Posters etc 19.6

£2: 13: -. Passed for payment.

Association.

Ardgowan Estates (Rent) £3: -: -.

R.G.B. Diack??. -: 15: 4.

Black (Everton) -: 2: 3.

Gas (Grk Corp.) 2: 2: 10.

Electricity (Grk Corp) 1: 3: 9.

£7: 4: 2.

Mr Swan moved that Finance Committee meet after Scout Week and authorise payment of accounts if funds were available. This was agreed to.

Mr Colin Finnie moved a vote of censure on Finance Committee and added the following terms, that in future nothing should be ordered unless the Association had enough in hand to pay for it after allowing for overhead charges. Seconded by Alex. Munn.

Mr Johnstone moved that there be no vote of censure, seconded by Mr. A. Ian Dunlop.

The motion was carried by 5 votes to 4.

Mr Colin Finnie brought forward the suggestion that a Scouters Club had previously existed which had now ceased to exist, and there was a balance at credit of its account, which could be transferred to the Association. After discussion, it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Mr Butter and Mr Finnie to report on it further.

Cubs.

Meeting of Cub Council held on 19th May was reported on by Mr Swan. Mr. Colin Finnie moved that report be accepted with thanks. This was agreed to.

Badges.

Mr Alex Munn Jnr. read a very full and satisfactory report on the issue of badges, and it was again stressed that money must accompany orders for badges.

Parades.

\*Rankin Park. The 4th Group would attend the Flag and the 32nd Group would attend the Saluting Base at George Square.

\*Rev. Mr. Sutherland would give the address and Rev. Mr. MacDougall conduct the Service.

\*A loudspeaker had been ordered for both the Battery Park and Rankin Park at a cost of £4. 4.-. This was approved.

Bursaries.

Prospectus of Renfrewshire Educational Trust Bursaries was in the hands of the Secretary who would advise anyone of particulars.

Keep Fit.

Notice of Fitness Association meeting was read but it was too late to do anything about it.

Sea Scouts.

Sea Scout Bye Law amendments had been duly approved and passed on to IHQ.

Scouty Methods.

Mr. Dunlop reported that copies would be ready next week, and 1500 had been ordered.

Camp Skipper.

Asked permission to purchase 100 hymn sheets, 5 cwt. cement and one ton of sand for Everton path. Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr Johnstone that the order be placed when the money is available.

Mr Finnie moved that the order be not placed until after the next Executive Meeting. Mr. Martin seconded. Mr Finnie’s motion was carried ~~unanimously~~.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 20th June, 1939 and this was all the business.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters on Tuesday, 20th June, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

In the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp, James J. Swan, Vice Chairman, was in the Chair.

The following were present:- A. Ian Dunlop; Alexander Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; E.G. Richardson, Lay Member; Wm. Shearer; Wm. Ferguson, DSM; B. Reilly; Colin Finnie, ADC; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC; and H. Waller Butter, D.C.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer and Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Apology.

Apology for absence was intimated from Rev. Alex Philp.

Minute.

The minute of meeting dated 30/5/39 was read, approved and adopted. Motion by Mr Reilly, seconded Mr. Dunlop.

Business Arising.

Mr Colin Finnie intimated that he had not yet received a statement from Mr. T. Kirkwood re transfer of Troop property. Mr. Dunlop moved that Secretary again communicate with Mr. Kirkwood in the matter. Mr Butter seconded the motion.

Warrants.

\*Applications.

Miss A.G. Connie, ASM, 7th Renfrewshire. Approved

Miss Ellen Rowley Bruce, CM, 31st Renfrewshire. Approved.

\*Cancellations.

C.P. Costello, ASM, 23rd Renfrewshire was accepted.

and warrant to be forwarded to him after cancellation.

Reports - Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported cash in hand and at bank as follows.

Association £13: 10: -. Pipe Band £123: 19: 10 and Pipe Band Maintenance account 10/8.

\*Accounts for payments were Pipe Band Association.

Tennant. £2: 2: -. £2: 2: -.

Lamont £3: 6: -. £2:19: 6.

Rankin. £1: 2: -.

Rankin old account. £1: 1: 6.

Advert Telegraph. £1: 4: -.

Park Keeper. -: 10: -.

Secretary £2: 12: 11.

D McRae and Son £8: 18: -.

GM.S \*\*\* from Barn Dance. £4: 17: 6.

£19: 3: 6. £11: 11: 11.

Payment of which would leave balances of Pipe Band Maintenance 10/8; Pipe Band Fund £104: 16: 4; Association £ 1: 18: 1.

Payment was agreed.

\*Contributions to SHQ (£5: 17: 6) was held over.

\*H W Butter reported that 12/9 had been received from Scouters Club, which had now been handed over to the Association Account.

\*Supposed due by After Care Committee, which they denied, was left in the hands of Mr Butter.

\*Lets.

Applications by 80th Renf. for use of HQ, 3 Wed in June, 3/- each, granted

by 45th Renfrewshire from 24th June for Whist Drive, 7/6, granted.

\*Camp Skipper received authority to purchase 6 cwt cement, 100 hymn sheets and one ton of sand if cost not over £1: 10: -.

\*Payments to Bands on Parade.

Mr A. Lyle moved that Parade Bands be paid for, and Mr B. Reilly seconded. Mr William Shearer moved that band be thanked, but not paid. Mr. Dunlop seconded. Amendment carried on a vote by 5 votes to 2.

No payment, therefore, to be made to Bands assisting in Scout Week Parades.

Everton Troop Report.

The Everton Troop Report was read and accepted, subject to the following amendment “that the word ‘recommended’ be substituted for ‘decided’ and ‘returned to IHQ’ be altered to ‘returned to CP castello after cancellation’ and the alterations be indicated in the report.

Sea Scout Report.

Was read and acceptance moved by Mr Lyle and seconded by Mr Shearer.

Cup Report

Read and accepted.

Keep Fit.

It was agreed that the Association affiliate. Mr Finnie moved that application form be completed and particulars sent to the Cub, Scout, and Rover Councils for requirements to be discussed. Mr Lyle seconded. Mr Dunlop moved that Secretary asked for forms to be sent out to each Group. Mr Reilly seconded. The amendment by Mr Dunlop was carried.

Pipe Band.

Mr Richardson reported 30 boys under training and asked for the use of HQ on Wednesday nights instead of Monday in order to suit with the night school classes. It was agreed to reserve Wednesday nights for the band practices.

Badges.

Mr Munn reported usual order for badges.

Rules.

Mr Finnie moved that Mr Munn should call his Committee to frame rules for badges. Mr Dunlop seconded. This was agreed to, except that Sea Scout badges be excluded.

Darroch Campfire.

It was decided after discussion that it would be unsuitable to hold a campfire in Darroch Park in August.

County Flag.

Results – 1st, 17th Renfrewshire, 1st Neilston.

2nd. 32nd Renfrewshire, 2nd Greenock.

The 32nd Renfrewshire were commended for their efforts.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 29th August, 1939.

This was all the business.

James J Swan, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters on Tuesday, 29th August, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Apologies.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, HW Butter, Esq., District Commissioner, made sympathetic reference to the fact that the Chairman, Rev. Alex. Philp was absent through illness and presently undergoing an operation. He proposed that a letter be forwarded to him by the Secretary on behalf of the Association intimating regret at his illness and wishing him a speedy recovery. The proposal was agreed to unanimously.

Sederunt

In the absence of Rev. Alex. Philp, James J. Swan, Vice Chairman, was in the Chair.

Present: H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; E Reffell; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master; E.G. Richardson, Lay Member; Wm. Ferguson, DSM; Arthur I. Lyle, ADC; B. Reilly.

Attending A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer; Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of meeting dated 30/6/39 were read, approved and adopted on motion of Mr. Arthur Lyle, seconded by Mr.E Reffell.

Warrants.

Cancellation of the following were passed:-

AS Jones, ASM, 38th Renfrewshire.

Miss J.C. Murray, CM, 23rd Renfrewshire.

Reports / Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported Cash in Hand and at Bank as follows:-

Association Credit £ 4.17.7.

Pipe Band Fund £ 111.3.1.

Pipe Band Maintenance 10/8.

A total of £ 116.11.4.

\*Accounts for payment were:

Association Pipe Band.

A. Hanna Taxi -: 7: -

G Riddoch, (Engraving cup) -: 2: -

Everton account -: 7: 4

HQ Cleaning and Padlock -: 5: 5½

Shannon Cup Competition -: 18: ½

Hon. Warden 5: -: -.

SHQ Levy 5: 17: 6.

Telegraph Bills for Scout Week -: 15: -.

12: 17: 4. -: 15:-.

Fees for Teams for Swimming Gala, amounting to 6/6 had been paid along with £1.1.6.

Insurance for HQ since the date of last meeting.

The Committee recommended payment of all accounts should sufficient cash become available from revenue balances of

1. Scouty Methods

2. Everton Providore.

The accounts due to Hon. Warden and SHQ Levy were to be paid last and in that order. £13 was approximately the revenue expected from the above sources. The account due for the painting of HQ had not yet been received, but if received and funds available to meet it, it should be paid.

The Hon. Warden reported that the phone required repairing, and this was recommended for attention.

\*Lets.

Application for lets was as follows:-

45th 6-8 PM every Tuesday in September ex.26th.

9th 8-10 PM every Thursday in September.

80th Every Monday in September.

Mr William Ferguson moved the adoption of the above report and Mr Lyle seconded. There was no amendment.

Everton.

Mr J.J. Swan reported that Everton had been broken into on two occasions and the skylight window had been broken. Mr. J Walker, chemist, had seen the culprits making off and had given the alarm. Two boys were subsequently caught and had been dealt with by the police. They had previously escaped from a Remand Home. All property stolen had been recovered. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Walker for his services.

Mr Reffel reported that all spare keys for lockers had been stolen and lost. It was advised that SMs should consult with Camp Skipper in order to ascertain what should be done in each case.

An extra lock was recommended for the Providore and Mr Swan would provide bars for the skylight.

Lockers.

Letter from EJ Long applying for locker was read and it was intimated that he would be first to receive the let of any one becoming vacant.

Physical Training.

Letter regarding physical training of leaders was agreed to be passed to each of the three Councils advising them to form groups for training.

Greenock District Parade.

Letter from JRB Campbell being an invitation to the Association to hold a District Parade to the Ashton Church, Gourock, on 17th September was considered, and it was agreed that, owing to the time required to arrange such, too little time was given, but on the motion of Mr Swan, seconded by Mr Steel, it was agreed to hold a Parade there on the second week in October, if this was suitable to Mr Campbell. The Secretary was to write, suggesting this to Mr Campbell and regretting that we could not accept his invitation at present.

Sea Scouts Military Training.

The Secretary had particulars regarding Sea Scouts applying for military training in the Royal Navy, and it was agreed that notice should be sent to the Sea Scout Groups.

Badges.

No meeting called yet but a very good report for badges applied for.

Pipe Band.

Met the previous night, but one or two were still on holiday. The band required a Secretary and it was agreed to bring the matter up at the next Scout Council Meeting. Mapes Board was unsatisfactory and Mr Richardson reported that he would require to obtain one elsewhere.

National Emergency

HW Butter DC asked Scouters to arrange for Group Leader to carry on if the Scouter was called up for active service.

Wapinschaw.

The wapinschaw arranged for the following Saturday at Everton would be cancelled if war was declared before the date of it.

Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 26th September, 1939.

This was all the discussion.

James J Swan, Chairman

Hugh Johnstone. Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Tuesday, 26th September, 1939.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Apologies.

HW Butter, Esq., District Commissioner, intimated an apology for absence of the Chairman Rev. Alex Philp due to a prior engagement.

War.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, Mr Butter then went on to say that since the date of the last meeting, war had broken out and that the position of Scouting in the District was really as “we were”. No new instructions had been received but we were to carry on as best we could. A number of Scouters had been called to the colours and our good wishes go with them. We had already formed a nucleus for a National Service Messenger Corp, but owing to age difficulty, applicants must be over 15 years, so far only four Scouts had been available. No census would be taken this year, but affiliation fees would be payable as usual. From now on, all warrants, instead of being issued by Imperial Headquarters, would be dealt with by himself as District Commissioner and he would issue temporary warrants to suitable applicants. Imperial Headquarters would be advised of all such warrants issued.

Sederunt

In the Chair, James J. Swan Esq., Vice Chairman.

H. Waller Butter, Esq. D.C.; Wm. Ferguson, DSM; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; E Reffell; Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Miss Jean S. Tulloch, District Cub Master.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer; and Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 29th August, 1939 were read and approved and adopted on the motion of Mr Alec Munn Jnr. and seconded by Mr. Elstow Reffell.

Business Arising.

\*Mr. JJ Swan reported that he required the measurements of the iron bars for Everton Headquarters before he could provide them.

\*Gourock Parade. Mr Butter intimated that JB Campbell, GSM of Gourock Group, had advised him that the proposed parade should be cancelled.

Reports - Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported that in hand of Association £ 6.17.4 4; for Pipe Band £ 110: 8: 1; Pipe Band Maintenance 10/8 at total of £117: 16: 1.

\*Accounts due for payment were as follows:-

Mackie for painting HQ (5: 14: 6, less account due by

Mackie for advert in Scouty Methods of £1: 5:-. ) £4. 9. 6.

Greenock Typewriting Centre (Messenger Corps) -. 3. -.

Hon. Warden to account 5. -. -.

IHQ Finance. 5.17. 6.

Hon Secretary Expenses 1. -. - .

Hon. Treasurer Expenses -. 3. 1.

£ 16 .13. 1.

The amount estimated due for Lets was approximately £1 and from Everton Providore approximately £5.

It was proposed that accounts should be paid as follows before the end of the financial year.

to IHQ Finance (one half of 5.16.6) 2. 18. 9.

to Mackie, Painter. 4. 9. 6.

to Hon. Warden (Half £5 to a/c) 2. 10. -

to Greenock Typewriting Centre - . 3. -

to Hon. Secretary Expenses. 1. -. -

to Hon. Treasurer Expenses -. 3. 1

£11: 4: 4.

It was proposed that £95 should be deposited from the Pipe Band Fund into Greenock Provident Bank Current Account.

\*Lets

The following Lets were applied for and recommended.

80th Renf. Every Sat. in Oct. from 3-5 PM, 1/6.

80th Renf. Every Wed. in Oct. for 4.30 - 5.30 PM.

The Finance Report was approved as it stood.

Cup Council.

The Council had held one meeting to discuss the difficulty of dark nights. While it is light, it is all right to hold meetings up to 7.30, but later in the year, suggest that meetings should be held so far as possible on Saturday afternoons. The Council had obtained the use of Murdieston Park on Saturday afternoons from 2-5 PM, and it proposed to run a friendly Football League.

Scouty Methods.

Hon. Treasurer reported a profit in total of £6 .19.

Letters.

An inquiry from Greenock and District J.O.C into the difficulties being experienced in carrying on under the present conditions was remitted to the Hon. Secretary to be dealt with.

Annual General Meeting.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 31st October, 1939 at 8.00 and the date of the next Executive Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 31st October, 1939 at 7.30 PM. The Finance Committee would meet at 7.00 and this was all the business.

Alex. Philp, Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, on Tuesday, 31st October, 1939 at 7.30 PM.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman; H. Waller Butter, Esq. D.C.; Colin Finnie, ADC; James J. Swan ADC;

Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; A.I. Dunlop, GSM; B. Reilly, GSM; Elstow Reffell, SM;, SM; J. Richardson, Lay Member.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer; Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 26th September, 1939 were read, approved and adopted.

Reports.

The Treasurer reported Cash in Hand of Association £3.3.4; Pipe Band Fund £ 110.8.1; Pipe Band Maintenance 10/ 8 a total of £ 114.2.1. Accounts due for payment were as follows:-

Corporation Electricity 13/4

Corporation Gas 7/11

Blackout paper 10 /6.

Disinfectant Sprayer 4/10.

Local Rates £ 7.10.7.

Water Rates £ 3.

SHQ Finance £2.18.9.

Hon. Warden Honorarium £2.10.0.

The first four accounts should be paid immediately and this was agreed to.

This was all the business, and the date of the next meeting was fixed for later in the same evening.

Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

**On Tuesday, 31st October, 1939**

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, at 7.45 PM.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman.

H. Waller Butter D.C.; Colin Finnie ADC; James J. Swan ADC;

Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; A.I. Dunlop, GSM; Elstow Reffell, SM; B. Reilly, GSM; J. Richardson, Lay Member.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer; and Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and adopted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for immediately following the Annual General Meeting in the same evening and this was all the business.

Chairman.

Hugh Johnstone Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, on Tuesday, 31st October, 1939.**

**Being the Minute of the Annual General Meeting.**

Ryrie Orr, Esq., JP, MA, FEIS, Hon. President.

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman; H. Waller Butter, Esq., D.C.; Colin Finnie, ADC; James J. Swan ADC; A.I. Lyle Esq., ADC; Miss Jean Tulloch, District Cub Master; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; Alex. Munn Jnr., Badge Secretary; E.G. Richardson, Lay Member; and representatives of the following groups 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th,22nd, 23rd, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 39th, 45th, 52nd, 57th, 59th, 70th, 80th, 85th, 86th, 89th Renfrewshire.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer; Hugh Johnstone, Hon. Secretary.

Ex Provost Baxter.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman expressed regret at noting the passing of one of our Hon. Vice Presidents, ex Provost Baxter. The ex Provost had shown a very great unselfish interest in his fellow men and we were proud of his association with the Scout Movement, and we take this opportunity of recording our indebtedness and the sincere stance of gratitude we all felt towards him for his labour and kindly interest afforded to us. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family. It was agreed that an excerpt of this minute be forwarded to his wife.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 25th October, 1938 were read, approved and adopted.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Rev. J. McCallum Young, Arthur Muir, CC, Lord Inverclyde DL, Lieutenant Colonel WG Shaw Stewart, Colonel D Paterson.

Reports.

\*District Commissioner.

H. Waller Butter, District Commissioner, submitted his report for the year dealing with camping, training and the difficulties of carrying on under the present national emergency.

The Chairman thanked Mr Butter for his report and the indefatigable hard work carried out by him during the year and now, largely to his efforts, Scouting in the District was definitely on the up-grade.

\*Hon. Treasurer.

The Hon. Treasurer had distributed copies of the Balance Sheet and he was pleased to note that the Headquarter’s expenses had been reduced this year. He hoped that they would continue to decrease and the finances of the Association would lie in a healthier position next year. He moved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Hon. Auditors for their services. The Chairman thanked Mr MacNeill for his efforts, which were very much appreciated.

\*Honorary Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr Hugh Johnstone, read his report for the year dealing with numbers, badges and activities during the year. He stressed the cooperation which had existed between himself and the Chairman, Rev. Alex Philp. He also took the opportunity of thanking the District Commissioner Mr H.W. Butter for his assistance and advice and Mr AI MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer, for his efficiency.

The Chairman thanked Mr Johnstone for his report and his work during the past year.

Adoption of Reports.

Mr Ryrie Orr, JP, MA moved the adoption of the reports. He was pleased to note the efficiency of all the office bearers and the cooperation and friendliness that existed between all ranks. He was convinced that the efficiency of the present Association depended to a large extent on this and he hoped it would continue. He compared the work done by the Scouts in the last war and the present one. He noted that the Scouts were not receiving the same opportunities for work of National Service but this, he was pleased to note, was due to the more thorough preparedness of the nation.

Mr Colin Finnie seconded the adoption.

Office Bearers Election.

The following appointments were made for the year 1939-40.

President. Ryrie Orr, Esq., JP, MA, FEIS.

Vice Presidents.

Rt Hon. Viscount Kelburne, RN.

Lieut. Lord Hugh Beresford, RN.

Lord Inverclyde, DL.

Lieutenant Colonel WG Shaw Stewart, MC.

Colonel D Paterson DSO.

Provost Davey Esq., JP.

Chief Constable James Christie, OBE.

Resignation of Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman was requested to retain the Chair during the election of the office bearers. Before proceeding with the election, he intimated that he had just received the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, who would shortly be going on military service and accordingly could not offer himself for re-election. He regretted losing the services of Mr Johnstone, who should be well acquainted with the business of the Executive having held the offices of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. He intimated that the best wishes of the Association would be with him wherever he was.

Office Bearers.

The following were elected.

Chairman Rev. Alex. Philp, ADC. (Proposed A. I. Dunlop, seconded JJ Swan).

Vice Chairman, J.J. Swan, ADC. (Proposed C Finnie, seconded A. Munn).

Hon. Secretary Lachlan McKinnon. (Proposed H Johnstone, seconded C. Finnie).

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Mackinnon on his new appointment.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr A Ian McNeill.

Badge Secretary, Mr Alexander Munn, Jnr.

Camp Skipper, Mr Eoin Steel.

District Cub Master, Miss Jean Tulloch.

District Scout Master, Mr Thomas Arthur.

District Rover Scout Leader, Mr George Allan.

Co-opted Members.

Col. J. Reid Kerr, Greenock School Management Committee.

John Kerr, Esq., The Boys Brigade, Greenock Battalion.

One member of Toc-H.

One member of the Girl Guides.

Lay Members.

Mr. T.H.E. Pearson was proposed as a Lay Member by Mr. Robert Morrison, seconded by Mr Eoin Steel. This was agreed to.

Associate Members.

Doctor Keith Robertson.

John S. Kincaid Esq. were re-appointed.

Representatives

\*To SHQ.

The following were appointed: the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and Mr A. I. Dunlop, GSM.

\*To County Scout Council

The following were appointed: Hon. Secretary and Mr. A. Ian Dunlop, GSM.

\*JOC.

To the General Committee and Executive - Rev. Alex. Philp.

To the General Committee- William Shearer Esq.

Honorary Legal Adviser.

Colonel David Paterson of Messrs Neill, Clerk and Murray was re-appointed.

Honorary Auditors.

Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay, CA were re-appointed.

Committees.

\*Executive Committee Appointments.

Messrs. W.P. Stratton, F. Gale and E.G. Richardson, Lay Members were re-appointed.

The following Group Scouters were nominated:- Messrs. A.I. Dunlop, B. Reilly, Elstow Reffel, J. Hume Jnr. On a vote being taken, the following were appointed:- Messrs. A. I. Dunlop, B. Reilly, Elstow Reffel.

\*Sea Scout Committee Appointments.

Messrs E. Salmon, A. Lyle, S. Thompson were re-elected.

Annual Social.

In view of the present emergency, it was decided to do nothing in the meantime regarding the Annual Social.

Scottish Scout.

The Hon. Treasurer intimated that he would be pleased to take the names and addresses of those desiring copies and forward them to the proper office.

This was all the business.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

Lachlan McKinnon, Hon. Secretary

Hugh Johnston, Retiring Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters on Tuesday, 31st October, 1939**

**at 10 PM.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman; H. Waller Butter, Esq. D.C.; James J. Swan ADC; Colin Finnie, ADC; Arthur Lyle Esq., ADC; Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; E.G. Richardson, Lay Member; A.I. Dunlop, GSM; E. Reffell.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Lachlan Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Hugh Johnstone, Retired Hon. Secretary.

Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman expressed regret at losing the Secretary who had answered the call of the country and wished Mr McKinnon well in his new appointment.

Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting dated 31st October 1939 were read, approved and adopted.

HQ.

An application on behalf of the Cub Council for the Let of HQ on 14th, 15th, 16th, December for the purpose of holding and preparing a Cub Handcraft Exhibition and Sale of Work, the proceeds to be for Red Cross Funds, was read.

It was agreed to grant the use of HQ, but the question of how much should be charged to cover heating and lighting should be left open.

80th Renfrewshire applied for the use of HQ for each Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov. (7-9 PM) and each Saturday afternoon 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November for 3 - 4.30 PM at 1/6 each session. The use of the piano on each Thursday evening was also applied for and application was made to have the usual charge reduced.

After discussion, Mr Finnie moved that the usual charge be made for the piano and Mr Reilly seconded the motion. Mr Swan moved that no charge be made on this occasion and Miss Tulloch seconded the amendment. On a vote, the motion was carried by 7 votes to 2.

Mr. Richardson requested permission to purchase 2 goose at £2 each, and an easle at £1. Permission was granted.

Warrants.

The following cancellation of warrants were accepted.

James McCrindle, ACM, 38th Renfrewshire.

Charles McCafferty, ASM, 8th Renfrewshire.

Rev. John M McNaughton, 59th Renfrewshire.

The following applications were approved.

Charles McCafferty, SM, 8th Renfrewshire.

Thomas McGowan, ASM, 8th Renfrewshire

Ronald H Lapsley, ASM, 33rd Renfrewshire.

Finance, HQ and Everton Committee.

Elections to Finance, HQ and Everton Committee were as follows. Chairman, District Commissioner, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Badge Secretary, Camp Skipper and Miss Jean Tulloch. In all, seven members.

Sea Scout Committee

was elected at the AGM.

Badge Committee.

The following were appointed to the Badge Committee. Mr Alex Munn Jnr., Miss E McEachern, and Mr G Allan.

Pipe Band Committee

The Pipe Band Committee was re-elected, except that Mr Mackinnon was appointed as Hon. Secretary in Mr Johnstone's place.

*Section Councils*

It was agreed that the Cub, Scout, and Rover Councils should report to the Executive Committee once a month.

Air Raid HQ

An application for the immediate use of Headquarters to accommodate homeless persons in the event of an air raid was read from the P.A.C. Convener Mr McLean. It was agreed to offer the Headquarters to be used in any such emergency.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 28th November at 8 PM and this was all the business.

Alex. Philp, Chairman

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary

Hugh Johnstone, Retired Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock on Tuesday, 28. XI. 39**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Rev. Alex. Philp, Chairman; H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Colin Finnie, ADC; Arthur Lyle, ADC; Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; Wm Stratton; E. Reffell; B. Reilly; and Mr. Munn, Badge Secretary.

Attending

A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Lachlan Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Warrants.

\*Cancellation of warrant from A.J. Dunlop 70th was accepted, and the Chairman expressed the regret of the Association that Mr. Dunlop had to sever his connection owing to his taking up a charge at Lochgilphead.

\*T.Q. Kirkwood: It was agreed to carry forward his application for cancellation until his accounts were audited. The Secretary was asked to write Mr Kirkwood in this connection.

Red Cross Fund.

It was agreed that a Central Fund be formed for this purpose and that the proceeds of the sale of Waste Paper be included in this Central Fund. Periodical intimation would be made in Scout Notes showing the amounts contributed by each Group and Wolf Pack. It should be noted that no Group is to make a separate contribution.

National Savings.

A request was received from the National Savings Committee for the use of 100 Boy Scouts for the distribution of National Savings hand bills on Saturday 2nd December. H. W. Butter DC advised the Committee that he would make the necessary arrangements.

Office Bearers.

Following the resignation of Mr. Dunlop, it was agreed to co-opt Mr. WB Stratton to represent the Association at SHQ with the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Mr. A. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer, at the County Council.

~~Miss McEachern on the Finance Committee.~~

Mr. J Hume on the Executive Committee. Everyone did not vote.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Mr. McNeill reported Cash in hand £ 2. 16. 7

Pipe Band Fund. £109. 6. 4

Pipe Band Maintenance 10. 8

Waste Paper. £ 8. 18. 3

Total £121: 11:10

\*The Finance Committee agreed that the following two accounts be paid

Diak Plumber 2/4.

Stacy and Sons 6/- (Handbills W/Paper)

The following accounts to be held over.

Rates £10.10.7

SHQ Registration Fees for 1939 £ 2.18.9

Amount of £2.10/- something Sut Warden also to be held over.

\*Lets.

The Hon. Treasurer agreed to request settlement of outstanding rentals from:-

80th amounting to 29/6d and

23rd amounting to 7/6 d.

The following Lets were approved:

Cub Council, 8th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 23rd December.

Date of Next Meeting

This was fixed for Tuesday, 19th December 1939.

Colin Finnie, Chairman

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary

**At Greenock and within this Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock on Tuesday, 19th December, 1939**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Colin Finnie, ADC; Arthur Lyle, ADC; Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; A. Munn, Badge Secretary; Eoin Steel, Camp Skipper; E. Ruffell; B. Reilly.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Lachlan Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Dr. K. Robertson

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, Mr HW Butter, District Commissioner, expressed the regret of the Association at the passing of one of our Vice Presidents Dr. K. Robertson. Dr. Robertson had been a Vice President for many years and showed a very great interest in the welfare of the Movement for yourself. He expressed the sympathy of the Association to Dr. Robertson's wife and family. It was agreed that an excerpt of this minute be forwarded to his wife.

Election of Chairman.

Mr Butter drew the attention of the Executive to the fact that it was unlikely that Mr. J. Swan would be able to take the Chair in the absence of Mr Philp, and suggested that a Chairman be elected to conduct this and future Executive Meetings. Mr Colin Finnie was proposed by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mr Lyle, and was duly elected.

Thanks Badge.

On the Rev. Alex. Philp taking up military service, the Association presented him with a Gold Thanks Badge. The cost of this badge was 22/3. Scout Council having subscribed 16/- and the Cub Council 7/-, it was intimated that subscriptions would still be welcome.

Treasurers Report.

Mr McNeill reported Cash in hand of £. 7. 9. 7

Pipe Band Fund £109. 6. 4

Pipe Band Maintenance Fund 10. 8

Waste paper 7. 7. 3

£125. 3.10

The following were to be paid (Waste Paper):

3rd Party Premium £1. 5. -

Fire Prem. £5. 5. -

Cord, Thos Black & Son 10. 6

Gratuity (Mr. McCrindle) 1. -. -

McRae, 2 Goose, £4.10.-, Pipe Band Fund.

W ???? £3.9.6. for work carried out at Everton.

Treasurer Expenses, 2/10, October to December.

It was suggested by the Finance Committee that the following be held over until cash was available.

Rates £10. 10. 7.

Registration Fee £ 2. 18. 9.

Warrants.

It was agreed that should Mr Kirkwood fail to submit accounts for audit by the next meeting, the matter be placed in the hands of the County Council.

Everton Troop.

It was reported by Mr Lyle that a training class for Scouters was to be inaugurated.

There was also a feeling that the Annual Supper and Dance might take place this year. It was ?????? out by the Chairman that this could only be considered by an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.

Date of next meeting.

This was fixed for Tuesday, 30th January 1940.

H. Waller Butter, Chairman.

L. McKinnon, Honorary Secretary.

**At Greenock and within this Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock on Tuesday, 30th January, 1940**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Arthur Lyle, ADC, Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; Mr. A. Munn, Badge Secretary; E Reffell; B.Reilly; J. Hume.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Lachlan Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Previous minute.

This was read and affirmed.

Chairman.

District Commissioner HW Butter was in the Chair.

Treasurers report

Mr McNeill reported:-

Cash in hand £ 4. 2. 2

Pipe Band fund 104. 16. 4

Pipe Band Maintenance 10. 8

Waste Paper Fund 36. 2. 10

£145. 12. -

For Payment:-

W. Steel (transport for waste paper) £ 0. 7. 0

Fire Insurance Premium (Waste Paper Depot) 4. 18. -

Hand Bills Waste Paper 1. 17. -

Diak Plumber (4 burst pipes) 2. 12. 10½

Maxwell Robertson poster? W/P - . 5. -

Davidson Painter W/P -. 15. -

Friel (transport) W/P 1. 7. -

Telephone and postage W/P 1. 5. 4

Rates 10. 10. 7

Registration Fees SHQ 2. 18. 9

It was agreed that a sum equivalent to the outstanding debts should be borrowed from the Pipe Band Account. This amount would be refunded from the payment from the Margaret St. Trust which had been delayed by the illness of the Clerk to the Trust.

Badge Report.

This was adopted as satisfactory by the Executive.

Cub Council.

This was adopted as satisfactory by the Executive.

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It was intimated that there were vacancies for training.

Camp Skipper.

Owing to Eoin Steel being now in active service, it was agreed to leave the appointment of his Depute until nearer the opening of the camping season.

Dance.

The Committee asked for a greater effort from the Association.

Red Cross Fund

It was agreed that the Fund be allocated at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

This was fixed for February 27th, 1940.

Lets approved.

2/2/40 Cub Council.

9,16,23 February, 23rd Renfrewshire.

8/2/40, 45th Renf. Cub Pack, 3, 10, 17, February,

7, 15, 22 and 29 February, 80th Renfrewshire.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

L. MacKinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within this Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock, 27th February, 1940**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, C. Finnie, ADC; H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; J. Hume; B.Reilly; A. Munro; E Reffell; and A. Ian MacNeill, Hon. Treasurer attending.

Previous Minute.

This was read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*The Treasurer reported Cash in Hand £12.0.2d, Pipe Band Fund £104.16.4, Pipe Band Maintenance £3.3.8, Waste Paper £31.18.4. Red Cross £20. Total £171.18.6.

\*Accounts for Payment.

RGB Dia?? £2.12.10 (Robertson St.)

Waste Paper, T. Black and Sons 10/6.

Electricity Dept 16/3

\*Lets outstanding and due

23rd 12/-

45th 1/6

80th 29/-

Everton.

It was agreed that Everton camping ground be opened on Saturday 6th April: regulations being subject to the consent of the District Commissioner.

Camp Skipper.

On the recommendation of the District Commissioner, seconded by A. Munn, it was agreed that E. Reffell be appointed Deputy Camp Skipper (in the absence of E. Steel) till next Annual Meeting.

Badges.

Badge Secretary reported that orders were quite satisfactory.

Waste Paper.

After discussion on the motion of Colin Finnie, seconded by HW Butter, it was decided to allocate:-

£20 pounds to Red Cross Fund.

£10 to Association Funds ??????

with £20 pounds subscribed by Wolf Cubs: A total of £40.

Allocation:-

Gourock Red Cross Waste Paper collection £4.

Inverkip Red Cross Waste Paper collection £5.

Greenock Red Cross Waste Paper collection £11

Greenock Red Cross Wolf Cubs £20.

£40.

Future Red Cross Allocation.

It was agreed that Everton Group be asked to make suggestions for the future allocation of further funds which may be available for distribution in relation to Association Fund and the Red Cross Fund.

Audited Accounts.

Colin Finnie reported that statement of accounts had been submitted by 45th and 52nd Groups, and these had been in order.

Registration Fees.

Agreed that if no response received in reply to Hon. Secretary’s request that outstanding fees of 1st, 3rd and 33rd, Groups be notified to their Controlling Authorities.

Lets

Application from

80th Renfrewshire Cub Pack, 2/3/40, 28/2/40, 6,13,20 & 27th March.

Cub Council 8th March.

Next meeting.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1940.

Colin Finnie, Chairman

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock; 26th March, 1940**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, C. Finnie, ADC; H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Miss Jean Tulloch, DCM; E. Reffell, Depute Camp Skipper; A. Munn, Badge Secretary; B. Reilly; and J. Hume.

Attending

A. Ian MacNeil, Hon. Treasurer; and L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secy.

Previous Minute.

This was read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Cash in hand £20.16.11. Pipe Band Fund £103.10.10. Pipe Band Maintenance Fund £3.10.0. Waste Paper £11.0.11. Red Cross Fund 5/4.

A total of £139.4.0.

\*Accounts for Payment:-

Wooden Shovels (WP) 10/6

Telephone charges (WP) 11/10

Everton £1.11.6.

Easel (Pipe Band) £1.12.0

Electric Repair (WP) 4/4.

Electricity and Gas (Headquarters) £2.9.5.

Diak Plumber (Headquarters) £1.19.4.

Dance.

It was reported that there was a surplus of 5/4d and it was agreed that this amount be paid into the Red Cross Fund.

“Wrens”.

It was agreed to let the whole to these people for Thursday first at a charge of 15/- plus 5/- for the use of the piano.

73rd Renfrewshire.

The Treasurer reported Lets outstanding and the Secretary was asked to write to A. Bridgeford in this connection.

Waste Paper.

It was agreed that finding allocations of funds which might be available should be 1/3rd to Red Cross fund and 2/3rds to Associations funds.

Scout Council.

It was reported that a successful Wapinschew had been held and 50 Scouts had attended. The training scheme for Scouters was successful.

Cub Council.

This report was adopted.

Everton.

\*J Hume, A Bridgeford, and J. Munn appointed Wardens and responsible for Providore and to report at next meeting of the Executive.

\*Mr HW Butter reported that it was probable that permission might not be granted for the use of Everton this season owing to the war, and he agreed to report on this point at the next meeting of the eExecutive.

\*Meantime, it was agreed that the Camp Skipper be authorised to purchase a minimum quantity of sand and cement ?????? with a lock for the Providore door, a pick?, a shovel, 2 hand brushes, a hammer and nails, and one gallon of paraffin for the general maintenance of property at Everton.

Books for Navy.

The Hall, it was intimated, would be open each Wednesday evening, when books collected could be handed in.

32nd Renfrewshire Group

The offer of the 32nd Renfrewshire Group Concert Party to give their services towards raising funds for the Association was much appreciated and the organisation of the Concert was left in the hands of the Everton Troop.

Lets.

The following Lets were approved.

80th Renfrewshire, 3, 10, 17 and 24 April and 30 March.

86th Renfrewshire, 25 March, 1, 15, 22 and 29 April.

45 Renfrewshire, 28 March, 4, 11, 18 and 26 April.

Next Meeting.

Tuesday, 30th April, 1940.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. Greenock, 28th May, 1940**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, C. Finnie, ADC; H. Waller Butter, D.C.; E. Reffell, Depute Camp Skipper; J. Swan ADC; B. Reilly; & J. Hume.

Attending Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Previous Minute.

This was read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Cash in hand £23.3.2; Pipe Band Fund £101.18.10; Pipe Band Maintenance £3.18.2; Waste Paper Fund £45.7.5. Red Cross Fund 5/4. Total £174.12.11.

\*Due for payment:-

Allan (Chemist) 8/-

Everton First Aid Class £1.5.0.

Tools (Everton)

Lamont (Printers) £1.12.0.

Gas £1.6.6.

Electricity 15/-

Friel £2.9.6 (WP)

Superior?? £4.1.9.

Wapenschew deficit 7/9.

WP furlough? 6/-

Concert by 32nd Renfrewshire are in aid of Association Funds.

The Treasurer reported with pleasure that the Concert had raised £7.13.11, and the Executive expressed their appreciation of the Party's efforts: this the Treasurer agreed to convey to the 32nd Renfreshire.

Everton Providore.

It was agreed that the Camp Skipper be responsible for Providore Accounts.

Waste Paper.

Mr. Lyle proposed that a full time man be employed at the waste paper depot at the discretion of the Committee at a wage of £2 per week plus insurance. This motion was seconded by E. Reffell.

Headquarter First Aid.

It was agreed to restock the first aid box at HQ at a cost not exceeding 8 shillings: the box was to be sealed.

Lets.

Application by 80th for use of HQ in the event of bad weather during their meeting was turned down.

Everton.

The camp was opened on 18th May. ARP tests satisfactory.

Badge Secretary.

Miss McEachern was appointed Badge Secretary to succeed A. Munn who had taken up military service.

Church of Scotland.

An invitation was received to attend a meeting of representatives from juvenile organisations. The Chairman, Secretary and James Swan ADC were asked to attend on behalf attend on behalf of the Association.

County Flag.

Second stage, 15th June. Everton to be closed until 8 PM.

Emergency Relief of Distress in the Event of Air Raids.

The Greenock Corporation pointed out that it might be necessary to use the HQ for relief of distress, and asked for the names of six voluntary workers residing near the hall. Mr Swan ADC agreed to furnish 6 names.

Juvenile Organisation Meeting, 12th June 1940.

A committee of 3 was appointed to arrange the contribution ?? made by the Association at this meeting. They were J. Swan ADC, E. Reffell and J. Hume.

Date of next meeting.

18th June 1940.

James Swan, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon. Hon. Secretary.

**Minute of Meeting at Greenock and within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. on 18th June, 1940**

Sederunt

H. Waller Butter, D.C.; J.J. Swan ADC; Miss Jean Tulloch, District Cub Master; E.G. Richardson; J. Hume.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer

Minute of Previous Meeting

This was read and approved.

Treasures Report

\*In hand, £14.10.4d; Pipe Band Fund £101.18.10d; Pipe Band Maintenance Fund £3.18.2d; Waste Paper £ 58.10.5d; Red Cross 5/4d.

\*Accounts for payment.

J Hume 2/5d.

Waste paper 4/3d.

H.Q. First Aid.

Commissioner J. Swan reported that to adequately stock the box, the sum of 27/- would require to be spent and this was approved.

Relief in the event of Air Raid Damage.

Mr. Swan reported that he had obtained the names of six volunteers to be in attendance at H.Q., and that's a small quantity of tea, and tinned soups would be kept there.

Waste Paper.

The District Commissioner reported that the man had been paid off. It was agreed that the collection should be reviewed at the next meeting.

Cub Council.

Mr. Swan reported that two week-ends had been spent gathering moss for the Red Cross.

Everton.

Commissioner Butter reported that the camp would be open at Greenock Fair. An application to camp at Everton was received from 83rd Renfrewshire, Johnston District, and this was approved.

Scrap Metal Collection.

Volunteers were asked for by the ARP authorities, and the proposal by the District Commissioner that Scouts should be sent was approved.

Parashot Messengers.

A request for two to four boys per night with bicycles had been received by the Commissioner, and, on the approval of the Executive, he agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

Date of Next Meeting.

27th August 1940.

James Swan, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Presentation to Commissioner H.W. Butter.

After the meeting, a number of Scouters …………….

**Minute of Meeting at Greenock and within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1940**

Sederunt

J.J. Swan ADC, Chairman; H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Colin Finnie; J. Hume; E. Reffell; Miss ~~McEachran~~; J. McCrindle and B. Reilly.

Attending

The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

Minute of previous meeting dated was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported that there was Cash in hand £12.10.2d. Pipe Band Fund £101.18.10d. Pipe Band Maintenance Fund £3.18.2d. Waste Paper Fund £86.17.1. and Red Cross Fund 5/4d.

\*Accounts.

J. Clark 5/-

Findlay and Co. 9/-

Insurance £1.1.6d.

Diak plumber, 15/10d.

These accounts being in respect of H.Q. Robertson St.

Allin, Chemist, £1.7.1d. for First Aid Box.

Waste Paper Fund, Steel £5.1.1d.

Wardens Expenses. 17/-.

Scottish HQ Sub. £5.7.6d.

Scottish HQ Ambulance Fund £2.2/-

Scottish HQ.

C. Finnie proposed leaving H.Q. Sub until next meeting, this was seconded by E. Reffel.

British Sailor’s Society:

A request for the use of H.Q. on alternate Friday afternoons had been received and C. Finnie moved that they be granted the use of the Hall, subject to review. This motion was seconded by E. Reffel.

Badges.

The Executive approved the purchase of necessary equipment for the administration and distribution of Badges.

Everton.

The camp was closed on 13th July, and, during the nine-weeks season, 510 Scouts had used the camp.

Waste Paper.

On the Commissioner's suggestion, it was agreed that the man should be employed for a further month and the matter to be reviewed at next meeting.

Lets

E. Reffel applied for use of H.Q. for 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th September.

4th Renfrewshire for 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th September.

Date of Next Meeting.

This was fixed for 24th September, 1940.

H. Waller Butter, Chairman.

L. MacKinnon, Secretary.

**Minute of Meeting, at Greenock and within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson St. on 24th September, 1940**

Sederunt:

Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Miss McEachran; J. Hume; E. Reffell; E.G. Richardson.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Minute of Previous Meeting

This was read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*In hand £5.14.1d. Pipe Band Fund £101.18.10d. Pipe Band Maintenance £3.18.2d. Waste Paper £87.16.1d. Red Cross Fund 5/4d.

\*Accounts.

Treasurer’s Expenses 2/2.

Secretary’s Expenses. 7/9d.

Waste paper 12/9.

Pipe Band.

Mr Richardson reported that, owing to exigency of war, he had now only three pipers and suggested that younger members of the movement be asked to join the training classes. This was approved.

Waste Paper.

It was agreed that the man should still be employed and that matter be reviewed at next meeting.

Lets.

8th Renfrewshire. 2, 9, 16, 30th October.

57th Renfrewshire. 7, 14, 21, 28, October.

S.H.Q. Fund.

It was agreed that a payment of £2. 10/- be made.

Annual General Meeting.

This was fixed for 29th October, 1940 at 8 p.m.

Finance Committee.

It was agreed that the committee meet on 29th October, at 7 p.m.

Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the committee meet on 29th October at 7.30 p.m.

H. Waller Butter, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 29 Robertson St. on 29th October, 1940**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Colin Finnie; E.G. Richardson; E. Reffell; Miss Jean Tulloch District Cub Master; and Messrs. Morrison and Graham.

Attending

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*Cash in hand £5.8.5d. Pipe Band Fund £105.5.4d. Pipe Band Maintenance Fund £3.18.2d. Waste Paper £80.19.4d. Red Cross Fund £3.13.7d. Total £199.4.10d.

\*Accounts to be paid

Gas 8/-

Electricity 14/7d.

To be carried forward, Rates £10.10.7d.

Finance Committee.

The Committee was re-elected.

Everton Fees.

It was agreed that these should be collected, but were returnable should Everton be taken over by any of the services.

Pipe Band.

Mr Richardson was authorised to make incidental purchases necessary for the training of the Band up to £1, without first consulting the Executive.

It was agreed that Mr. Richardson's pipes should be overhauled at the expense of the Association.

Waste Paper.

After discussion, it was agreed that the collection of Waste Paper should be discontinued and the scheme wound up. The matter to be further reported on at next meeting.

Date of next meeting

26th November, 1940.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 26th November, 1940 at 8 pm.**

Sederunt

Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; ADC Colin Finnie, Chairman; E. Reffel;. R. Morrison; D. Graham; J. McCrindle; ADC A. Lyle.

In Attendance

Hon. Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

The Treasurer reported that hand on hand Association account £6.12.3½ , Pipe Band account £105.5.4. Pipe Band Maintenance £3.18.2. Waste paper £75.0.6. Red Cross £3.13.7. A total of £194-9-10½.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

M&N Peaston 1/6 and Waste Paper items.

Hon. Warden’s Expenses 5/-.

Telephone & Postage 8/3½

It was agreed to carry forward accounts for Burgh Rates and Water Rates to next meeting.

Pipe Band.

Owing to Pipe Major Richardson being out of town, it was intimated that meeting of the Band will be suspended for a period of 6 months.

Waste Paper

Mr. McCrindle reported that depot had now been cleared, and keys handed in to Master of Works Office.

Swimming Instruction.

A letter from Mr McKirdy of Port Glasgow Amateur Swimming Club offering tuition free of charge on Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. Admission Juniors 2d and seniors 3d. It was agreed to thank the P.G.A.S.C. for their kind offer, and intimate the facts through the medium of Scout Notes.

Signalling Station.

The DC reported that on the request of Mr. Crichton of Scottish Headquarters., he was asked to provide 6 scouts from this District with a knowledge of Morse and Semaphore, for service in a Signalling Station on Firth of Clyde. He had been successful in getting members of the local Sea Scouts who will serve one month, and it was left to Mr. Butter to arrange further contingents. The Boys are allowed 8/- t0 12/- per week, in addition to Food and keep.

Home Guard.

A request was read asking the loan of 20 pairs Semaphore Flags. An endeavour is to be made to get these from the various Troops.

Robertson St.

Mr. McCrindle reported leaks in Roof and Rhone, and it was agreed to get Plumber and Slater to give this their attention (Diack and Holmes respectively).

Lets.

The following Lets were agreed to:-

80th Cub Pack. 7th 14th and 28th December. Afternoons.

80th Troop. 4th 11th 18th and 25th December. Evenings.

57th Troop 7th 14th and 28th December. Evenings.

45th Renfrewshire 29th November. 7 to 11 pm. Whist Drive.

45th Renfrewshire 1st 8th 15th 22nd and 29th December. (Sundays) 7 to 9 pm.

Cup Council 8th December. 2 to 6pm. (Christmas Toys) (Sunday)

21st December. 2 to 10pm. (Christmas Toys) (Saturday)

22nd December. 2 to 6pm. Sunday. A.R.P. rehearsal.

Next Meeting

Arranged for Tuesday, 7th January 1941.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 29 Robertson St., on 29th October, 1940**

**Being a meeting the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in chair; Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Miss Jean Tulloch District Cub Messrs. J. McCrindle; J. Hume; E. Reffell; B. Reilly, A. Lyle; W. Dally; J. Thomson; M. Coupland; R. Morrison; S. Thompson; A. Skinner; E.J. Richardson and D. Graham.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

This was read and approved.

Commissioners Report.

Mr Butter reported that progress was being maintained despite the difficulties experienced by all Scouters at this time, and, in general, reviewed the year’s work as satisfactory. Although no census had been taken, it was estimated that there was 1133 in all ranks. He also referred to Mr Swan's high standard of work with the Cubs, and that training courses had been carried on. And among other activities referred to the Wood Badge Course, the Annual Christmas Toy Distribution, Comforts Fund for men in the services. The County Flag Competition, which 1st Gourock Group won. 50 Tons of waste paper had been collected and he felt that the work of Mrs McCrindle deserved special mention at this time

Treasurer’s Report.

The treasurer reported that the difficulties were unprecedented, but despite this fact, the year was one from which a certain amount of satisfaction could be claimed. He pointed out that next year we would require to find some other form of revenue, since the waste paper fund was drawing to a close. A printed copy of the report is attached.

Adoption of Reports.

This was proposed by Mr. Lyle and seconded by Miss Tulloch.

Election of Office Bearers.

Mr Finnie was asked to continue in the chair.

The following Office Bearers were elected.

President: Mr. Ryrie Orr.

Vice Presidents. Right Honourable Viscount Kelburn R.N..

Lord Hugh Beresford.

Lord Inverclyde.

Lieutenant Colonel W.G. Shaw Stewart.

Colonel D. Paterson.

Provost Davey.

Chief Constable James Christie.

Hon. Secretary. L. Mackinnon.

Hon. Treasurer. A.I. MacNeill.

Badge Secretary. Miss McEacheran.

Camp Skipper. E. Reffell.

District Cub Master. Miss Tulloch.

District Scout Master. Mr Arthur.

District Rover Leader. Mr. Allan.

Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Swan, and, in his absence, he was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. C. Finnie vice-chairman.

Co-opted Members.

Colonel J. Reid Kerr, Greenock School Management.

John Kerr, Greenock Boys Brigade.

One member of Toc.H.

One member of the Girl Guides.

Lay Members.

Mr. J McCrindle, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Richardson.

Hon. Legal Advisor. Colonel D. Patterson.

Hon. Auditors. Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Association Representatives to C.S.Q.

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Association representatives to S.H.Q.

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer with Mr. William Dally.

Executive Committee.

This would comprise all Lay Members with Messrs. D. Graham, B. Reilly and R. Morrison together with Office-bearers ex. offico.

Annual Social.

It was agreed that there be no social in the coming year.

Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Butter moved a vote of thanks to the chairman Mr Finnie, and in replying, Mr Finnie stated that Mr. Butter might soon be joining one of the services.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 29 Robertson St., on 7th January, 1941**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; ADC Colin Finnie in Chair; Miss Jean Tulloch District Cub Master; and Messrs. R. Morrison, D. Graham and J. McCrindle.

Attending

Hon. Secretary.

Treasures Teport.

\*Cash in hand and in Bank £12.4.9; Pipe Band Account £105.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £3.18.2; Waste Paper Account £95.16.9; Red Cross Account £3.13.7. Total £220.18.7.

\*Accounts for payment.

Rates £10.10.7.

Steel, Builder £4.3.3 (Waste Paper)

Gas and Electricity £1.17.1.

Margaret St. Trust.

Mr Butter suggested that the Association apply for a grant from the Trust to meet accounts. The Treasurer being authorised to pay accounts when this was received.

Everton.

Count Skipper authorised to arrange for adequate protection to skylight of premises there.

Date of Next Meeting.

This was fixed for 28th January 1941.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

L. MacKinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 29 Robertson St., on 28th January, 1941**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; ADC Colin Finnie in Chair; Miss Jean Tulloch, District Cub Master; E. Reffel; J. McCrindle.

Attending

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Passing of Chief Scout.

The Chairman Mr. C. Finnie made suitable reference to the passing of the Chief Scout Lord Baden Powell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Cash in hand £1.7/-; Pipe Band Account £105.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £3.18.2; Waste Paper Account £91.12. 9; Red Cross Fund £3.13.7. A total of £205.16.10.

\*Accounts for payment.

Greenock Telegraph 11/3 for advertising Annual General Meeting.

Waste paper Allocation.

It was agreed to remit to Red Cross £30 pounds and to allocate £61.12.9 to Association funds.

Lets.

80th. 5, 12, 19, 26 February.

1, 8, 15, 22 February.

C. Finnie Tuesday 13th February.

Passing of Rev. Beveridge.

The Chairman noted the passing of Mr. Beveridge and it was suggested that the Association should send letter of condolence to his widow and to Port Glasgow Association.

Date of next meeting.

25th February 1941.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, 29 Robertson St., on 25th February, 1941**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in Chair;, Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; Messrs R. Morrison, J. McCrindle, D. Graham and B. Reilly.

Attending

Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*In hand, £66.2.5d; Pipe Band Fund £105.5.4d; Pipe Band Maintenance Fund £3.18.2d; Red Cross 13/4d.

\*Accounts.

Greenock Telegraph 12/6d.

Hon. Warden 2/-.

Warrants.

Wilson Hill, S.M. 70th.

Audits.

Mr Finnie reported having audited accounts of 89th and 45th.

Date of Next Meeting.

25th March.

A.I. Lyle, Chairman

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, at Robertson St., on the 25th March, 1941**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Dist. Comm. H. Waller Butter, D.C.; A. Lyle in the chair; ADC Colin Finnie; Messrs. R. Morrison, J. McCrindle, E. Reffel.

Attending

Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer.

Minute of Previous Meeting

This was read and approved.

Treasurers Report.

\*In hand £93.15.1d; Pipe Band Account £105.5.4d; Pipe Band Maintenance £3.18.2d; Red Cross 13/7d; Margaret Street Trust £30; Lets - 80th 10/6d.

\*Accounts.

Insurance, Everton £1.11.6d.

Diak £1.6.1d.

Warden 10/7d.

Gas and Electricity £2.2.5d.

Hon. Secretary 2/9d.

Sea Scouts 1/6d.

Treasurer 5/4½

Robertson St Headquarters.

Fire Insurance to be increased to £300 on Building, and to £85 Contents. Everton Fire Insurance to stand at £150.

Warrants.

W. Hill, warrant for cancellation.

Group Registration.

53rd Renfrewshire, 14th Greenock, H.Q. Ladyburn School.

Lets

80th, 2-9-16-23 April.

45th, 9-16-23, 8-10-5-12-19 April.

57th 28th April

Cup Council 26th April.

Date of Next Meeting.

29th April, 1941.

Other Business.

\*Everton. Corrugated iron shutters fitted. Camp to be opened once a month with a minimum of four warranted officers. Tents to be camouflaged.

\*Commissioner on service with Royal Navy.

Mr Butter intimated that in his absence, Mr J.J. Swan would be interim District cCommissioner.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

L. Mackinnon, Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 29th April, 1941 at 8 o’clock pm.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan, Acting DC & Chairman; ADC Colin Finnie; E. Reffel; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle; D. Graham; Miss J. Tulloch.

Attending

A. Ian Macneill, Hon Treasurer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th March 1941 were read, approved and adopted. Moved by R. Morrison and seconded by J McCrindle.

Honorary Secretary.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary Mr L. McKinnon, intimating his resignation, and, on the motion of the Chairman, this was accepted. It was agreed to place on record an appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. McKinnon. The Hon. Treasurer, it was agreed, would carry on in an interim capacity until such time as a new Hon. Secretary be appointed.

Finance.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported that had in Association Account £88.7.6; Pipe Band Account £105.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance £3 .18.2; Red Cross 13/7. A total of £198- 4-7.

\*Accounts passed for payment.

Orr, Pollock ??? £1-0-3,

Smith McCuaig £1-0-0.

Fire buckets 6/-.

Keys for Hon. Warden 1/8.

Lets.

45th Group. 5th 8th 12th 15th 19th 22nd 26th 29th May.

80th Group 30th April, 7th 14th 22nd and 29th May.

Cup Council 2nd May.

Scouters 13th May.

Everton Camping Conditions.

A Circular Letter drafted by the ADC for Camping, regarding conditions and regulations for camping at Everton was submitted to Executive. It was decided to put this letter before meeting of Scouters on 13th May, and to pass it on to other Scouters who may not be present.

Everton A.R.P.

The Chairman intimated that certain tools were necessary for digging of trenches as Shelters, and it was moved by R. Morrison, seconded by D. Graham, that the Camp Skipper be authorised to expend up to the sum of five pounds (£5) on those tools which were essential.

Warrants.

Application was received from Miss E. Brown for position of Cub Master of 80th Renfrewshire, which was approved. Also, Miss Catherine Cairns as Assistant Cub Master of 11th Renfrewshire approved. David Thompson as Group Scout Master of 11th Renfrewshire and Stuart Donnelly as assistant Scoutmaster 11th Renfrewshire both approved.

New Group.

An application was received for the formation of a new Group in connection with Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. This was passed on to acting DC for attention.

Cub Council.

J.J. Swan reported that the Cub Council had planned to carry through their various activities including Comforts Fund, Football Trophy, Challenge Flag, Art Trophy, and Annual Picnic. It was also decided to hold Service Camps at which moss would be gathered on 7th and 14th June.

William Millar Scholarship.

In addition to usual advertisement in Greenock Telegraph, it was decided to draw attention of Scouts through medium of Scout Notes. Entries to be sent to Mr N. St C. Mackay.

Next Meeting.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 27th May 1941

James J Swan, Chairman.

A. Ian Macneill, Interim Hon. Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tueaday 27th May, 1941 at 8 pm.**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan, Acting DC, in the chair; ADC Colin Finnie; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle; A. Lyle; D. Graham; Miss J. Tulloch and Miss E. McEachern.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Hon Treasurer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Finance.

\*The Hon. treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £86.18.10½; Pipe Band Account £105.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £3.18.2; Red Cross 13/4; a total of £196.15.11½.

\*Accounts passed for payment,

J. McGilvray £4.9.5.

D. McRae and Son £1.

Corporation of Greenock £1.

Ardgowan Estates Ltd. £ 4.1.9.

Scout Council.

The acting DC reported on the revival of the Everton Group, the object being to train young Scouters to take the place of those on active service.

Cub Council.

J.J. Swan referred to the large number of Cubs who had been evacuated. The Challenge Flag Competition had been postponed for this season. It was proposed to hold camps on 14th- 15th and 21st- 22nd June to gather moss.

Lets.

Everton Group – 3rd, 10th, 17th, June.

80th - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June.

45th - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June

Cup Council - 13th June.

Everton A.R.P.

The Chairman intimated that the shelter at Everton was now nearing completion, and an invitation to visit was given. Everton would be open for camping from Saturday 14th June.

Insurance.

It was decided to insert a notice in the “Telegraph” on Friday 30th May calling the attention of Scouters to insurance under the “War Damage Act, 1941”.

*Any Other Business*

\*A letter of resignation was received from Mr Richardson as Pipe-Major. It was agreed to place on record an appreciation of his services.

\*A letter had also been received from Mr. Muir asking permission for his troop (85th) to camp at Everton.

The next meeting was called for Tuesday 24th June 1941.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

D.M. Preston? Minute Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 24th June, 1941 at 8 pm.**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan, Acting DC in the chair; ADC Colin Finnie; J. McCrindle; A. Lyle; and Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Hon Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting dated 27th May were read and approved.

Finance.

\*The Hon. treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £45.13.3½ ; Pipe Band Account £104.5.6; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £3.18.2; Red Cross Account 13/4. - a total of £184.10.4½.

\*The Hon. Secretary’s expenses were 1/8d.

Badge Secretary.

Mr William Dally was appointed Badge Secretary.

Cub Council.

The Cub Council report was read and approved.

Everton.

Everton opened for camping on 21st June. The Chairman thanked Mr Dally for the work he had done in the building of the Shelter. The following applications for weekly camps were made.

29th June- 6 July 10th Renfrewshire

5th- 13th July 44th and 45th Renfrewshire

Mr Dally proposed and Mr Finnie seconded that the number of warranted officers to be in attendance be reduced to three. It was finally decided that, for weekend camps, there should be a minimum of three warranted officers, and for camps of longer duration, one officer for every ten boys.

Warrants.

Application by Ian N. MacKenzie's as A.S.M. of 1st Renfrewshire Group.

Honorary Warden.

It was agreed to ask the Warden to accept an honorarium of £5.

Next Meeting.

Date of next meeting was fixed for 26th August, 1941.

James J Swan, Chairman.

Ena McEachern, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, Robertson St., on Tuesday, 26th August, 1941 at 8 pm.**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan, Acting DC in the Chair; A. Lyle ADC; R. Morrrison; D. Graham; J. McCrindle; and Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting dated 24th June were read and approved.

Finance

\*The Treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £66.11.10; Pipe Band Account £104.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Red Cross 13/ 7 - a total of £145:19: 11.

\*An account for 8/3 from Messrs. Thos. Rae and Son was passed for payment.

\*The Treasurer suggested that in order to maintain our 3% interest, £2 be withdrawn from the Pipe Band Account. This was approved.

Lets.

3rd, 10th, 17th, 14th, 24th September - 4th Renfrewshire.

Everton.

The ADC reported that there had been exceptionally good attendances throughout the season, and referred to the session’s lack of a Camp Skipper.

Scout Council.

Mr Lyle reported that both the number of Scouters in training and the standard of work were on the upward trend.

Warrants.

\*Warrants for cancellation.

Mrs Mary Walden

Miss Amelie Robertson.

Miss Francis Long.

Miss Margaret Gardner.

\*Warrant for application:-

Geoffrey Alan Vincent – S.M. 53rd Renfrewshire.

Other Business.

\*On behalf of the Madeira Depot ARP Social Club, Mr. McCrindle asked for the use of twelve card tables on Friday, 29th August. This was granted.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 29th September, and the Annual General Meeting for Monday, 27th October, 1941.

James J Swan, Chairman

GM Preston, (Acting) Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 29th September, 1941 at 8 pm.**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

James J. Swan, Acting DC in the Chair; A. Lyle ADC; C. Finnie ADC; R. Morrrison; J. McCrindle; and Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting were read and approved.

Finance.

\*Treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £68.1.7; Pipe Band Account £104.5.4; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Red Cross 13/ 7. - A total of £177. 9. 8.

\*Mr. Swan moved, and Mr MacNeill seconded, that £50 be transferred from Association Account to a reserve account.

\*It was agreed that the fixtures and fittings at Robertson Street and Everton be depreciated by 5%.

\*The Treasurer’s Expenses from June to September were 2/2.

Lets.

1st, 8th, 11th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October 80th Renfrewshire

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October 45th Renfrewshire

3rd, 17th, 31st, and 18-19th and 25-26th October Cub Council.

Cubs.

It was proposed to hold two week-ends for Sixers at Headquarters in the form of the Scouts Wapinschaws. The Football Competition would begin shortly.

Scouts.

PLs and Scouts would be asked to attend the Scouts Training Class, which had by now served its purpose.

Everton.

A successful camping season was brought to a finish at the Autumn week-end, when a record number of Scouts attended. Mention was made of the fine spirit which prevailed throughout the season.

Warrant.

Application Warrant by Robert Bridge as ASM of 6th Renfrewshire was approved, and passed to the DC for action.

The Secretary was asked to minute the congratulations of the Association to SM Jack Hume, now serving with the Merchant Navy, who had been “recommended for bravery”.

The next meeting was fixed to precede the Annual General Meeting on 27th October 1941.

Colin Finnie, Chairman

D.M. Preston, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 27th October, 1941 at 8 pm.**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Mr. Ryrie Orr; Acting DC James J. Swan; Miss Jean Tulloch; J. Thomson; D. Preston; N. Moggy; J. McCrindle; R. Morrison; E. Salmon; D. Thomson; W. Dally; E. Reffell; I. MacKenzie; J. Hume; J. Wilson: H. Chalmers; A. Wright; J. Hair; J. Cairns; S. Donnelly; W. Hill; GA Vincent; F. Olley.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minute of last meeting was read and approved.

On opening the meeting, Mr Finnie referred to the absence of the District Commissioner.

Commissioners Report.

\*Mr. Swan, in submitting his report, referred to the many difficulties occasioned by war conditions and remarked on the decrease in numbers reflected in the recent census. It was his opinion, however, that these numbers were once again on the increase.

\*Cubs.

Despite black-out difficulties, Packs were being kept together, and certainly the standard of work had been maintained.

\*Scouts.

The loss of some 70 Scouters and Senior Scouts called up for Active Service had greatly increased the difficulties of carrying on Troops during the year. In spite of this, however, the Training Classes for Scouters and PLs had shown that every effort was being made to maintain the standard of efficiency. It was gratifying to note that the two new Troops registered during the year were making excellent progress.

\* Rovers.

In view of the fact that almost all Rovers were now serving in H.M. Forces, it was to be expected that the activities of this Branch should be temporarily suspended. It was now proposed, however, to get central headquarters for a District Rover Crew with the object of contacting Rovers and Scouters in the services who might be stationed temporarily in this District. The initial steps in this direction had already been taken.

\*Everton.

Camping commenced after a Shelter had been erected, and a high standard was maintained throughout the season. 3 Troops spent their Summer Holiday Camp at Everton.

\*Service.

Cubs, Scouts and Scouters alike had performed yeoman service collecting waste paper, acting as ARP Messengers and casualties at exercises, and in the erection of Morrison Shelters. It was now proposed to utilise Scouts for the creation of Communal Cookers.

\*Training.

Courses of training had been carried out for Cub Masters, Scout Masters and Cubs during the year. There was no question of any slackening in the enthusiasm of Scouts or Scouters, and Mr Swan was of the opinion that the true Scout Spirit would enable him to surmount any new problems which they had to face in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer submitted his report, stating that new forms of revenue would have to be found. Printed copies of the report were distributed.

Adoption of Reports.

Mr Ryrie Orr said he had very much pleasure in moving adoption of the reports.

He referred to the great loss sustained by the Movement in the death of Lord Baden-Powell at the beginning of the year. Although the Chief Scout was dead, his hopes and ideals would be carried on by the boys who had been fired with his own enthusiasm.

Mr. David Thompson seconded the adoption of reports.

Election of Office Bearers.

President Mr. Ryrie Orr.

Vice Presidents Rt. Hon. Viscount Kelburn R.N.

Lord Inverclyde.

Lieutenant Colonel WG Shaw Stewart.

Colonel D Patterson.

Chief Constable James Christie.

Provost Lennon.

Chairman Mr. Colin Finnie.

Hon. Secretary Miss Ena MacEachern.

Hon. Minute Secretary Miss Dorothy M. Preston.

Honorary Treasurer Mr. A. Ian McNeil.

Honorary Badge Secretary Mr. Ian McKenzie.

Camp Skipper Mr. Elstow Reffel.

District Cub Master Miss Jean Tulloch.

District Scout Master Mr. James King.

District Rover Leader Mr. Ernest Salmon.

Co-opted Members Colonel J. Reid Kerr

John Kerr, Greenock Boys Brigade.

One member each of Girl Guides and Toc-H.

Honorary Legal Advisor Colonel D. Patterson.

Honorary Auditors Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Representatives to C.S.C. Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Representatives to S.H.Q. Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, & Mr. W. Dally.

Lay Member Mr. McCrindle.

Hon. Warden Mr. McCrindle

Executive All Lay Members and Office Bearers, with D. Thompson, R. Morrison and G.A. Vincent.

Vote of Thanks to Chairman.

Mr Finnie was accorded a vote of thanks.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman

Secretary.

**At Greenock and within the Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 27th October, 1941 at 9 pm.**

**Being a meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Coilin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; Miss Jean Tulloch; D. Preston; J. McCrindle; R. Morrison; D. Thomson; E. Reffell; I. MacKenzie; E. Salmon; G.A. Vincent.

Attending

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minute.

Minute of meeting dated 29th September was read and approved.

Finance.

As a war-time measure, it was agreed to incorporate the Finance Committee with the Executive Committee.

Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £70. 14. 8; Pipe Band Account £107.4. 2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4. 9. 2; Red Cross 13/7. - A total of £183.1.7.

\*Payment of the following Lets were overdue.

80th 10/6.

45th 15/-.

It was agreed that the DC and Secretary be authorised to arrange Emergency Lets.

\*Once more, the account of James Holmes and Son, for £6.6.8, was brought to the notice of the Committee. It was agreed that Mister Reffell should examine the work which had been done and report on this at the next meeting

\*Accounts for Burgh Rates and Water Rates were to be passed for payment at next meeting, and Gas and Electricity accounts to be paid now.

“Gang Show”.

A proposal was made that a Gang Show should be held in the near future, probably the end of January. The Executive approved, and appointed Mr Swan as their official representative.

The date of next meeting was fixed for Monday, 24th November, 1941.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

G.M. Preston, Minute Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 24th November, 1941, at 8 am.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; J. McCrindle; R. Morrison; I. MacKenzie; E. Reffell; D. Preston.

Attending

Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Finance

\*Treasurer reported that there was in Association Account £18. 8. ½ ; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £104.4.2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Red Cross 13/4 - A total of £180. 14. 11 ½.

\*It was agreed to pay Burgh Rates before January 1942.

\*Mr Reffell reported having examined the job done by James Holmes and Son, and that, in his opinion, this was unsatisfactory. The Secretary was asked to write accordingly to Mr Holmes.

\*Mr Morrison requested that a small sum (viz 10/-) be advanced by the Association for Everton Troop incidentals.

\*Several donations had been received by Troops from householders during the erection of Morrison Shelters. The Executive decided that the total of 15/- be given to the Christmas Toy Fund.

\*Referring to the delay in receiving badges by post, Mr. McKenzie proposed that a stock of badges to the value of 10/- be kept in hand. This was agreed to.

Lets.

PL’s Wapinschaw 6th-7th December 1941.

Cub Council 30th November; 5, 19, 20 December.

Warrants *and miscellaneous*.

\*Application by Frank C. Olley as ASM of 53rd Renfrewshire.

\*St. Mary's Troop of Boy Scouts was duly registered as 54th Renfrewshire.

\*The Executive proposed that a Gallantry Award be made to Robert Sinclair of the Old West Kirk Troop. This was to be given to the Acting Commissioner for action.

Audit.

Mr Finnie said that the books of 6th Renfrewshire had been duly audited and found correct

Scout Council.

\*Mr. Swan read a telegram of good wishes for the Annual General Meeting from Mr Butter.

\*A PL’s Wapinschaw was to be held on 6-7 December, 1941, and Mr. Muir had been invited to attend.

\*It was suggested that there be two sections of the Football Competition, one for senior and one for junior Scouts, and that other competitions be revived.

\*A campfire had been held, and had proved so successful, that it was decided to hold one monthly.

\*Mr Swan said that an endeavour to revive the Rover Crew was being made, and to find suitable accommodation.

\*The Executive agreed that the panel in Headquarters would benefit by an overhaul.

Civil Defence.

Owing to the difficulties presented by the many different branches of Civil Defence work, it was found that the simplest way would be to compile a list of names of boys suitable, and hand it to the Authorities. Emphasis should be made that a level standard be maintained for the National Service Badge.

An appeal was read from Miss Duncan for small tools for a Pack of Polish Cubs.

”Gang Show.”

Troops had been given script, and rehearsals were under way.

The date of next meeting was fixed for 22nd December, 1941.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

D.M. Preston, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 22nd December, 1941 at 8 am.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; D. Thomson; J. McCrindle; I. MacKenzie; J. Tulloch; D. Preston; and G.A. Vincent.

Attending

Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £22.8.1; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107.4.2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4. 9. 2; Red Cross 13/7. A total of £184. 15. 0.

\*Once again, the account of James Holmes and Son for £6.6.8 was brought to the notice of the Executive, and this time was left to the Treasurer to deal with.

Lets.

1st 24th December 1941.

45th 3, 8, 10, 15, 22, 29 December 1941.

Cub Council 9, 16 January 1942.

Badges.

The Badge Secretary submitted his report, with a list of badges issued for the month.

Cubs.

Mr Swan reported another successful Saturday afternoon ‘get together’. This year, 360 toys had been collected, repaired, and dispatched, mainly to children of men serving with the Forces.

E.R.O.

\*The Executive gave permission for the Commissioner’s Den to be used as a store for blankets etc.

\*The list of badge examiners was revised, and an appeal was made to Scouts to redouble their efforts, in the collection of waste paper.

The date of next meeting was fixed for 26 January, 1942.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

G.M. Preston, Minute Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Saturday, 10th January, 1942.**

**Being a Special Meeting of the Greenock and District Boy Scouts Association..**

Sederunt

A.C.C. Rev. Douglas Troup; Acting DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie; ADC William Shearer; ADC Arthur Lyle; and representatives of all Groups

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair.

All present stood at the alert while the Chairman made sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by the Movement in the “Going Home” of County Commissioner Arthur Muir. After a short silence, the Secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Muir.

Presentation of Medal of Merit.

The Chairman called on A.C.C. Rev. D. Troup to present the Medal of Merit to Acting District Commissioner James J. Swan. Mr Troup spoke first of the great work for the Movement in Renfrewshire of Mr Muir, and then paid tribute to the excellent work and quiet active leadership of Mr. Swan before presenting him with the Medal of Merit and Parchment. Mr. Swan suitably replied.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street, on Monday, 2nd February, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; D. Thomson; D. Preston; J. McCrindle; I. MacKenzie; and G.A. Vincent.

Attending

Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £8.2.5; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £104.4.2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Red Cross 13/4d - a total of £140.9.4.

\*The following accounts had been paid during the month.

Corporation of Greenock £2.13.10 9 (Gas) and £1.16.3 (Electricity).

Warden’s Account 9/8d and

Treasurer’s Expenses 2/4d.

\*In view of national economy, it was decided that a notice be posted in Headquarters drawing attention to this fact, and requesting S.M.'s to restrict the use of overhead lighting at troop meetings. The Hon. Warden was given authority to see that this was carried out as far as possible.

Lets

80th 4, 11, 18, 25 February.

1st 16 February.

45th 5, 12, 19, 26 February.

Locker Fees.

\*The Treasurer intimated that fees for lockers had not been paid by the following troops:-

8th, 23rd, 54th, 70th, 89th.

\*Applications for lockers had been received from the 1st, 53rd and 54th. These were granted, and the Cub Council was to be given the use of the former 23rd locker.

*Badges*

The Badge Secretary submitted his report with a list of badges for the month.

Cubs.

Mr Swan stated that a recruiting campaign had begun, with four training classes during February, when about ten new Cub Masters were expected. Mr Swan was of the opinion that at least four new Packs would be started in the new housing districts.

E.R.O.

Owing to the condition of the Hut, it had been found that it was necessary to air the blankets and mattresses is stored, at least once a week. As a good deal of heating and lighting was used in the process, the question arose as to whose was the responsibility of payment. No decision was reached.

Registration of Youths.

After a lengthy discussion, the Executive decided to call a meeting and find the views of the Association on this matter.

Date of next meeting to be 23rd February, 1942.

James J Swan, Chairman.

DM Preston, Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Sunday, 8th February, 1942.**

**Being a Special Meeting of the Association.**

Acting DC James J. Swan in the Chair.

Representatives of all Groups.

The Chairman intimated that the meeting had been called to discuss the recent registration of youths, 16-18. Mr Swan was of the opinion that this was merely the first step towards the “mobilising” of all boys, perhaps from the age of 12, for the purpose of giving them training in the use of arms. He outlined the Government Scheme as it stood at the moment, wherein boys of 16-18 registered, stating whether or not they were in any of the youth organisations. If not, they were advised to join any one they preferred, and if this was refused, no further action would be taken by the Government.

He referred to the age of the recruitment for the Home Guard, and the even lower age for A.T.C. and similar auxiliary units. After a lengthy discussion, the following two points were brought forward:-

1. Mr. Salmon proposed and Mr. Olley seconded, that a War Service Patrol be formed, similar to a Rover Crew, with the addition of training in the use of arms by an instructor provided for the purpose.
2. Mr. Swan proposed and Mr. Morrison seconded that a strong recommendation be made that boys from 12- 16 should be in one of the existing youth organisations, whose aim it is to supplement what is being done in homes, in schools and in churches to help boys to become good citizens, and to promote spiritual, mental and physical development.
3. Every boy, on reaching the age of 16, must go into some form of war service, the preference to be his. The intention was that, apart from the fact that it was a risk for a boy of 12 or 14 to handle firearms, a boy trained in the ideals of Scouting or similar organisation, would make a more self-reliant, loyal and resourceful soldier of his country than a boy with no training or discipline whatever.

Chairman.

D.M. Preston, Minute Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 23rd February, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Acting DC James J. Swan in the Chair; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle ; E. Reffell; D. Preston; J. King; I. MacKenzie; and G.A. Vincent.

Attending

Secretary and Treasurer.

Finance

\*There was in Association Account £8.1.4; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107.4.2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Red Cross 13 /7d. A total of £170.8.6.

\*The account for James Holmes and Son for £6.6.8 has now been paid.

Lets

4th Renfrewshire 4th, 11th, 18th, 23rd March.

1st Renfrewshire 2nd, 9th, 16th March.

Cubs.

Training classes were being held, with the object of training new Cub Masters, reviving old packs, and starting new ones in new districts.

Scouts.

PLs training had been suspended meantime. Classes for Fireman's Badge were in progress.

Rovers.

Negotiations were being made to obtain premises belonging to Messrs. Woolworth for use of Rover Crew.

Waste Paper

In all, 20 tons of waste paper had been collected.

A letter of appreciation from the Town Clerk was read for erection of Morrison Shelters.

Date of next meeting 23rd March, 1942.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 23rd March, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle; G.A. Vincent; I. MacKenzie; Jean Tulloch and. D.M. Preston.

Attending

Hon. Treasurer.

*Minutes.*

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £2.14.1½ ; reserve account £50; Pipe Band Account £107.4.2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.19.2; Red Cross 13/7d. A total of £165.1.0 ½ .

Referring to the high cost of heating and lighting, Mr. McNeill suggested that gas fires should be lit only when meetings were about to begin, and not several hours before, as had previously been done.

Lets.

80th 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April.

45th 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April.

1st 6, 13, 20 April.

Cub Council 17th April.

War Service Patrol 24, 31 March, 7, 14, 21, 28 April.

Cubs.

With the training of new Cubmasters completed, the area had been divided up into five districts, with the object of having Packs within easy reach of all housing schemes. As had been stated before, new Packs were to be opened and old ones revived.

Badges.

Mr. MacKenzie requested that he be allowed to purchase books where in a proper record of proficiency badges, etc be kept. This was approved.

W.S.P.

Mr Swan intimated that he had received a list of names of boys who had registered under the Youth Registration Act. A meeting had been held and it was proposed that a War Service Patrol be formed immediately.

Everton.

Discussion arose as to the advisability of allowing Scouts outwith the District to camp at Everton in the coming season. It was left to Mr Finnie to obtain the Sstate Factor's views on the matter.

Gallantry Award.

It was intimated that Robert Sinclair of the Old West Kirk UTroop had been awarded the Gilt Cross for gallantry, and a suggestion was made that Mr. Ryrie Orr be asked to present it on one of the evenings of the Gang Show.

The date of next meeting was fixed for 27th April, 1942.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

Secretary.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 27th April, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle; Jean Tulloch; E. W. Salmon; J. King; D. Thomson;.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Before the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the Chairman intimated resignation of Miss Preston, and Secretary was asked to minute thanks for her duties.

Minutes.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Badge Secretary.

The Chairman moved by Mr. Swan seconded that Mr. Wilson Hill be elected Badge Secretary until the next Annual Meeting. This was agreed.

Finance.

Lets.

80th 6, 13, 20, 27th May 1942.

45th 7, 14, 21, 28th May 1942.

W.S.P. 3rd May 1942.

C.’C.’ Not fixed.

Cubs.

\*Mr Swan reported the starting of new Cub Packs in the district, and that he was awaiting word from the Education Committee regarding schools for meetings.

\*One Cubmasters training class had been held since the last Executive Meeting, and proved very successful.

\*A weekend training class was anticipated to be held on second weekend of June, run by Miss Duncan. Mr. C. Finnie and Mr. J. Swan were left with authority to decide.

Scout Report.

£18 had been realised from Waste Paper collected by the Scouts. The next drive would be looked after by Mr. Swan when notice appeared.

Rovers.

Nothing to report.

War Service Patrol.

Mr. A. Lyle and F Olley to carry on duties.

Boys registered should report of attendance monthly.

Everton.

\*Camp at Everton to open second weekend of May.

\*Painting of Hut has been completed.

\*It was agreed that roof and sides of Hut be painted at end of camping season.

\*It was agreed to purchase cement and sand for floor of shalie, hessian, and felling axe to be purchased by Rover Leader.

\*£5 was allowed for Everton Expenses.

Lockers

lockers to be looked after by B. Morrison and J. Swan.

Camp Skipper.

Mr E.W. Salmon appointed deputy Camp Skipper till next Annual Meeting. Keys to be got from E. Reffell.

Warrants.

SM & CM of 39th Renfrewshire accepted.

Gang Show.

Report that Gang Show was very successful. Secretary was asked to write Ex Provost Bell thanking him for use of seats, and to state that at Executive Meeting it was reported of seats being broken.

It was further agreed to buy Microphone Equipment at the cost of £15, some to be kept by Mr. C. Finnie.

Any applications for hiring of same to go before Executive. Scale of charges for different functions to be cited next meeting, 25th May 1942.

Colin Finney, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 25th May, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; F. Olley; E. Salmon; R. Morrison; J. McCrindle; D. Thomson; G.A. Vincent; Wilson Hill; Jean Tulloch; E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Minutes.

Before the Minutes of the previous meeting were read, the Chairman moved that Miss Armstrong be appointed Minutes Secretary. The motion was unanimously agreed upon.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £20-2-7d; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107-4-2d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2d; Red Cross 13/7d; Gang Show £78-19-3d; A total of £261-8-9d.

\*The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

Gas and Electricity Account £2-18-2d.

Ardgowan Estates £4- 1-9d.

G.C.C.S. Lte £15 (Gang Show Expenses).

It was agreed that the Warden be paid £10 for cleaning materials purchased up to September, 1941.

\*A donation of £10 was made to the Greenock Royal Infirmary.

Lets.

80th 6, 13, 20, 27th June, 1942.

45th 4, 11, 18, 25th June, 1942.

Cub Council 12th June, 1942.

Cubs.

\*Miss Duncan had made formal application for the use of the whole of Everton, and the services of one patrol of Scouts for a Cubmasters’ Training Weekend. Applications were to be made to Troops for tenting and cooking utensils. It was agreed, after discussion, that Everton should be closed to Scouts for that weekend.

\*Mr Swan stated that a new Pack was to be started almost immediately in the Lady Alice School, the officers being Miss C. Buchanan and Miss D. Anderson.

\*Repeated attempts to get the schools free of charge had met with no success, and it was proposed that the packs should be started immediately, paying a fee of 3/- per night for the use of the Schools.

\*Attempts were being made to start Packs in the Grosvenor and Hillend Schools, and also to restart the 70th.

Waste Paper

\*Despite the very short notice given of the Waste Paper Drive, a great response was made, 5 tons 18 cwts. were collected, and the 10th and 45th Troops shared a prize of 10/- which was awarded for the best collection. £32 has been raised by the collection of Waste Paper.

\*It was stated that a large parade of all youth organisations in the town would take place shortly, this parade would include a special Wastepaper Drive.

Rovers.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon stated that a conference had been held and that a new list of rules and regulations had resulted from this conference. The revised rules are:-

1. The Law of the Camp is the Scout Law.
2. All groups, or the representative, must report to the Camp Skipper on arrival at Camp and produce their signed Permit Card.
3. Boys with uniforms will be expected to wear them. Boys will be allowed to camp if they do not possess a uniform.
4. Camp Inspection and Collection on Sundays at 10 a.m.
5. Axes only to be carried or used in woods by Scouts when working under instructions.
6. No cycling in camp.
7. Two bins to be provided, one for refuse, the other for dry foodstuffs.
8. Except for special cases, the Camp will be in bed by 11 p.m.
9. Two hours work may be expected from each Camper during the week-end.
10. Each Troop must report before leaving.
11. Gas Masks must be carried.

The rules were passed by the Committee.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Nothing to report.

Gang Show.

It was stated that the Gang Show had been very successful, a profit of £63 having been made. Mr Swan proposed that £53 be transferred to the Association Account and a donation of £10 be forwarded to the Greenock Royal Infirmary, Miss Tulloch seconded.

W.S.P.

It was reported that the attendances had, so far, been very poor. Messrs. Woolworth’s, Liverpool are at present drawing up a lease to enable the W.S.P. to use the premises of Messrs. Woolworth, Greenock for their meetings.

B.P. Memorial Fund.

The Executive appointed Mr F. Olley to report to the next meeting, suggestions for raising money for the fund.

Scout Summer Show.

Messrs. Morrison, Swan and Vincent to report to the next Executive Meeting, suggestions for the Scout Summer Show.

The date of next meeting was fixed for 22nd June, 1942.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 22nd June, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; E. Salmon; J. McCrindle; D. Thomson; F. Olley; G.A. Vincent; Wilson Hill; Ian Dunlop; Rev. Renton Brown; Miss Jean Tulloch; E. McEachern; E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

There was in Association Account £4-7-3; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107-4-2d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4- 9-2d; Red Cross 13/7d; A total of £213-4/-.

Lets.

80th 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July, 1942

45th 23rd and 30th July, 1942

Cub Council 24th July, 1942

Rovers.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

It was stated that a Parade was held at Inverkip and 40% of the Campers had attended. A meeting of Scouters in the Hut proposed that a competition should be run on the Shannon Cup lines during the last week-end in August, and that a Sports Day should be held on the Autumn Holiday. The report was accepted.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

The Badge Secretary's report on the various badges sold during the month was read and accepted. Mr Morrison proposed that a Thanks Badge should be awarded to Mrs. Crichton, Inverkip, for work over a long period for the Greenock Troops. Mr. Salmon seconded. The Committee was in agreement that a Thanks Badge be awarded to her and it was left to Mr Swan to make arrangements for the presentation.

Cubs.

\*Attempts had been made to arrange a Cub Picnic, but it was postponed for a week or two. \*The Cub Masters training week-end was held on 14th and 15th June, 1942. 32 Cub Masters attended. Cub Council had held one training meeting since the last Executive Meeting.

\*A new pack had been started in the Hillend area, following up the policy of opening up new districts, and Miss Armstrong had taken up the duties of Cub Master.

\*Mr. Renton Brown was welcomed by the Chairman and cordially invited to attend any further meetings of the Executive.

\*The report was accepted.

Gang Show.

Proposed gang short committee to be appointed at the end of the season.

W.S.P.

It was agreed that no move should be made with regard to Woolworths premises until the agreement was received from Messrs. Woolworth, Liverpool.

BP Memorial Fund.

It was proposed that we give in the figure we hope to raise and arrange to pay it by the 31st December, 1942. This proposal was accepted.

Scout Summer Show.

A Campfire was to be held at the Lady Alice Park on 19th August, the entrance being a book for paper salvage.

Warrant.

Application by Sarah MacDonald as ACM of 11th Renfrewshire and Jenny mcLaughlan as ACM of 11th Renfrewshire were read.

It was agreed that there should be no meeting in July and the next meeting was fixed for 31st August, 1942.

It was agreed to give the Chairman and Treasurer authority to meet any financial transactions which might arise.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street on Monday, 31st August, 1942.**

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC James J. Swan; Renton Brown; ADC G.A. Vincent; D. Thomson; J. King; J. McCrindle; Wilson Hill; Miss E. Armstrong; Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £61-5-4; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107-4-2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2; Red Cross 13/7d; A total of £223- 2-3.

\* The undernoted accounts were passed for payment

Thanks Badge 7/6d.

Electric Lamps 10/10d.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the insurance premium for War Damages.

Lets.

80th 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September, 1942.

45th 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September, 1942.

Cub Council 4th September, 1942.

Rovers.

Nothing to report.

Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

\*Mr Swan stated that the training week-end had been held and 40 boys had attended.

\*Mr Swan asked that permission be granted to purchase cooking utensils for the use of Headquarters. Permission was granted.

Cubs.

It had been arranged that the Cub Picnic should take please to Kilmacolm and the Committee had endeavoured to obtain a Hall but without success. On the date arranged for the picnic, the weather was very broken and it was decided to take the Cubs to the Hut in Robertson Street, where they left their equipment and attended a matinee. After the matinee, the Cubs returned to the Hut where they had a sing-song and tea. Approximately 200 Cubs attended.

Badge Secretary’s Report

The Badge Secretary stated that he was having great difficulty in obtaining badges.

Gang Show.

Mr Swan proposed that Mr. King, Mr Daly, Mr Vincent be appointed to the Committee for the Gang Show. This Committee to be enlarged when found necessary.

W.S.P.

No notification had been received from Messrs. Woolworths regarding the leasing of their premises. There was a possibility of using the Lady Alice School for one night per week.

Scout Summer Show.

It was stated that there had not been enough co-operation from the Troops and matter of the Show had been dropped.

B.P. Memorial Fund.

A meeting of Scouters had been held on Sunday 30th August, and it was agreed that the method of obtaining money by cards might be used provided that only Ex-scouts and friends were approached. It was agreed that Messrs. Swan, King, Brown, Hill and Vincent should take the cards to the Scout Troops and try to impress on them that they must make a terrific effort to raise a large sum. It was arranged that the cards should be returned to the Treasurer not later than 7th October, and that the Treasurer would be in attendance at the Hut, Robertson St, on that date to receive the Cards and money.

Warrants.

Applications were read from Miss Irene Zoller as C.M. of 38th Renfrewshire, Mrs Betty Crawshaw as ACM of 38th Renfrewshire, Miss Margaret Livingstone as C.M. of 39th Renfrewshire, Rev. C. Gent Brewis as G.S.M. of 39th Renfrewshire, M. F.A. Powell as S.M. of 38th Renfrewshire and Rev. A. Ian Dunlop as Rover Scout Leader of 70th Renfrewshire. Miss Irene Zoller returned her A.C.Ms Warrant for cancellation.

Mr Swan intimated that the Rev. Renton Brown had been asked to take the position of ADC for Scouts in Greenock, and the Rev. Renton Brown had accepted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 28th September, 1942.

James J Swan, Chairman.

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee within Headquarters on 28th September, 1942.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie; Acting DC James J. Swan; J. McCrindle; Mr. W. Daly; Mr. W. Morrison, Mr. J. King; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss E. McEacheran; Miss E. Armstrong.

Attending

The Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £66-1-3; Association Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107-4-2d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2d; Red Cross 13/7d.

Total £228- 8-2.

\*Accounts passed for payment:-

War Damage 10 /-.

BP Memorial Fund Cards £2-0-4d.

\*A donation of £2-2/- received from the West of Scotland Marts in acknowledgement of help given by Scouts at a recent Red Cross Sale was to be devoted to the BP Memorial Fund.

\*A cheque for £2-10-8d received from Alan Vincent, being proceeds of Rovers dance was to be devoted to the W.S.P. as the Rovers are now almost obsolete.

\*Application had been made by the Port Glasgow Troop for the use of the microphone, and it was agreed that the charge to be made would be £1 for one night and 30/- for two successive nights.

Lets.

80th 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October, 1942.

80th 14th, 21st, and 28th October, 1942.

Cub Council 2nd and 17th October, 1942.

Cubs.

Mr Swan stated that a training class had been held and had proved very successful. Cub Council proposed to run a dance and hold a re-union of Cubmasters to help the B.P. Memorial Fund.

Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Rovers.

Nothing to report.

Warrants.

\*Applications for warrants were read from Derek Frank Richard Dowsett aged 18 years 3 months as ASM of 1st Gourock. It was dated 30th August, 1942, and the Executive agreed that it should be brought for confirmation two months from the date of Executive Meeting. The Secretary intimated that two warrants were now due for confirmation.

\*Mr Swan was instructed to issue warrant in respect of Sarah McDonald' a ACM of 11th Greenock, but it was decided that Miss Janet McLaughlin 's application for ACM of 11th Greenock should be held over for further consideration in view of the fact that she had not attended any training classes.

Badge Secretary Report.

Nothing to report.

Gang Show.

\*Mr Morrison was co opted to the Committee in place of Mr. A. Vincent, who has now left the district.

\*The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mrs McIntosh for typing work done for the Association.

B.P. Memorial Fund.

The date for receiving district’s contributions had been extended to 22nd February, 1943, but Greenock District will hold to its previous decision to forward the money on 31st March, 1943. It was suggested that a parade might be held with a retiring collection for the B.P. Memorial Fund. The minister of the Ardgowan Methodist Church had asked for a parade to his church, as he wished to start Scouting in his church. Dance was to be run in the Town Hall by the Executive Committee and Miss Tulloch was appointed Convener.

W.S.P.

Letter was read from Messrs. Woolworth regarding the least of their premises, and it was agreed that the letter should be passed on to Mr Paterson for his advice.

Heating of Hut in Winter.

It was agreed that the stove should only be lit at the commencement of meetings and not some time before the meetings as had been previously done.

Next meeting of the Executive Meeting to take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26 October, Annual Meeting to take place at 8 p.m.

James J Swan, Chairman 26/10/42.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street, on Monday, 26th October, 1942 at 8 p.m.**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Mr. Ryrie Orr; Acting DC James J. Swan; R. Morrison; Miss Jean Tulloch; E. Armstrong; E. Salmon; D. Thomson; J. McDougall; D. Sinnamon; H. Chalmers; S. McDonald; E. McEachran; N. Moggy; M. Beaton; H. Beaton; E. Crawshaw; J. King; J. McCreadie; R. Smith; W. Daly; Wilson Hill; J. McCrindle; R. Bridge; and Rev. Renton Brown.

Attending

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Minutes.

Minute of last meeting was read and approved.

Commissioners Report.

\*Mr Swan stated that during the year the Cub roll had increased by 100 and the number of Scouts had gone up by about 30. This was very satisfactory considering that more than 100 Scouters had been called up for service.

\*Cubs

Two new Packs had been formed in the District and, as the Scouts looked to the Cubs for future members, this was gratifying.

\*Scouts.

A high standard of work had been maintained throughout the year, but Mr. Swan stated that he would like to see more First-Class Scouts and hoped that all Scouters would make every endeavour to encourage more boys to go in for the First-Class test.

\*Everton.

The camping season had eclipsed in success any held in recent years, as over 1000 boys camped there during the camping season. Greenock Scouts were indebted to Mr. Salmon for his excellent work at Everton.

\*Service.

Good work had been done during the year by Scouts, they had collected over 25 tons of paper and were assisting in the scrap metal drive. Cubmasters had taken over the job of keeping the Hut ready to go into operation at any time as an E.R.O. Rest Centre. Scouts had acted during the year as A.R.P. casualties and messengers.

\*Baden Powell Memorial Fund.

This fund was receiving great support from supporters of the movement in the District and over £200 had been raised and more money was still to come in.

\*Training.

Courses of trading had been carried out for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters during the year and had proved very successful.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer submitted his report and thanked Mr Ryrie Orr for the letter which he had sent to the Telegraph asking the public to support the B.P. Memorial Fund. Printed copies of the report were distributed.

Adoption of Reports.

Mr Ryrie Orr said he had very much pleasure in moving the adoption of the reports.

He complimented the officials on being able to present reports that give evidence of the movement being in a flourishing condition. He was of the opinion that there was a crying need for organisations such as the Scout Movement, and he hoped that they would all continue to do good work and endeavour to bring more boys within their influence.

Mr Robert Morrison seconded the adoption of reports.

Election of Office-bearers.

President Mr Ryrie Orr.

Vice Presidents Rt. Hon. Viscount Kelburn R.N.

Lord Inverclyde.

Lieutenant Colonel W.G. Shaw-Stewart.

Colonel Patterson.

Chief Constable James Christie.

Provost Davey.

Chairman Mr. Colin Finnie.

Honorary Secretary Miss Isabella Connie.

Honorary Minutes Secretary Miss Elspeth Armstrong.

Honorary Treasurer Mr. A. Ian MacNeill.

Honorary Badge Secretary Mr. Wilson Hill.

Camp Skipper Mr. Ernest Salmon.

Co-opted Members Colonel J. Reid Kerr,

Mr. John Kerr, Greenock B.B.

One member each of Girl Guides and Toc-H.

Hon. Legal Adviser Colonel D Patterson.

Hon. Auditors Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Representatives to C.S.C. Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Representatives to S.H.Q. Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Mr William Daly.

Honorary Warden Mr. James McCrindle.

Lay Members Mr. J. McCrindle, Mr. McCready and Mr. J. McDougall.

Executive All Lay Members and Office Bearers and three Scouters.

Vote of Thanks to Chairman.

Mr Finnie was accorded a vote of thanks.

Douglas Troup, Chairman.

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee within Headquarters on Monday, 26th October, 1942.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie; Acting DC James J. Swan; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Daly; Mr. McCreadie; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. E. Salmon; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance

\*There was in Association Accounts £55-6-4; Association Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £107-4-2; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2; BP Memorial £160-7-7; WSP Account £2-10-8; Red Cross 13/7. A total of £382-10-11d.

\*The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

J. A. Simpson £2-1-6d.

J. A. Rankin £1-6-2d.

Electricity 17/1d.

Gas 6/-

Lets

80th 7th, 21st and 28th November, 1942.

45th 5th, 12, 19th and 26th November, 1942.

Cub Council 30th October, 13th, 14th, 23rd and 27th November, 1942.

B.P. Memorial Fund.

It was proposed to hold a parade of all Greenock Scouts and Cubs on 15th November in aid of the B.P. Memorial Fund. Application to be sent to the Martyrs-in-North Minister for the service to be held in that Church.

Warrants

Mr Swan was instructed to issue warrant in respect of Miss Christina Buchanan as Cubmaster of Lady Alice Cub Pack.

Heating of Hut in Winter.

The Warden asked that the question of heating should be re-considered as he considered that the present arrangement was unsatisfactory.

Works Committee.

Mr Swan proposed that a Works Committee be set up to consider the repairs necessary to the Hut. The proposal was adopted and Mr. McCready and Mr Daly were appointed to the Committee.

Next meeting of the Executive to take place on 30th November, 1942.

Colin Finnie ADC, Chairman.

Minutes Secretary.

**Being a Meeting the Executive Committee.**

**within Headquarters, on Monday, 7th December, 1942.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie; Acting DC James J. Swan; Rev. Renton Brown, ADC; Mr. Wilson Hill. Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. King; Mr. McDougall; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss Connie; Miss E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Sympathy was expressed by the Executive to Mr. Hill, and Mr. McDonald McDougall, lay member of 30th Renfrewshire was welcomed to the meeting.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Accounts £59- 6-7; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2; Red Cross 13/7; B.P. Memorial Fund £190-11-8; W.S.P. £2-10-8. Total = £417-15-3.

\*The following was passed for payment.

Warden’s Expenses 2/6

Lets

80th 15th and 12th December.

45th 3rd 10th 17th and 24th December.

Cub Council 11th 18th 19th 22nd 26th and 29th.

Microphone.

The Chairman stated that the microphone, which was at present stored at 92 Brisbane St, was to be transferred to Rankin St. for easier access ability. Same terms of issue to apply.

B.P. Memorial Fund.

The parade to Saint Mary's and Martyr’s and North was held on 15th November. 100 Scouts and Cubs attended parade to Saint Mary's in afternoon and 560 Scouts and Cubs attended parade to Martyrs and North in the morning where Collection £5.11.6 was taken.

Lay Members.

The late Secretary wrote to the Scouters requesting the appointment of one lay member for each troop. So far, only two troops have replied. It was agreed that Scouters should be reminded that this was outstanding.

Stationary.

Permission was requested to purchase stationary and the Executive agreed that the Secretary be empowered to purchase a supply of paper with a revised heading.

Mr. Swan's Report.

\*Mr. Swan read several letters regarding the purchase of Scout Sports equipment, new forms for Scouts about to be called up for military service, and the use of schools by Scout Troops, and also a report on Post War Scouting. He also read a circular issued by the Scottish Education Department.

\*A letter was to be sent to each Scouter asking for list of all Scouters and Scouts on Service. \*Application was made by RM Smith of 6th Gourock for permission to present a Thanks Badge to Rev. McNab. Permission was granted by the Executive.

Camp Skipper’s Report.

The Hut at Everton had been broken into and a sleeping bag, campbed, axe, and rucksack stolen. The Hut is once more locked fast.

Badge Secretary Report.

Nothing to report.

Gang Show.

Nothing to report.

It was stated the honorarium of £10 due to the Warden should be paid.

Warrants and *Registrations*.

Application for registration of Lady Alice Group (Open).

Miss C. Buchanan Cub Master was read and approved.

Application for registration of Hill-End (Open) Group.

ACM acting C.M. Miss E. Armstrong was read and approved.

The undernoted applications for warrants were read and approved.

Mr. James Welsh, ASM 54th Renfrewshire.

Miss Elsbeth M. Armstrong, ACM, Hillend Pack.

The application from Mr. Alistair Skinner as ASM 59th Renfrewshire was to be returned for the signature of the controlling authority.

The next meeting was fixed for 28th December 1942.

James J Swan, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 28th December, 1942 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Rev. Renton Brown; R. Morrison; E. Salmon; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss I. Connie; Mr. J. McCrindle.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Accounts £54-9-7; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2; Red Cross Account 13/7; War Service Patrol £2-10-8; BP Memorial Fund £213- 16-2.

Total £436-2-9.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Greenock Corporation Gas Department 1.2.5.

Greenock Corporation Electricity Department 13.9.

Greenock Corporation Burgh Rates 7.10.7.

Greenock Corporation Water Rates 3.0.0.

Hon. Treasurer's expenses (Oct to Dec) 3.2.

War Damage Contribution 7.0

Lets

80th Renfrewshire 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January.

Cub Council 31st December, 15th January.

45th Renfrewshire 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January.

Gang Show 12th, 19th, 26th January.

Microphone.

It was agreed to donate the use of the microphone to Greenock Royal Infirmary on New Year's Day. Application from 80th Group for use of microphone on 16th February was approved.

B.P. Fund.

The sum of £20 was raised at the dance held in the Town Hall for the B.P. Memorial Fund. An anonymous donation of £2 has also been received.

Warrants and Registrations.

The Pack at Lady Alice School has now been registered as the 60th Renfrewshire, 19th Greenock, and the Pack at Hillend School as the 9th Renfrewshire, 9th Greenock.

Application for warrant by David G. McNaughton at ASM, 39th Group was read and approved.

Cup Report.

The Cub Council gave a Christmas Treat to 50 children of prisoners of war. A dance had been held to raise funds for the party.

Scouts.

100 Scouts acted as casualties at an ARP exercise. Scouts also did good work delivering 2000 milk cards to houses in the district. Three training classes for Scouters were held by Rev. R. Brown A.D.C.

~~War Service Patrol.~~

It was agreed that Mr. Colin Finnie and Mr. James J. Swan should meet Colonel Paterson to discuss the terms of the lease of the premises at Messrs. Woolworth.

Youth Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. Swan and Rev. R. Brown represent the association at the meeting between Greenock ministers and youth leaders. The meeting was being held to discuss the Scottish Education Department Circular No. 244.

Week of World Friendship.

A suggestion put forward by Rev. R. Brown that the association should co-operate with the Girl Guides and hold a week of world friendship, the last week in February, was approved by the executive. Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. J. King, Miss J. Tulloch, Miss I. Connie were appointed to meet guide leaders.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 25th January 1943.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 25th January, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. J. King; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. R. Morrison; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss I. Connie.

Attending

Mr. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were reported from Mr. McDougall and Mr. D. Thompson.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings held on 7th and 28th December, 1942 were read, approved and adopted.

Lay Members.

\*It was agreed that Scouters should be contacted again regarding the appointment of Lay Members.

\*The District Commissioner reported that Colonel Paterson had been unable to meet him to discuss the property at Messrs. F. and W. Woolworths.

Youth Committee.

A meeting of the Youth Committee was attended by the District Commissioner and Mr. Brown, where it was decided that the existing Committee should be enlarged.

Week of World Friendship:-

\*Various members of the Committee reported on the meeting with the Guide Commissioners, and the Executive agreed that the D.C. should take up the matter with Mr. Brown, in order to make the best arrangements to see the scheme carried through successfully.

The District Commissioner reported that he had written on behalf of the Association to Colonel Paterson, a letter of condolence after the death of his wife, Mrs Paterson.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £43-11-11, Association Reserve Account £50, Pipe Band Account £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2; Red Cross Account 13/7, BP Memorial Fund £233-1-8, War Service Patrol £2-10-8.

Total £444-10-7.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Gang Show 17/5.

Hon. Warden 2/8½

Hut Lets

80th Renfrewshire 6th, 13th, 20th February.

45th Renfrewshire 4th, 11th, 18th February

Gang Show 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd February

45th Renfrewshire (E. Thomas) 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February.

Cub Council 19th, 20th February.

PLs Wapinschaw 27th and 28th February.

Week of World Friendship 7th February.

Warrants.

\*The following applications for warrants were read and approved:-

Mr. Frank C. Olley, SM, 53rd Renfrewshire

Mr. Roy R. Elkin, ASM 53rd Renfrewshire.

Mr. William McLarty ASM 32nd Renfrewshire.

\*Miss Jean Thomson (A.C.M. 10th Renfrewshire) had sent her warrant for cancellation. Her resignation was accepted with regret by the executive and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Miss Thomson when returning her warrant.

Scouters Meeting.

\*A request had been received for boys to act as N.F.S. messengers. Scouters have been asked to apply for application forms.

\*The Executive agreed to a recommendation from the Scouters that Badge Examiners should be approached to see if they are willing to be contacted directly by the Scoutmaster of a Scout ready to pass a badge test.

Gang show.

A suggestion that the Gang Show should take place during the school holidays was approved. It was decided that the District Commissioner, Mr Finnie, and Mr McNeil should meet the Gang Show Committee to discuss the programme.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday, 22nd February.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 22nd February, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Interim DC James J. Swan; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. R. Morrison; ADC Rev. G. Renton Brown; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. J. King; Mr. F. Olley; Miss I. Connie.

Attending

Mr. Ian McNeill, Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meetiong were read, approved and adopted.

Lay Members.

The following Lay members were co-opted to the Executive Committee - Mr. McShane, Mr. Smith, Mr. Salmon. Mr. Halford and Mr. Arlow.

Finance.

There was in Association Account £43-14-4

Association Reserve Account £50-0-0

Pipe Band Account £110-3-7

Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4- 9-2

Red Cross 13-7

B.P. Fund £257-12-8

War Service Patrol £2-10-8.

Total £466-4-0.

Hut Lets.

45th Renfrewshire 4th, 11th, 18th, 23rd March.

80th Renfrewshire 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March.

Cup Council 19th March.

Gang Show 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 30th March.

Warrants *and Registrations*.

\*Applications for registration of a Sea Scout Troop, Finnart School, G.S.M. Mr. E. Salmon, and a Rover Scout Crew, Gourock, R.S.L. Mr. J. Campbell, were read and approved.

\*The undernoted applications for warrants were read and approved.

John A. B. Campbell as R.S.L., Rover Sea Scout Crew.

Ernest W. Salmon as G.S.M. Sea Scout Troop.

William McAlpin as A.S.M 33rd Renfrewshire

Donald A. Yell as S.M. Sea Scout Troop.

Hugh H. Chalmers as A.S.M. 45th Renfrewshire.

Week of World Friendship.

Saturday 20th February, two pigeons bearin goodwill messages to the Chief Guide were released by Miss Paton of the Girl Guides. The Provost opened the exhibition of Scout and Guide photographs etc., and about 600 people attended the exhibition during the afternoon. On Sunday 21st February, a parade was held to the Town Hall where Madame Malowsky spoke to the Scouts and Guides. Several foreign Scouts attended. The District Commissioner and Miss Tulloch were asked by the Executive to attend the parade of Roman Catholic Scouts and Guides being held in St. Mary's Church on 28th February.

B.P. Fund.

A second donation was received from the Cub Council, the amount being £132- 18-2. This brought the total of the fund up to £430. The official closing date is 28 February.

Gang Show.

A meeting of the committee had been held and the programme finally decided. After some discussion, it was agreed that the show should be held on the original dates. i.e. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd April. The Gang Show Committee were given permission to spend up to £20 for hired scenery.

Badge Examiners.

Rev. G. Renton Brown intimated that he had written to Badge Examiners and had received replies that they were willing to be contacted directly by Scouters.

County Flag Competition.

Entries for the County Flag Competition were received from the 70th, 45th and 5th Renfrewshire Troops.

Sea Scout Regulations.

The meeting agreed that the present bye laws for Sea Scouts should remain as they are. Mr. A. Lyle, Mr. F. Olley, and Mr. W. Hill were co-opted to the Sea Scout Committee.

Letters.

\*A letter was read from the Scottish National Union of Students offering the help of students to run Troops.

\*In reply to our application for Sports Gear, the Education Authorities had allotted us, free of charge, 6 table tennis bats, 48 table tennis balls, and four footballs. Authority was given to the Treasurer to purchase two more footballs.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 22nd March.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 22nd March, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. D. Clark; Mr. H. Auton; Mr. J. Arlow; ~~Mr. E. Salmon~~; Mr. J. King; Mr. G. Gayner; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Wilson Hill; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss I. Connie.

Attending

Mr. A. Ian McNeil, Hon. Treasurer.

Lay Members.

Before the meeting began, the District Commissioner welcomed the Lay Members to the Executive Committee.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and adopted.

Week of World Friendship.

A report on the Week of World Friendship was given by the D.C. in the absence of Mr. Brown, ADC. Mr. J. King suggested that Scouters and Guiders be given an opportunity of seeing the films shown to the Scouts and Guides during the week. The proceeds from the exhibition, film shows etc. were sent to the “Boy Scouts Fund for War Distressed Scouts”. The amount was £6.18.0.

County Flag.

It was agreed that the 6th Renfrewshire should be added to the entries for the County Flag Competition.

Finance.

\*There was in

Association Account £46-0-11.

Reserve Account £50-0-0.

Pipe Band Account £110-3-7.

Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2.

Red Cross Account 13-7.

BP Memorial Fund £6-3-6.

War Service Patrol £2-10-8.

Total £220-1-5.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Gang Show, McBurnie 4/10.

Gang Show, Arnott, Wilson and Co, 10/6

Gang Show, Jas. Tennant 4/8.

Everton- Guardian Assurance £1-11-6.

Robertson St- Electricity Account 16.8

Robertson St- Gas Account £1.10.11.

Padlock 3.3.

War Damage 5.0

Greenock Central Co-operative (microphone) 12.6.

\*The Hon. Treasurer intimated that her number of Troops had still to pay registration fees and Everton Locker Fees. The Secretary was instructed to write to the troops in question. \*The meeting agreed that Gang Show accounts be paid as and when received without waiting the sanction of the executive.

Hut Lets.

80th Renfrewshire 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th April.

45th Renfrewshire 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th April.

Warrants.

The following applications for warrants were read and approved-

David Sinnamon as A.S.M. 1st Renfrewshire.

Charles Price as A.C.M. 10th Renfrewshire

Miss Williamina Crawford as C.M. 10th Renfrewshire

Duncan Smith as A.S.M. 10th Renfrewshire

Samuel Robinson as A.S.M. 29th Renfrewshire.

Gang Show.

The D.C., Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. H. Auton reported on the Gang Show. Mr. Wilson Hill gave a report on the issue of tickets. It was agreed that complimentary tickets should be sent to Mrs Campbell, Mr Ryrie Orr, Rev. D. Troope and Miss C. Duncan.

St. Georges Day.

It was decided to observe St. George’s Day on Sunday 2nd May with church parades.

Everton.

Everton will be opened for camping week end 8th/9th May. The question of the numbers permitted to camp each week end will be discussed next meeting.

Stirrup Pumps.

The Hon. Warden referred to the condition of the stirrup pumps. Mr. D. Clark, lay member, agreed to attend to the repairs.

Badge Examiners.

It was agreed that a report on the progress with the list of badge examiners be submitted at next meeting by Mr. Brown, ADC.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the executive was fixed for Monday, 26 April.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**Being a Meeting of the Executive within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 26th April, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. W. Daly; Mr. J. King; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. R. Morrison; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss C. Martin; Miss E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Resignation of Secretary.

The Chairman stated that Miss Connie had resigned, and Mr Swan moved that Miss Christine Martin be asked to take over the post of Secretary. Miss Tulloch seconded. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Connie for the good work done by her during her term of office.

Week of World Friendship.

The Executive expressed thanks to Mr. Renton Brown for the good work done during the Week of World friendship.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £46-18-7; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4- 9-2; Red Cross Account 13/7; B.P. Memorial Fund Account £6-3-6; War Service Patrol Account £2-10-8; Gang Show Account £91-1-1. A total of £312- 0-2d.

\*It was agreed to pay the account rendered by Messrs. W. McClure and co for lights- 6/0d.

\*Mr Morrison suggested that the Red Cross Account be either liquidated or donated. It was agreed to make it up to £1 and forward it to Miss Kerr for the Red Cross.

\*It was agreed that the Treasurer's Expenses of 5/6d be paid. It was also agreed that the Warden.s Honorarium of £5 be paid.

Registration Fees.

The Treasurer stated that there were still some Registration Fees unpaid.

Locker Fees.

No payment for lockers had been received from the 1st, 8th and 38th, although each troop had been circularised to the effect that locker fees were due. It now fell to re-allocate these lockers and it was agreed that they should be allocated to the 32nd, 33rd and 10th. The troops to whom lockers have been allocated are as follows:- 6th, 11th, 45th, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 80th, 57th, 70th, 32nd, 33rd, 10th and Cup Council.

The Chairman then stated that at the last meeting in October, the lockers would be re-allocated if any fell vacan.

Gang Show.

~~The Chairman stated that the Treasurer had signed a paper stating that no accounts from the Gang Show would be shown.~~ At the previous Gang Show, a dance had been held to defray the expenses incurred, but this year, owing to unforeseen circumstances, no dance had been held and accounts amounting to £40 must be paid. After considerable discussion, Mr. Swan moved that the accounts should be paid and put through in the usual way. The Executive unanimously agreed to this. The Treasurer stated that the net proceedings of the Gang Show would be approximately £73. The Treasurer then paid tribute to Mr W. Hill for his great assistance. Mr. Swan moved that £5 be paid to the Greenock Prisoners of War Fund; this was seconded by Miss Tulloch.

Mr Morrison moved that a donation of £5 be given to the Martyrs and North Church for the use of their Hall; this was seconded by Mr. McCrindle and Mr. King.

Lets.

80th 5th, 12, 19th and 26th May, 1943.

45th 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May, 1943.

45th 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May, 1943.

Gang Show 7th May, 1943.

Cub Council 14th, 21st and 28th May, 1943.

Challenge Flag Competition 29th May, 1943.

Warrants.

Application for A.S.M.'s warrant from Mr. R Chalmers of 70th was read and approved.

Gang Show.

The Executive expressed its thanks to Mr. Daly, Mr. Morrison and Corporal Hautton, and to Mr. McNeil and his assistants. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Gent Brewis.

St. Georges Day Services.

Mr Swan suggested that the parades be held on Sunday 2nd May, to the East Congregational Church, and the Rev. Renton Brown be asked to officiate at a joint service of Scouts and Cubs. Scouts and Cubs to assemble at the Wellpark and Flags and Totems to be carried. 11th and 54th Troops and Packs to parade at 6.30 p.m. to St. Mary's Church.

Badge Examiners.

It was suggested that a list of badge examiners be placed on the Notice Board in the Hut. This was agreed.

Cub Report.

Mr. Swan stated that the Cubmasters had agreed to hold an intensive course of training for new Cubmasters and also have two training weekends in June. Arrangements had been made to hold the Challenge Fag Competition and to carry on with the Football Shield. Reported was approved.

Scout Report.

\*A meeting of Scouters had been held on 18th April, 1943. As a result of the P.L.s Wapenschaw, certain recommendations were made. At the Wapencshaw, it was agreed that a request be made for a P.L.s Parliament to be set up with a Scouter as Speaker and any findings to be put to the Scouters Meetings. The Executive approved that a P.L.s Parliament should be set up.

\*A request that the Scout Pipe Band be re-started was considered and Mr. King was appointed to try and arrange for a Pipe Major and report back to the next Executive.

\*It was agreed that the Shannon Cup Competition should be held on 28th and 29th August even if only one Troop entered. It was agreed that the Victory Trophy should be put up this year under the supervision of Mr. Salmon. The Executive agreed that the Stag Royal Cup Competition should be held at Gourock Baths on 18th August, 1943; all arrangements for the Competition to be left to Mr. Swan.

\*Mr Swan stated that a book of BP's life had been received from Mr Ryrie Orr and would be issued to Scouters who wished to read it. It was stated that Troops camping outside the district must notify the Camping Commissioner seven days before the proposed camp.

\*Mr Swan stated that 2 footballs had been received for Scouts and 2 for Cubs. 130 pairs of Sandshoes had also been received and were in the Hut awaiting issue to Troops and Packs. Scouter or Cubmaster must give an undertaking that the Sandshoes would not be taken home by the Scouts or Cubs, but would be kept in the Scouter or Cubmasters custody.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon stated that camping would commence on 22nd May, 1943. The Camp Skipper moved that campsites be not allocated, but should be given out each week on the principle of first come, first served. Mr. Finnie seconded. Mr. Swan moved an amendment that the Camp Skipper should allocate the sites at the beginning of each camping season, Mr. Wilson Hill seconded. On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried and the Camp Skipper was instructed to allocate the sites to the regular campers and to re-allocate them at the beginning of next season. The question of limiting the number of Scouts camping at Everton this season, in view of the shortage of warranted Scouters, was discussed, and it was resolved to limit the number of Scouts camping at any weekend camp to sixty and that an index figure be fixed for each Troop. The Camp Skipper was requested to report details of the scheme at the next meeting.

Public Service Vase.

Mr. Salmon was instructed to request the services of Mr. McLaren as examiner on the 10th June. The Examination to take place in Headquarters.

Microphone.

It was agreed to grant the Greenock Central Cooperative Socy. the use of the microphone free of charge during Wings for Victory Week.

Woolworth’s Lease.

After a detailed discussion on the terms of the proposed lease, it was resolved to instruct the Associations Honourable Legal Advisors that the conditions set out in the proposed lease imposed financial liabilities beyond those which the Association could reasonably undertake, and to request them, therefore, to close the matter.

Census.

It was intimated that the latest census return showed District totals of 463 Cubs, 447 Scouts, 45 Sea Scouts, 30 War Service Scouts, 10 Rovers and 85 Scouters - a total of 1080.

Piano.

The necessity for acquiring a piano for Gang Show Rehearsals was stressed when an estimate for £19s- 10/-, received from Willis Calder was submitted. The estimate provided for the repairing of the piano at present at Headquarters Hut. It was agreed to leave the estimate on the table until the next monthly meeting when information would be available regarding the effect on our insurance policy if a heating lamp were to be installed and the possibility of buying, and if so, the cost of a piano cover.

William Miller Scholarships.

It was intimated that applications for the William Miller Scholarships should be sent in by 15th May, 1943.

Next meeting of the Executive 31st May, 1943.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**Being a Meeting of the Executive within Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock on Monday, 31st May, 1943**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. King; Mr. J. McCrindle; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss C. Martin; Miss E. Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £37-13-3d; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2d; B.P. Memorial Fund Account £6-3-6d; War Service Patrol Account £2-10-8d; Gang Show Account £74-13-7d; Total £285-13-9d.

\*It was agreed to pay the undernoted accounts:-

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War Damage 7 0

Ardgowan Estates 4 1 9.

Electricity Department 1 0 10

Gas Department 1 2 1

Warden’s Expenses 2 0.

Mr. E. Salmon’s Expenses 10 0.

Mr. J.J. Swan’s Expenses 1 9 0.

\*Letter of thanks was read from Miss Kerr for donation of £5 to Prisoners of War Fund and donation of £1 to the Red Cross.

\*Acknowledgement had been received from Martyrs in North Church for donation.

Lets.

80th 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd and 30th June, 1943.

45th 7th, 14th and 28th June, 1943.

3rd, 10, 17th and 24th June, 1943.

33rd 15th June, 1943.

Cub Council 4th June, 1943.

W.S.P. 11th, 18th and 25th June, 1943.

Otter Club.

The W.S.P. Scouts agreed to meet the outstanding account against the Otter Club of £2-14-0d.

Warrants.

An application by David Clarke as A.S.M. of 45th Renfrewshire, was held over subject to application being signed by referees.

St. Georges Day Parade.

500 Scouts and Cubs attended the parade to Rev. Renton Brown’s Church under ADC Colin Finnie. Interim D.C. Swan paraded with 11th and 54th Troops and Packs to St. Mary's Church. It was agreed that the parade had been very successful.

Woolworth’s Lease.

A letter was read from Colonel Paterson, and the Committee were informed that Colonel Paterson was writing to Messrs. Woolworth’s Ltd.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Mr. Hill stated that the names of Mr. Turner of The Academy as Artist Examiner, and Miss Baird of the Academy as French Interpreter were to be added to the list already at Headquarters.

Cub Report.

\*Mr. Swan stated that the training classes had been very successful, 25 Cupmasters having attended the classes. The third and last class to be held on Friday 4th June.

\*Details of the proposed Training Camps were not available as Miss Duncan was probably taking one of the week-ends for a County Camp.

\*An application had been made for the use of Craigieknowes School in place of Hillend School, and Mr. Swan had been informed that the Hall was in use every night. An offer of a large classroom similar to that at present in use in Hillend School had been made, but it was not thought that a transfer under these circumstances would be advisable.

Scout Report.

A proposal had been made to turn the competitions to be held in Gourock Baths into a Gala and Mr. Bridge had been instructed to report back as soon as possible.

Football Competition.

It was stated that the finals of the Football Competition will be held in Cappielow Park.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon stated that two camps had been held and had been very satisfactory. The water supply had been properly covered up. Permission had been given by the S.M. of the 53rd for their camp equipment to be used, provided that it was carefully looked after. Mr. Olley moved that Everton be open to Scouts visiting for a day, if in charge of a Scouter. Mr. Hill seconded. This was agreed. The suggestion was made that the Camp Skipper be notified before going down. It was agreed to re-open the question at the next meeting. Mr Salmon stated that he wished it to be made clear that Day Trippers were not to use the Hut.

Public Service Vase.

The Scouters had held a meeting and suggested that it would be impracticable to have the Competition now, as there would be no entrants. It was agreed that it should be competed for in October, instead of June, for 1943, and in 1944, it will be competed for in March.

Piano.

Mr. McCrindle stated that if a new cover was purchased, it was probable that coupons would be required. It was agreed to leave the question for another month.

Warrants.

Applications from Florence M. Caldwell as C.M. of 86th Renfrewshire and Agnes B. as A.C.M. of 86th Renfrewshire were read and approved.

Millicant camp.

A P.L.’s training camp being held on 12th and 13th June. Troops had been notified.

Repair of the Hut.

It was stated that the Hut, Robertson St, was in need of repair especially with regard to leaks. A subcommittee consisting of Mr. Hill, Mr. Swan an Mr. Daly was appointed with authority to have any urgent repairs carried out before the next Executive Meeting, provided they did not exceed £25.

Ordnance Survey Maps.

It was reported that Mr. Chalmers was raising money by selling a number of Ordnance Survey Maps of this area.

Next meeting

21st June, 1943.

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee at Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 21st June, 1943.**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. J. King; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss C. Martin.

Attending

Mr. A. Ian McNeil, Hon. Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Accounts £33-5-6; Reserve Account £50; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-4; BP Memorial Fund Account £6-3-6; Gang Show Account £74:13: 7.

Total: £278: 15: 4.

\*The following accounts are due to be paid to the Treasurer:-

33rd Renfrewshire 3/-;

45th Renfrewshire 10/6;

80th Renfrewshire 9/-.

With regard to the Gang Show Account for £6-8/- for the use of Hall, there has still been no account rendered by the Education Authorities.

The 28th Renfrewshire have not, so far, paid their locker fee.

Lets.

45th 5, 18, 19, 26 August 1943.

W.S.P. 6, 13, 20, 27th August 1943.

80th 4, 11, 18, 25th August 1943.

P.L.s Parliament 27th ~~August~~July, 1943.

Warrants.

An application by D. Chalmers, 45 Kelly St., Greenock, as A.S.M. with 45th Renfrewshire was held over, subject to application being signed by referees. Application for A.S.M.'s warrant from W. Sinnamon, 53rd Renfrewshire was read and approved.

Cub Report.

\*Mr. Swan stated that there have been 3 training classes and two week-end camps with attendance of 17 to 20 approximately. Despite the efforts of Jupiter Pluvios, camps were carried through, and despite the number of new recruits, were very successful.

\*Miss Duncan is having a County Camp in August. The date will be announced later.

\*Mr. Finnie reported having visited the Cub Council camp and was very satisfied with inspections.

Scout Report.

P.L.s Parliament is being held on the 27th July. Mr. Morrison will be next month's chairman. It is proposed that the chairman of the meeting should visit the Parliament on the previous month so that he will be conversant with its ways. It is that the Parliament will prove its point in time.

Field Day.

Field Day was held on the 19th June. It was started in a torrential downpour. There were over 100 boys and about 12 parents. The sports were abandoned after only two events had been carried out. There was a good deal of work put into the arranging and it was a great pity that the weather spoiled everything.

Distribution of Sand Shoes.

A note was sent to all S.M.’s to collect sand shoes at the Scout Hut. There are still a few pairs left and it is decided to have another night for distribution.

Football.

The final of the football competition is proposed to be held in Cappielow on 3rd July, 1943. This cooperates with the Corporation’s stay-at-home holidays. The Corporation has asked us to enter in a relay race, teams of 4 boys aged 14, 15 and 16. Mr. Swan has already asked the 5th and 6th Renfrewshire to provide a team. It still leaves one more to enter. It was voted that the 45th Renfrewshire should provide the other team.

Book Drive

The Book Drive Committee asked us to participate in the Book Drive and, as usual, the Scouts backed us 500%.

Rover Report.

There was no Rover report.

War Service Scouts Report

~~The Corporation have asked us to forward a list of names of the War Service Scouts so that they can give them first preference in jobs.~~

The War Service Scouts are going round farms during holidays- time. They propose to put the money they earn to funds of some association as they now have enough funds of their own.

Everton.

\*Mr Salmon stated that camping is not up to standard. There is some objection to Scouts chipping the trees anywhere when searching for firewood. This must stop. There is a better improvement as regards numbers. There has been some accidents recently due partly to carelessness.

\*Mr. Olley suggested that War Service Sscouts should be given some work to do at camp, i.e. build a log cabin. Mr. Swan motioned that they build a wet weather kitchen. It was moved that we approach the owners of the wood to cut down some trees for this purpose.

\*A request has come from the 29th Paisley to camp in August at Everton. It was decided not to grant this as it would upset weekend camps already arranged.

Intimation.

There are some schools for Youth Leaders held at St. Andrews, Glasgow.

Census.

There are in the County 319 Wolf Cubs ? in Greenock.

In County 569 Scouts, in Greenock 447.

In County 77 Sea Scouts, in Greenock 45.

In County 54 War Service Scouts, in Greenock 30.

In County 7 Rover Scouts, in Greenock 7.

In County 240 Scout Masters, in Greenock 85.

There are 3291 members of Scout Association in County, 1080 in Greenock, and 1111 in Paisley.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Thomson stated that he had been in contact with the gentleman to whom reference was made two meetings ago. Mr. Thomson thinks that he is probably expecting payment for his services. Mr Finnie asked if we would be able to guarantee 20 regular attenders who will be keen enough. The man is to be contacted by Mr. King.

War Distressed Scouts Fund.

There is a fund being raised by the Scouts and Guides of Great Britain for War Distressed Scouts of Allied Countries. They would appreciate if a small amount was raised by each pack or troop. Scouts and Guides are being canvassed to go abroad after the war to help with the organising of Scouting in Europe. It will be a valuable contribution to Scouting if it can be helped to be re-founded in these countries. The fund will continue until the end of the war. £1 per troop or pack will be a sufficient donation to send to the Treasurer.

Fire Fighting.

Mr. Smith approached the fire-master and he was told that at present there were so many jobs on hand that they could not handle our fire fighters. He proposed that we should carry out practiCe by ourselves and he would give the final Test. This method was found to be impossible.

The next Executive meeting will be held on the 30th August, 1943.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 30th August, 1943.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; ADC Rev. Renton Brown; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. King; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. J. McCrindle; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £48-6-7; Association Reserve Account £110; Pipe Band Account pounds £110-3-7; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4- 9-2; B.P. Memorial Account £6-3-6; Gang Show Account £Nil. Total £279-2-10.

\*Account passed for payment, A. Low and Son £2-19/-.

Everton.

The Executive Committee agreed to try and get particulars for pipes for Everton, if not more than £3 for pipes and carriage to Everton. If cost would be more than £3, the Camp Skipper would have to make some other arrangement.

Lets.

Cub Council 3rd September, 1943.

Training 17th and 24th September.

45th section C 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September.

45th section B 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September.

PLs Parliament 28th September, 1943.

Fire Shield Competition Practice 7th, 14th and 21st September.

Locker Fees.

28th’s locker fees for 1943 have now been paid.

Warrants.

Application forms from the undernoted were read and approved:-

Patrick T. Clements as A.S.M. of 11th Renfrewshire.

William J.C. Young as A.S.M. of 70th Renfrewshire.

Colin D McDougall as A.S.M. of 70th Renfrewshire.

Cub Report.

Training weekend 13th/14th August, had been held under Miss Duncan and had been very successful. Mr A. McDonald, Probation Officer, had given a very interesting session. There had been 7 Greenock Cubmasters out of a total of 14 Cubmasters present.

Scout Report.

\*A Scouters meeting had been held on 29th August and they recommended that the Annual General Meeting this year should be a social function with tea and camp fire. The Committee approved of this recommendation and a committee was appointed to look after the details.

\*PL’s parliament - Chairman for September- Mr Morrison; October- Mr. Thompson; November- Mr. Brown.

\*Parades. The Executive Committee approved of the appointment of Sergeant Clarke, Corporal Auton and Mr William Daly to revise the Standing Orders for Parades.

\*Fire Shield Competition. Entrants to notify Mr. Smith, Convener, and training to start on 6th September, 1943.

\*Competitions. The Scouters put forward the following recommendations which were approved by the Executive Committee, regarding competitions for the incoming year:-

Fire Shield Competition for 1943/1944 to be held October/November; Mr. Smith, Convener.

Swimming Competition for 1943/1944 to be held in June, 1944, Mr Bridge Convener. Football Shield to be run on the knockout system. Committee Mr. Smith, Mr. Thompson and Mr Chalmers.

Public Service Vase for 1942/1943 to be held in October 1943, and 1943/1944 Competition in March/April, 1944, Mr Salmon Convener.

Shannon Cup Competition to be held in June, 1944, Convener Mr. MacAlpine.

\*Scouty Methods. The Committee approved that the issue of Scouty Methods be revised. Committee of Mr. Renton Brown and Mr D. Sinnamon was appointed.

\*National Day of Prayer Parade. A letter had been received from the Presbytery of Greenock asking that 60 Scouts be asked to parade through St. George’s Church on 3rd September for National Day of Prayer.

\*News Letter. It was recommended that a monthly newsletter be sent to every Scouter.

Pipe Band.

Mr McDonald had expressed his willingness to take on the training of a Band. When training Gourock Boys Brigade, he had received no payment, but an honorarium of £10 per annum. Committee requested that this information be passed on to the Sco*u*ters meeting explaining that there would be 18 months practice with Chanters.

Accounts.

Mr Finnie stated that he had examined the 80th's accounts and had found them in order.

Friendship Weekend.

Scouters had expressed a desire to see the films which were shown during the Week of Friendship in Greenock. Mr. Brown stated that when a Hall was fixed, he would arrange about giving a show of the films. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to have the films shown at the Annual General Meeting.

Youth Committee.

Mr. Swan stated that a meeting of the Youth Committee was being held on Tuesday 31st August 1943, and the Executive appointed Mr. Swan as the Scout Representative for our district.

Works Committee.

The Works Committee had examined the Hut and found that extensive repairs were urgently required. Mr. Morrison was asked to get in touch with the Co-operative Joiners with a view to having the repairs made. Electricians to be approached to give an estimate of the cost of the installation of four extra lights. It was suggested that a Works Convener should be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Gang Show.

After discussion, it was agreed that a Committee consisting of Messrs. J.J. Swan, R. Morrison and Miss J. Tulloch should consider the steps necessary to run another Gang Show and report at next meeting.

Next meeting 27th September, 1943.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 27th September, 1943.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. F. King; Mr. J. McCrindle; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss Martin; Miss Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer..

The members being upstanding, the Chairman moved:-

“That we place on record our deep sense of loss at the Going Home of our Honoured President, Mr. Ryrie Orr, also our very real appreciation of the grand lead he gave in the early days of our movement, and many Good Turns so efficiently yet so quietly performed in later years.

“To enumerate all the benefits the Greenock District has derived from Mr. Orr is not possible here, but I feel sure that all of you who have worked with him will ever remember the kindly interest he took in all matters pertaining to the Boy Scouts, and would wish that an excerpt from this minute be sent to Mr. Orr's family with our sincere sympathy for them in their great loss”.

This was agreed to.

The Chairman expressed the Committee’s heartfelt sympathy to Mr J. Swan, Interim D.C. and his family in their recent bereavement.

The chairman expressed the Committee's heartfelt sympathy to Miss Armstrong, Minutes Secretary and her family in their recent bereavement.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £42-9-7d; Reserve Accounts £110; Pipe Band Account £110-3-7d; Pipe Band maintenance Account £4-9-2d; BP Memorial Fund Account £11-4-6d; a total of £278-6-10d.

\*Accounts passed for payment;-

Treasurers Expenses 1/5d.

War Damage Account 5/0d.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should be instructed to forward the BP Memorial Fund Account to the County Secretary.

Lets.

45th 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October.

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October.

80th 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th October.

Cub Council 8th October.

Cub Report.

\*Cubmasters had had one meeting and arrangements were made for the winter's work. It was their intention to endeavour to make their own Cub Badges.

\*Football Shield. The 6th and 11th Renfrewshire were to meet on 9th October for the final.

Scout Report.

\*National Day of Prayer Parade.

Mr Morrison had taken charge of this parade and 45 boys had taken part.

\*Scouters Training.

Rev. Renton Brown had arranged a series of training classes for Scouters, but owing to the poor response, he had decided to discontinue these classes.

\*Competitions.

Training of one team for each troop competing for the Fire Shield was in progress. The report on the Shannon Cup Competition had been received and was satisfactory in most respects. The 6th Group had won the Cup with 134 points. 32nd Renfrewshire had 104 points and the 28th Renfrewshire had 97 points. 5th Renfrewshire had 90 points and 1st Renfrewshire had 67 points. The Examiner's report was read to the Executive.

\*Hoops.

A permit had been received for hoops and these would be allocated at the next Scouters Meeting.

\*Dedication Service.

A Service of Dedication had been held in Martyrs and North Church for Protestant S.M.s and CM's on 26th September.

\*The Scouters Meeting had been postponed until 3rd October, 1943.

\*Mr. Swan stated that a Sea Scout Report might, in future, be asked for.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Sea Scout Report.

A meeting had been held at Renfrew for the purpose of meeting the Commissioner for Sea Scouts. The Commissioner for Sea Scouts wished to divide England and Scotland into six areas, and to establish Headquarters in each area, whether afloat or a shore station. He wished each station to be equipped with boats etc. Each station would cost approximately £700. The Sea Scouts Committee consists of Mr Lyle, Mr. Olley and Mr W. Hill.

Warrants.

Applications from the undernoted were read and approved:-

Mary Niven McDougall as ACM of 59th Renfrewshire.

John Smith as ASM of 29th Renfrewshire.

The 28th wished to know if Colin R.D. Brown has resigned from his position as Group Scoutmaster. The Association have no record of his having resigned.

Pipe Band.

Nothing to report.

Youth Committee.

Mr. King had attended the Youth Meeting and Mr. Smith of 6th Gourock was also present. Mr. King appointed Mr. Swan as scout Representative and Mr. Smith stated that Gourock was willing that Mr. Swan should represent them also. The Committee expressed their thanks to Mr. King for his work in this respect.

Works Committee.

Mr. Morrison stated that the Co-operative would undertake the work to be done and it would be completed within the next month.

Piano.

Mr. Morrison voted that the question of the piano, which has been on the table for three months, be brought up again. It was stated that a piano in the Hut was essential for the Gang Show and Mr. Morrison moved that the repairs, as estimated, be gone ahead with. Mr. Olley seconded. This was agreed and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. J. Calder and Sons accepting their offer and instructing them to go ahead with the repairs.

Gang Show.

The Gang Show Committee proposed that Mr. Morrison be requested to produce the 1944 Gang Show. The Committee had still to pick the Directors. Mr. Morrison asked the Interim D.C. to include a request in the Scouters News Letter, to the effect that entrants names should be put forward immediately.

Applications for Microphone.

11th Renfrewshire made application for the use of the microphone at a Parents Night some date hence. This was agreed and a charge of 10/- to be made. For to 8th wished the use of the microphone for their own Gang Show. It was recommended that the 38th be strongly advised that the Executive did not approve of their using the name “Gang Show” for this occasion. It was approved that the 38th be charged 15/- for each of the three nights they wished the microphone.

Boys Brigade.

A letter had been sent on behalf of the Executive Committee congratulating the Boys Brigade on attaining their 50th anniversary.

Memorial Service.

\*Mr. Douglas Troup and the Guide Commissioner had agreed to have a memorial parade for Mr Ryrie Orr. Rev. Troup suggested in two or three weeks time. It was suggested that if Cubs and Brownies took part in the Parade, St. George’s Church be used. It was agreed to leave this to Mr. Troup.

\*Mourning.

Mr Salmon moved that Scouters only should go into mourning and Mr McCrindle seconded. Chairman moved an amendment that the whole district go into mourning and Mr. King seconded. The amendment was passed and it was agreed that the district go into mourning for three months. A notice to be put in the Greenock Telegraph giving full details.

Next meeting of the Executive 25th October at 7-30 p.m. Annual General Meeting 25th October at 8-00 p.m.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 25th September, 1943.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. D. Troup; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. Wilson Hill; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Armstrong.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £43-19-7d; Association Reserve Account £111-17-9d; Pipe Band Account £113-3-3d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4- 9- 2d. A total of £273-9-9d.

\*The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

£ s d.

Telegraph 18 6

J.A. Simpson 3 - -

Electricity 1 4 7.

Gas 13 -

G.J. Rankin 1 3. -

Warden’s Honorarium 5 - -

Lets.

45th 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November, 1943.

3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November, 1943.

80th

Cub Council

Cub Report.

Nothing to report.

Scout Report

Nothing to report.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Nothing to report.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee, 29th November, 1943 at 8 p.m.

James J Swan, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street, on Monday, 25th October, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Sederunt

Rev. Douglas Troup in the Chair; Col. Paterson; Rev. J. Inglis; Mrs. A. Muir; Mrs. Willis; Mr. A. Lyall; Miss Armstrong; Interim D.C. James J. Swan;

Attending

Honorary Treasurer and Secretary.

Minutes.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Commissioners Report.

\*Mr. Swan, Interim D.C., stated that in the past year there had been a good increase in numbers but that, unfortunately, there had been a decrease in a number of Officers. The advance was not only in numbers but also in efficiency. In Cub work, it was gratifying to note that the entries for the Cub Challenge Flag Competition had *been* the best for a number of years, and that it had been possible to hold every Scout and Cub Competition; this was the first time for some years.

\*Badges.

The number of badges won had shown a remarkable increase.

\*Camping.

Despite the rationing of camping, it had had a very popular season - an average of 44 boys and 6 officers being at Everton, per week-end.

\*Baden Powell Memorial Fund.

The Greenock District had only fallen £40 short of their aim of £1 per Scout for the Memorial Fund, and it was heartening to note that Greenock had contributed more than a quarter of the County's total.

\*Accommodation.

The provision of accommodation for Pack and Troop meetings was one of the most serious problems, although the Association had been greatly helped by the Renfrewshire Education Committee who had given every assistance in giving the use of School Halls.

\*Sports equipment.

Another problem was the scarcity of Sports Gear; permits had been granted but they did not come anywhere near requirements.

\*Looking back over another war-time year, they had, he thought, ~~made~~ good solid progress, had been made and this was due, in a large measure, to the untiring and unselfish work of the many office-bearers. Looking forward, he would remind all Scouters that success in numbers, competitions, shows or anything else was valueless if they forgot their one aim, to lay the foundations of character and good citizenship in the boys in their charge.

\*Mr Swan then spoke of the great loss sustained by the Association through the death of Mr Ryrie Orr, former President.

Treasurers Report.

Mr. A. Ian MacNeil submitted the Treasurers report.

Mr. David Paterson, prior to proposing the adoption of the reports, said that by the death of Mr Ryrie Orr, the Scout Association had lost one who had been an outstanding personality. Advancing age had never lessened his energy, and he was always an example to others. Speaking of the reports, Mr. Paterson said that they showed that the Scout movement continued to more than hold its own with other organisations. He remarked that he felt very sympathetic towards voluntary organisations, and hoped that they would never come under the direct control of a Government Department.

Rev. J. Ingles seconded the adoption of the reports, and stated that he was very glad to have been asked to come to the meeting as he had a long experience of Scouting, being an ADC at Arran.

Election of Office-Bearers.

Before the election of the Office-Bearers, Mr. Swan asked that the election of all but one of the Vice Presidents, the Co-opted Members and the names of Lay Members be held over until a later date.

President. Colonel David Paterson.

Vice President Rev. J. Ingles.

Chairman. Colin Finnie.

Honorary Secretary. Miss Christine Martin.

Honorary Minutes Secretary Miss Elspeth Armstrong.

Honorary Treasurer Mr. A. Ian MacNeil.

Honorary Badge Secretary Mr. Wilson Hill.

Camp Skipper. Mr. Ernest Salmon.

District Scoutmaster Mr. Ernest Salmon.

District Cubmaster Miss Jean Tulloch.

Honorary Legal Advisers. *Col.* Paterson.

Honorary Auditors. Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Representatives to C.S.C. Treasurer and Secretary.

Representatives to S.H.Q. Treasurer, Secretary and Mr William Daly.

Honorary Warden. Mrs McCrindle.

Executive. Office bearers and 3 Scouters, Mr. Thomson, Mr William daly and Mr. Robert Morrison.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr. Douglas Troup, Chairman, was accorded a vote of thanks.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday, 29th November, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. W. Daly; Mr. E. Salmon; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss Armstrong; Miss Campbell.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Accounts £34-3-4d; Association Reserve Account £111- 17-9d; Pipe Band Account £113-3-3d; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4-9-2d; A total of £263-13-6d.

\*The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

Badges 18-9d.

G.C.C.S. Ltd £1-14-10d.

Lets.

45th 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December, 1943.

4th, 18th, 25th December, 1943.

Cub Council 3rd December, 1943.

P.L.’s Parliament 21st December, 1943.

Free Lets 12th and 19th December, 1943.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. F. Olley.

Cub Report.

The Cubmasters’ Annual Social was held on 12th November, 1943. Scouters had been invited and about 20 came along. It was proposed to hold the annual toy parade on 12th December, 1943 if permission was granted. Cubmasters invite the assistance of all Scouters on 12th and 19th December for a “Make do and Mend”.

Scout Report.

\*A Scouters meeting had been held on 31st October and had discussed Scouting.

\*Mr Jack Stewart, A.D.C., Glasgow, conducted series of Training Classes for Scoutmasters in the Hut on Sundays.

\*P.L.s Parliament had met but there was nothing to report of any interest from that meeting.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Mr. J.J. Swan, Interim D.C., read the report on behalf of Mr. F. Olley. One item of great interest was that the Scout Store, Glasgow had allowed us to open an account with them. A few of the most popular badges were to hand and Mr. Olley in his report had asked that an account for badges be opened in order to buy up a stock. With regard to badge accounts, it was agreed to grant £5 in order to allow him have a stock in hand. Certain stipulated badges to be kept in hand and a monthly statement to be made to the executive. The Executive’s suggestion to be put to Mr. Olley for his O.K. Application by Mr. McCrindle for permission to present a Thanks Badge to Mr. Ferguson was granted.

Sports Equipment.

Mr. Swan had received permission to buy some sports equipment.

Sea Scouts Report.

National Sea Scouts Exhibition to be held in London 10/15th April, 1944 and in Glasgow on 28th February, 1944.

P.L.’s Training.

Letter was read from Scottish Headquarters regarding P.L.’s Training. The Executive agreed that a reply be sent to the effect that the questions raised in the letter were being attended to in this district.

Warrants.

Applications for warrants were received from Kenneth A. Mitchell as A.S.M. of 85th Renfrewshire, and from Christine C. Williamson as A.C.M. of 52 Renfrewshire. The applications were approved.

Secretary.

Mr. Swan intimated that Miss Martin had had to give up the Secretaryship as she was now engaged on war-work and that Miss Campbell was willing to take over the duties, so that he had much pleasure in moving that Miss Campbell be appointed as Secretary in place of Miss Martin. Mr. Swan took this opportunity of expressing the Executive's sincere appreciation of the work done by Miss Martin.

Minutes Secretary.

Mr. Swan intimated that the position of Minutes Secretary would no longer function as Miss Campbell had agreed to take over both jobs. The Executive’s thanks was expressed to Miss Armstrong for her work.

Gang Show.

The Secretary was instructed to make application to the Martyrs & North Church for the use of their Hall for the Gang Show Rehearsals on Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the months of January, February and March, commencing on 15th January.

It was agreed that Mr. Swan should write to Miss Martin and tell her that we had at last succeeded in getting a Secretary and asking her to return all books and papers held by her.

Next meeting of the Executive, 20th December, 1943

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Streeyt, on Monday, 27th December, 1943 at 8 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie in the Chair; Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. W. Dally; Mr. E. Salmon; Rev. G. Renton Brown; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; and Miss Campbell.

Mr. J.J. Swan submitted the Honorary Treasurer's Statement.

Before proceeding with the business, it was announced that Mr. A. McNeill, Treasurer, had been made the happy father of a baby daughter and the Secretary was asked to send the committee's good wishes.

Finance.

\*There was in Association Account £32.9. 9; Association Reserve Account £111. 17. 9; Pipe Band Account £113. 3. 3; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4. 9. 2; A total of £261. 19. 11.

\*The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

Training Expenses 12/-.

Piano £19. 10/-.

Rates £6. 17. 7.

Water £3. -.- .

Insurance for Hut £1.- . -.

Secretaries Expenses £ -. 15. 7.

Piano account to be paid with a request for a final adjustment to piano. Mr Finnie to ask Insurance agent regarding the suitability of a heating lamp to prevent damp.

Apologies for Absence.

Were received from Mr. F. Olley and Mr. A McNeill, Treasurer.

Lets.

45th 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th January, 1944.

13th 20th and 27th January 1944.

Cub Council 14th January, 1944.

Gang Show Friday, 7th January, 1944.

Scouters 16th January, 1944.

P.L.’s Parliament 25th January, 1944.

Cub Report.

The Cubs contributed to Christmas good cheer by collecting, mending and distributing over 200 toys. They also collected 11/9 singing Christmas Carols.

Scout Report.

The question of sports gear was under discussion, and as it is now possible for those Scouts who applied for footballs and bladders to receive them at Lauder’s shop, Mr. Swan suggested that someone from Scout Council be appointed to carry out the orderly distribution of the gear at a specified time. This was agreed upon.

P.L.’s Parliament.

A committee has been formed to organise the Pipe Band. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. R. Smith and ask him to report to the next meeting of the Executive on the subject of the Pipe Band.

Annual Social.

The Secretary was also to ask Mr. Smith to supply her with the particulars of the Annual Social.

Competitions.

A new addition of Scouty Methods is to be printed soon, and it was agreed that Mr. Salmon should present details of the new rulings for competition before going to print.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Badge Secretary.

Cash on hand £1. 9. 7. Stock in hand £3. 18. 7.

Sea Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Warrants.

Warrants for Mary Niven MacDougall as A.C.M. of 59th Renfrewshire and John Smith as A.S.M. of 39th Renfrewshire having been approved in September were confirmed.

Resignations.

Resignations were received from Mrs. E. Ferguson of 80th Renfrewshire and Miss Nell Bruce of 31st, and the Committee extended their thanks for their past services.

Scout Group *Registration*.

The registration was approved of a new Group under the control of the Union Street Church and under the leadership of Cubmaster Ann Logan Sinclair and Assistant Cubmaster Patricia Sinclair.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison reported that the Committee had held three meetings and that the script was ready and the music selected, the programme being ready for publication. Mr. T. Sutherland will be musical director of Gang Show, and the Committee intend approaching a Dancing Instructor. The Martyr’s and North Church could not grant the use of No.7 Hall for practice, but it was decided that Mister Dally should approach Mr. Troup and try and come to some arrangement. Mr. Sinnamon is commencing the fund for financing Gang Show by holding a dance on 18th January in Gas Show Rooms. It was agreed to grant a note of Credit for £10 for Gang Show expenses. The next meeting of Gang Show would be on 7th January for Scout registration.

Parades.

A new committee was nominated, the members being Mr. Dally, Mr. Dalmon, and Mr. Clark.

Record of Service Forms.

Mr. Swan mentioned that these were obtainable for those boys leaving the district or in the forces.

Youth Organiser.

Mr. Swan reported in detail correspondence received regarding the use of sand shoes in Finnart School, and a broken panel in Lady Alice School.

While on the subject, Mr. Swan brought up the question of having someone keep an eye on the Scout Groups in the Lady Alice District, and it was agreed to ask a Mr. Arthur if he would undertake this duty.

Model Exhibition.

One is to be held in February 1944 and one later in London.

The Hut.

The Hut was broken into by two youths who had ransacked it, and had removed two suitcases of equipment. They were traced through the clever detection of the Scouts and were duly sentenced. A window was broken during the burglary.

Three-Year Plan.

Mr. Swan asked as many members of the executive to be present as possible at the next meeting on 16th January at 6 p.m., which will be for the purpose of discussing finance and religion.

Deputation from Senior Scouts re. Football Team.

Mr. M. McKenzie spoke on behalf of Senior Scouts regarding the lack of opportunity for the Scout who is over 15 years old to play football under the present rules of the Association. He pointed out the danger of their leaving the Scouts to join other organisations who may offer this opportunity. He suggested that a Senior Scout football team should be formed and that they finance themselves by holding dances, etc; also that no member of the committee be over 25 years old. The Executive committee agreed wholeheartedly that such a group was needed within the organisation, but pointed out that it would be wise of the proposed group to accept a member of the Executive on their committee irrespective of age to guard the interests of the Scouts good name and to pass on any benefits gained through previous experience. It was agreed by all that the whole matter be referred back to the next Scouters meeting, and that the Secretary should notify all Scouters of this.

The next meeting will be held 31st January 1944.

Colin Finnie, A.D.C., Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street, on Monday, 31st January, 1944, at 8 p.m..**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC, James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. W. Dally; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. R. Smith; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss M. Campbell.

Attending

Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. Ian McNeill.

Finance.

There was in Association Reserve Account £111.2.3; Pipe Band £113.3; Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2. A total of £228.14.8.

The undernoted accounts were passed for payment:-

Duplicating 37/8.

Gang Show Expenses 12/-

Secretary’s Expenses 3/10½.

Lets

45th Renfrewshire 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February.

5th, 12th, 19th, and 26 February.

Cub Council 11th and 25th February.

Scouters 6th February.

P.L.s Parliament 22nd February.

Locker Fees.

No payments have been received from the 6th, 28th, 45th, 53rd, 57th, 80th, and Cub Council. It was recommended that Camp Skipper give a final notice that payments are to be made by 26th February, 1944.

Cub Report.

\*A newsletter was distributed to all Cubmasters informing them that a Training Class preparing members for Warrants as ASM.'s and CM's was to be started on 11th February at fortnightly intervals.

\*Cub Council was asked to invite each Pack to join the 1d a week fund for Allied Groups, Miss Jean Crainer, 9 East Crawford Street being in charge.

P.L’s Parliament.

\*Mr. Swan reported that there were 21 present at the meeting. It was made clear that the hiker’s tents which were made available for weekends were not to be bought by the Association, but were on loan from members possessing them.

\*It was suggested that more organised Scouting in Pioneering be conducted at Everton.

\*It was agreed that SM's should take PL’s on a test hike before actual hike takes place.

Pipe Band.

Mr. R. Smith attended meeting and reported that there were 73 Pipers and 37 Drummers in the Group. Pipe Major McDonald would meet Mr. Powell and himself in about two weeks time to give his assistance. It was suggested that Mr. Smith obtain a report from Mr. McDonald as to equipment required, a suitable evening for practice, and an appropriate Honorarium. It was agreed that April was the most suitable time to commence training due to school exams and Gang Show rehearsals.

Annual Social.

Mr. Smith also reported on the difficulties of obtaining a Hall and provisions for this event, and it was agreed to abandon the idea, with regret.

Scouts (Senior) Football Team.

All SM’s had been notified of decision to start a team and Mr. Smith, ~~Mr Dally~~ and Mr. Thomson were appointed at Scouters meeting to report on its progress. Executive await this report.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Treasurer remarked that same was in good order and showing a profit.

Competitions.

The new rulings to be inserted in the next edition of “Scouty Methods” were agreed to by the Executive and are as follows:-

\*Shannon Cup (Scouts training) (Presented by Messrs. J&S Shannon).

Competition annually – 2nd weekend June.

Paragraph 1 correction.

Paragraph 2 should read:- “The age limit is 15 years. Age to be taken as at date of competition”.

Paragraph 3 should read:- “The test is to be a week-end camp and a general knowledge of Scouting up to 2nd Class.”

Paragraphs 4 and 5 as before.

Convener of competition- William McAlpine, 102 Rankin St.

\*Public Service Vase. (Ambulance and Missioner badges)

Details of badges.

Presented by John Drummond Esq.

Competition annually - March.

No change in conditions.

Convener- E. Salmon.

\*Fire Shield (for drill [fire] and rescue work.

Presented by late Councillor Dan Orr.

Competition annually - October 10.

Use of fire extinguisher, stirrup pump and incendiary bomb training to be added to existing rules.

Convener- R.M.G. Smith.

\*Cricket Trophy

Presented by H. Waller Butter.

Scouts under 16 years of age on day of each match. Convener

R.M.G. Smith.

\* Boy Scout Football Shield

Presented by the late ex Provost McMillan

Session- March/August.

Competition will be run on knockout principle.

First line of paragraph should read- “Teams will comprise Scouts under 15 years of age…..”.

Other paragraphs as before but additional paragarph is:- “Entry fee 1/-“.

\*Swimming Competitions unchanged.

Convener- R.S. Bridge.

New Competitions for 1944.

\*Signalling.

Competition annually- early in May.

Teams to comprise 8 boys, which will include P.L., 2nd, and six Scouts.

No P.L .to be reduced for the test.

Members not to be older than 15 years of age at time of competition.

Morse to be used.

Convener-

\*Pioneering.

Competition annually - September.

Teams to comprise 8 boys

PL and 2nd PL not to be reduced for purpose of competition.

Test similar to that for Pioneer Badge with the exception of tree felling. Teams will make sheer legs or derrick capable of lifting 2 cwts.

Boys not be over 15 years of age at time of competition.

General Rules for Competitions.

1. Entries to be in writing and in Convenor’s hand two weeks before start of competitions.

2. Names and ages of patrols to be submitted.

3. Uniforms to be worn.

Sea Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Rover Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Warrants.

Applications were received from Margaret McCheyne as A.C.M. of 1st Renfrewshire and from Margaret MacGillivray MacLean as C.M. of 80th Renfrewshire. These were approved.

Gang Show.

Mr Morrison reported that the rehearsals were going well, especially the musical side, but they were having difficulties with times for rehearsals. It was agreed that the Secretary should write Mr. F. McLeod of School Management Committee applying for Lady Alice School for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th April and to notify Mr. Swan on his reply. Rev. Renton Brown was appointed to deal with tickets and advertising.

Youth Organiser.

Mr Swan saw Mr. T. Arthur and he promised to check up on Lady Alice School District Groups and report to him.

Three Year Plan.

Next discussion on 6th February 1944.

Audits.

Mr, Finnie reported that the books of the 6th, 32nd and 80th were in order.

Correspondence.

Mr. Swan received a letter from the Girl Guides requesting the Hut for a Scouters and Guiders Conference at end of February. Miss Tulloc*h* and Mr. Swan were appointed to deal with this matter.

Ship Model Competition.

This is to be held on February 26th in Glasgow.

Air Scouts.

Mr. Russel and Mr. D. Fairbairn approached Mr. Swan in connection with commencing a new group to be called Air Scouts. Mr. Swan will contact group and report.

Next Meeting.

28th February, 1944.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock on 28th February, 1944.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. W. Dally; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. R. Morrison; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; and Mr. Ian McNeill.

Attending

Secretary, Miss Campbell.

Treasurer’s Report.

There was in Association Account £2.16.9; Association Reserve, £111.17.9; Pipe Band £113.3.3; and Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2. A total of £232.6.11.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Cub Council 10th and 24th March.

Guiders and Scouters Conference 3rd March.

PL’s Parliament 28th March.

Lockers.

It was suggested that the non-payment of lockers be inserted in Newsletter.

Badge Secretary.

No statement.

Cub Report.

\*30 Cubmasters attended the last class of the Warrant Training Lectures, which will be completed in two weeks.

\*Collections have been made for the Allied Scouts Fund, and regular remittances are to be made to Edinburgh.

Scout Report.

\*Competition rules were agreed upon.

\*It has been agreed that Work Parties to Everton must report to the Camp Skipper before going.

PL’s Parliament.

Nothing to report.

Three Year Plan.

The meeting called for 16th January had been held and a further meeting had since been held in Committee form. It was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer meet with Finance Committee of the Three Year Plan.

Senior Scouts Football Team.

Nothing has been decided as yet.

Sea Scouts.

Mr. Salmon reported that at the Exhibition in Glasgow, the 75th Renfrewshire Group gained 2nd prize.

Rover Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Air Scouts.

Mr. Swan reported that a meeting had been arranged, but had been cancelled by Mr. D. Fairbairn, and he was awaiting further news from this group.

Warrants.

The following warrants were passed for approval:-

\*Miss Ann Logan Sinclair, 58 Regent Street, Greenock as Cubmaster of new group to be numbered 7th Renfrewshire.

\*Kenneth Richard Chegwyn, 44 Brisbane St., Greenock as Assistant Scout Master of 39th Renfrewshire.

\*Miss Patricia Sinclair, 58 Regent Street, Greenock as Assistant Cubmaster of new Group (7th Renfrewshire) but, as she was below the required age of 18, it was agreed to grant her a Letter of Authority.

Group Registration.

The registration of the Union Street Church was agreed upon, and its number will be 7th Renfrewshire.

Audits.

Mr Finnie found the books of the 33rd Renfrewshire in order.

Piano.

Mr Finnie also reported that he was in touch with the Insurance Company regarding lamp in piano for heating purposes and they will not accept the risk, and are considering renewing the insurance of the building when due.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon reported that some Everton lockers had been opened without permission, and it was agreed that the rule, that the officer in charge be responsible for the keys, be strictly enforced. Mr. Saslmon reported receiving a letter from Mr. McLaughlin, Glasgow asking for Everton during 18th/19th April weekend. It was decided to grant this request as Greenock Scouts would not be camping then. Everton camp is to be opened 29th April.

Gang Show.

The next meeting of Gang Show is to be held on 5th March. Mr. McLeod of Education Committee was unable to grant the Lady Alice School for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th April, but arrangements were made and confirmed that the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th April would do as an alternative.

Microphone.

Mr Morrison reported that this was out of order, and it was agreed to have it repaired.

Correspondence.

\*Mr. Swan read a letter received from Dr. Allan or Finnart School First Aid Post thanking the boys of the 75th and 1st Groups for their help in acting as casualties for his classes, and offered them the opportunity of attending these classes to assist them to obtain their First Aid Badge.

\*Mr. Swan also received correspondence from the Youth Council announcing classes in Music, Drama, and Club Leadership.

Scouters and Guiders Conference.

A Conference between the two organisations is to be held on 3rd March.

Next Meeting.

To be held 27th March.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 27th March, 1944.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC James J. Swan; Mr. J. Dally; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Ian McNeill; Mr. J. McPherson; Rev. D. Troup.

Attending

Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Before proceeding with the meeting, it was agreed to co-opt Mr. J. McPherson as a member of the Executive, after which, he was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*There was in Association Account £3.8.1½; Association Reserve £111.17.9; Pipe Band £113.3.3; and Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2. A total of £232.18.3½.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment;

War Damage Insurance Premium 5/-

Gas Account £2.18. 3

Electricity Account £1. 2. 11.

Gang Show Music 4/-

Overhauling microphone £1.10. -

One table microphone stand £2. 7. 6.

Secretary’s Expenses 6/6½

Repairing Gas Fire 11/6.

Repairing door and supplying glass 13/-.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire 1st and 8th

6th and 20th April.

Lockers.

53rd and 57th unpaid.

Registration Fees

5th, 39th, 53rd, 54th, 57th, 59th, 85th, and 86 unpaid. Various members of the Executive were asked to get in touch with the above groups re unpaid fees.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Mr McNeil, Treasurer, read Mr Olley’s report stating that Cash in Hand was £1.18.9, Stock in Hand £3.19.7. Due to Scout Store £9.14.2 and owed by Troops £9.8.3.

Cub Report.

\*The Cubmasters have completed their fourth and last training class for pre-Warrant training, which is the first course to be held in Greenock District. 28 attended.

\*A competition was held for Art Trophy, and 30 drawings and 30 models were handed in.

Scout Report.

It was intimated from S.H.Q. that a scheme will commence in which it will be compulsory for Scouters to attend a course of four lectures for pre-warrant training.

PL’s Parliament.

Only two boys attended last meeting, due to fault of Scouters not intimating date.

Parades.

The Scouts were asked to attend the parade for National Savings Week, and Mr Finnie agreed to attend the meeting in the Council Chambers regarding this.

Sports Gear.

The Association was the recipient of two football bladders. It was also given the opportunity to purchase a gym mat at £10. 6. -.

Penny a Week Fund.

The Penny-a-Week is still being collected from Cubs and Scouts for aiding the reinstatement of Allied Scouts after the war.

Everton.

Limited camping is to be Everton 's principle. The Shannon Cup weekend is to be held 26/27th August. The PL's training weekend is to be 20/21st May.

Three-Year-Plan.

Committee meeting to be held 2nd April.

Gang Show.

Costumes, stewarding etc are now being taken up. A meeting is to be held on Tuesday 11th April to organise final production.

Warrants.

\*The Executive accepted Miss Agnes B. Aitken’s resignation for the 86 Renfrewshire Pack prior to her application for warrant as Cubmaster of 39th Renfrewshire Pack which was approved with the proviso that a signature be obtained recommending her application.

\* Mr. J.A.C. Kerr of 57 Albert Road, Gourock applied for warrant as Assistant Scoutmaster of 38th Renfrewshire, which was approved by committee.

Audits.

Mr. Finnie announced the 75th Renfrewshire’s books correct.

Piano.

Mr. Morrison suggested having piano tuned twice a year and the Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Calder for terms.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Swan, acting DC, reported on a communication from the Youth Panel No.2 re a general parade on Empire Youth Sunday. He had replied saying that it was unlikely as the Scouts were having a general parade on St. George’s Day, and they were restricted to holding two parades a year. However, that the Groups could parade individually to their Churches. Mr. Swan also said he had received a letter from Rev. Gent-Brewis asking if the St. George’s Day Parade could gather at St. John’s Church, and it was agreed by the Committee, provided arrangements were made regarding conduct. The 86th Pack had requested that their banners and totems be dedicated on St. George’s Day, and this was agreed to. Mr. Salmon stated that there were no hymn books at Everton, and Mr. Troup said he would try and obtain some.

Next Meeting.

To be held 24th April.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 24th April, 1944.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC Mr. James J. Swan; ADC Rev. G. Renton Brown; Mr. J. Dally; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. Ian McNeill, Treasurer; and Mr. J. McPherson, Ass. Treasurer.

Attending

Secretary, Miss M. Campbell, Secretary.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account overdrawn. Association Reserve £110.11.7; Pipe Band £113.3.3; and Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2; Gang Show Account £60.5.10. A total of £288.9.10.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

£6. 5. -

Storer £6. 3. 6

Everton Insurance £1. 11. 6

Greenock Central Coop 18/-

Lothian 7/6

Central Coop 12/10

J. Smith £9. 5. -

Greenock Telegraph £5. -. 8

B Nicol £10

Gestetner 15/3

Secretary’s Expenses 9/3

Lets.

45th 4-11-18-25.

CM's. 5th May.

Challenge Flag Competition 20th May.

33rd 2-9-16-23-30.

Registration Fees.

54th and 59th still to be paid.

Badge Secretary.

Nothing to report.

Cub Report.

\*Cub Football Competition is about to start.

\*Proficiency badge examination is to be held on 5th May.

\*The 86th Pack flag was dedicated on St. George’s Day at Wellpark Church.

Scout Report.

18 PLs attended Conference at Paisley and were invited to the Glasgow Conference on Saturday 1st.

Sports Gear.

Mr. Swan ADC said that arrangements had been made to have future permits for sports gear left blank so that the Association may choose the most equitable supplier.

Catering Licence.

Mr. Swan also spoke on the possibility of obtaining a catering licence for Headquarter Hut, and it was agreed that further investigations should be made and reported on at next meeting.

Parades.

\*The St. George’s Day parades of Cubs to Wellpark Church and Scouts to St. John's Episcopal Church were well attended and went off smoothly.

\*The Salute the Soldier Parade is to be held on May 13th.

\*It was agreed to stand by previous arrangements with regard to Empire Youth Parade and have Troops parade to their respective Churches.

Everton.

\*Glasgow Scouts camped at Everton this month. Mr. Salmon.

\*Camp Skipper, reported on the destruction of green trees at Everton.

Three Year Plan.

The Finance Committee met on 23rd April, and Mr. Swan reported on plans for Sales of Work to be held in 1944 and 1945, also a Super Gang Show incorporating the best turns of previous shows. They also planned to set a target of £5 from each Troop and Pack over the three-year period.

Gang Show.

The Gang Show proved to be a great success this year, and the Executive Committee accorded their very grateful thanks to the Committee, Mr. Swan, Convener; Mr. Morrison, Producer; Mr. Dally, Stage Manager; Miss Tulloch, Costumes; and to Mr. Olley, General Handyman, and to the many other helpers, not forgetting the Cubmasters, who were unstinting in their aid behind scenes.

The Executive Committee agreed to send £5 to the Martyr’s and North Church for the use of their hall.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Robertson of the Central Co-operative Transport Department for his kind assistance in the transport of scenery etc. The Gang Show Committee was asked to make arrangements to give the performers a treat, before disbanding.

Warrants.

Mr. McNeil was asked to contact Mr. King regarding warrant for Lewis McLarty.

Piano.

Messrs. Jos. Calder and Son’s quotation for tuning piano twice yearly for 15/- with minor repairs extra was accepted by Committee.

Pipe Band.

Mr. R. Smith is to be asked to report at next meeting.

Other Business.

A scheme for raising money for the Boy Scouts Association Relief Abroad Fund is to be held 20th May. Job cards are to be issued to Cubs and Scouts and the proceeds from the work done to be handed in at Martyr’s and North Church Hall where a grand Campfire will follow the ceremony.

Census.

The total figures are up all over. Some groups were very dilatory in sending in their forms.

Next Meeting.

To be held 29th May.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 29th May, 1944.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Dally; Mr. F. Olley; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Ian McNeill, Treasurer; and Mr. J. McPherson, Assistant Treasurer.

Attending

Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*There was in Association Account nil; Association Reserve £102.16.9. Pipe Band Account £113.3.3; Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2. and Gang Show Account £86.3.2.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment.

Ardgowan Estate £3. 19. 9.

McKelvie 's £1. 6. 4.

McPherson Bros. 5/3.

Gang Show £1. 13.1.

Secretary’s Expenses 7/5.

It was agreed to advance £3 to Mr Dally for Gang Show dance.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire 1st- 8th- 15th- 22nd June.

First Class Training Classes 6th-13th- 20th- 27th.

Cub Council 9th June.

33rd Renfrewshire 30th June and 7th July.

Mondays and Wednesdays for Sale of Work Committee.

Registration Fees.

54th due.

Badge Secretaries Report.

Stock in Hand £3.16.3. Cash in Hand. £1.5.10. Badges £5.14.4. Due by troops £1.14. -.

Cub Report.

The Executive Committee accorded their appreciation to the 11th Pack on their winning the Challenge Flag Competition on 20th May.

Scout Report.

Scouts were given the opportunity of attending Finnart First Aid Post Classes (to aid in their training for First Class badge) by Dr. Allan, who expressed his appreciation of the boys help and keeness in this work.

Catering Licence.

This question in appearance.

Everton.

Mr. J Hair of the 5th Scouts has agreed to allow the Association the use of the Hut at Everton. Insurance to be at their job. Mr. Salmon to take inventory of equipment. A recommendation was made that the locks be changed, and that the Hut come under the jurisdiction of the Camp Skipper at Everton. All this to be made clear in a formal letter to 5th Scouts.

Three-Year-Plan.

A Sale of Work is to be held in December and members of the Executive and their families are cordially invited.

Warrants.

A letter of authority was granted to Patricia Sinclair, and warrants as ACM or granted to Anne Sinclair and Margaret McLean.

Group Registration.

The 7th Renfrewshire is registered at S.H.Q.

Pipe Band.

Mr. R. Smith reported that there was difficulty in getting an Instructor, and it was agreed that Mr. Dally should approach Mr. McLellan.

Scout Relief Abroad Fund.

The Scout Day of Work was a great success bringing in a total of £86.18.2. It was agreed to send the balance after expenses were deducted to Miss Jean Crainer who is in charge of this fund.

Senior Scout Football Team.

Mr. M. McKenzie addressed the Committee re the progress of this group, and no definite arrangements have yet been made.

Audit.

Mr. Finnie found the books of the 80th Group in order.

Gang Show.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the funds into the Local Association account.

Plans are going ahead for the Gang Show to be held in Town Hall. The Executive elected the committee for the 1945 Gang Show, Mr. Swan, Mr. Dally, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Salmon, and Miss Tulloch, a repeat of the 1944 Committee.

Lets of Playing Fields.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Mackay and make application for one park during winter months.

Other Business.

Mr. Morrison suggested writing to T.C.O. Kirk to thank him for desk presented, and the Committee instructed Secretary to do so.

Date of Next Meeting.

28th August.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 25th September, 1944.**

Apology

Received from Mr. W. Dally.

Sederunt

ADC Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. McPherson, Ass. Treasurer.

Attending

Miss M. Campbell, Secretary.

Treasures Report.

\*Association Account £22.15.1; Association Reserve £161.17.9; Pipe Band Account £113.3.3; Pipe Band maintenance £4.9.2.

\*Account with Lauder dated 13/3/44 - 15/6 passed for payment.

Secretary’s expenses passed for payment - 14/1.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire Scouts: 7th- 14th- 21st- 28th September.

Cubs: 8th- 15-22nd- 29th September.

75th: Wednesday 6th September.

Badge Secretaries Report.

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. Olley, and the Executive Committee accorded their very grateful appreciation for his work with the Greenock Scouts . The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to this effect to Mr. Olley.

Cub Report.

\*The Cubmasters had their training weekend at Everton. It was marred slightly by weather conditions. Nevertheless, 22 Cubmasters attended.

\*Cub Picnic was held near Larkfield. It was also reported that the 59th Pack won *the* Beaven Sports Trophy.

Scout Report

The Swimming Trophy was held at Gourock Pond, but as the notice given was very short*,* few entries were made.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Catering Licence.

Left in abeyance.

Everton.

Camp Skipper has taken inventory of 5th Renfrewshire Scouts Hut at Everton and a copy is to be sent to J. Hair, S.M. A copy to be kept in file.

Three-year Plan.

In abeyance.

Warrants.

Alastair Stewart Allan of 38 Esplanade, age 19½ years applied for warrant as ASM of 23rd Renfrewshire. This application was approved by Committee.

F.C. Olley’s warrant as SM of 23rd Renfrewshire was cancelled.

Pipe Band.

In abeyance.

Gang Show.

Nothing to report.

Playing Field.

Letter to be sent to Mr. Mackay, Parks Superintendent re inability to use field on August 12.

Departing Treasurer.

As Mr McNeill, Treasurer, will not seek re-election in coming year, Mr. Swan moved that the Association should show their gratefulness for his efforts, *and it* was suggested that a subscription should be collected at the Scouters Meeting.

Sea Scout Committee.

A charge certificate has been made out in the name of Mr. E. Salmon, GSM of 75th Troop.

Application for Boat Certification.

To be sent to Mr. Lyle for his signature.

Sea Scouts.

Secretary instructed to look back records of Sea Scout By-Laws and type three copies.

School Accommodation.

Lady Alice School - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6.30- 9.30 p.m.

Finnart School - 7-9 / 6-9.30 p.m. Thursday.

Ladyburn School - Wednesday 6.30-9.30 p.m.

Chief Scout.

The Chief Scout, Lord Somers, died on 14th July and the Executive Committee expressed their regret.

Scout Week.

Is to be held from 8th- 14th October when all sorts of Competitions and Parties will be held. D.S.M. will take charge of Parade to Union Street Church. A Committee consisting of Mr. Swan, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Salmon were elected with powers to carry out arrangements for Scout Week.

No other business.

Next Meeting.

25th September.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 1st October, 1944.**

Sederunt

ADC, Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Dally; Mr. E Salmon; Mr. D. Thompson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. McNeill. Treasurer.

Attending

Miss M. Campbell, Secretary.

Treasurers Report.

\*In Association Account £20.18. -; Association Reserve £165.9/-; Pipe Band Account £116.2.11.; Pipe band Maintenance £4.9.2;. Total of £306.19.11.

\*The Executive Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay Miss McCrindle £10 for cleaning services.

\*Secretary was instructed by Executive to *write* Mr F. Powell of 28th Renfrewshire re outstanding account of £1 for use of microphone.

\*It was agreed that depreciation should be charged at 5%.

\*A request from the Greenock Central Cooperative Society for the use of the microphone was granted.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

None.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire, Scouts: 5-12-19-26 October.

45th Renfrewshire, Cubs: 6-13-20-27 October.

75th Renfrewshire 27th and 28th October.

Cup Council 20th.

Pipe Band 18th and 25th.

Toys 2-9-16-30.

Scouters & Guiders Meeting 13th October.

Cub Report.

The annual Cup Council meeting was held and Miss Tulloch was recommended as District Cubmaster.

Scout Report.

None.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon, Camp Skipper, reported that 19 week-ends had been spent at Everton by Scouts, one of the best seasons for some time. Average number in camp was 57 per weekend. He also asked for a sum of money to cover the purchase of Paint for Hut, Wire Rope for Flag Pole, Wood for repairs, 4 flat Iron Bars 3’10” x 2’¼“, Fire Clay Pipes. It was agreed by Executive to grant £15. The Camp Skipper reported that the Hut had been broken into three weeks ago.

Warrants.

Mr. A.R. Kay, 10 Margaret St. applied for warrant as Scoutmaster of 7th Renfrewshire. This was accepted by Committee subject to Mr. Ingle's signature.

Miss Irene 's Zoller’s warrant was cancelled at her request due to Service duties

Gang show.

In abeyance.

Sea Scouts.

The Renfrew Scouts paid Sea Scouts a week-end visit, nine of them winning their Boatman's test during their stay.

Pipe Band.

Pipe Major McLellan has kindly undertaken to train a group of boys for the formation of a Pipe Band. He suggested that 12 boys should start, so the Committee decided the fairest method would be to choose one boy from each troop, age about 12 years. Wednesday was chosen as best practice evening, commencing 18th October. The Secretary was asked to forward an Order on Messrs. Henderson Pipemakers, Renfrew St, Glasgow to Mr McLellan for 12 Chanters and Reeds. The tutors to be bought by the boys, and practice Drumsticks to be made by Mr. Dally.

Correspondence.

Mr. Swan, ADC, reported on the following:-

\*Mr F. Powell of 28th Renfrewshire wrote to ADC suggesting that Association should consider the purchase of a Hut owned by Wimpeys offered at £200. The committee were interested but decided against such a purchase meantime.

\*Mr. Swan reported on the theft of a kilt and other articles from Everton during a visit of the Whitehaven Scouts there. A letter was received from the S.M. deploring the incident and promising an investigation. The Secretary was instructed to write and ask the result of the meeting which was to be held.

\*Mr. Swan intimated a change over in meetings; the 75th are meeting at Ladyburn and the 33rd have taken the 75th’s place at Finnart School.

\*The 53rd troop is likely to be going out of existence and Mr. Salmon, S.M. of 75th, has agreed to take into his troop any of 53rd Scouts who wish to join. It was agreed that the 53rd property should come under the care of the 75th until the 53rd is revived. The agreement of the 53rd’s S.M. is necessary to any arrangements made, an inventory to be made.

\*B.P. Fund. £15 was received from the 53rd Cubs, making our total £467.4.11., the County total being £1836.

\*Allied Scouts Fund. Greenock headed County list with a total of £90.13.16, the County total being £242.

Shannon Cup Trophy.

The result as follows: 32nd - 149 points; 1st Greenock - 141 points, and 1st Gourock - 132 points. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. D. Smith for the return of the Shannon Cup Trophy and the Cub Football Shield.

Scout Week, 7th- 15th October.

The Programme as follows:-

Saturday, 7th October - Challenge Football Match, Greenock versus Paisley at Broomhill Park 3 p.m.

Sunday, 8th October - Scout Church Parades - Scouters meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday 9th October - Challenge Miniature Rifle Shoot, Greenock versus Renfrew at Rifle Range.

Wednesday 11th October – “Open Night” at Lady Alice School Hall, 7.30 p.m. *to* discuss 3-Year-Plan.

Friday 13th – Scouters/Guiders meeting at H.Q. Hut, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 14th - Wide Game above Everton.

Sunday 15th - Cub Church Parade.

3-Year-Plan.

A dance was held by the 11th Renfrewshire Scouts in aid of the 3-Year-Plan, the first to start off the drive for funds. Mr. Thomson S.M. reported that, as the support was very poor, only a small sum could be handed over.

Next Meeting.

Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 25th October.

Annual Meeting at 8.00 p.m. Wednesday 25th October.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., on 25th October, 1944.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

ADC, Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Dally; Mr. McNeill, Treasurer; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; and Miss Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £11.8.4; Association Reserve £165.9. - ; Pipe Band Account £162.2.11; Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment.

Gas Department 15/-.

Electricity 15/5.

Travelling Expenses etc (Miniature shooting,

Greenock vs Renfrew) 12/-.

Telegraph Advertisement 6/9.

R.H. Burnie, Repair of typewriter £1.

Secretary’s Expenses 10/9½.

Other Business.

Left in abeyance due to Annual Meeting of Association at 8 p.m.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Greenock and within Headquarters, Robertson Street, on Wednesday, 25th October, 1944.**

**Being the Annual General meeting of the Association.**

Apologies

were received from Mr. & Mrs. Moore, Rev J.A. Inglis, and Mr. J.A. McPherson.

Sederunt

ADC, Mr. Colin Finnie, Chairman; Col. D. Paterson; Rev. D. Troup; Miss Duncan, ACC Cubs; Mrs. Willis, Guide Commissioner; Mr. J. Swan, ADC; Rev. G. R. Brown; and Mr. J. Miller, Youth Service Organiser.

Attending.

Mr. Ian McNeil, Hony. Treasurer and Miss M. Campbell, Hony. Secretary.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and approved.

Commissioners Report.

\*Mr. Swan commenced his report with regret that a shadow had been cast over Scouting by the death of Lord Somers, Chief Scout. Locally, he regretted the death of a previous District Commissioner of Cubs, Mrs. Fairbairn who was one of the first to prove a real friend to the association.

\*Census: 1944 has shown an increase of 51 compared to 1943. A new Group has been formed, the 7th Renfrewshire, Union Street Church. Mr Kay, S.M. and Miss Sinclair, CM.

\*Air Scout Troop. This came to nought after many tries.

\*We have passed the 100 mark of Scouts and Senior Scouts on active service since the beginning of the war. Mr. Swan also mentioned that the Association had lost an able Scouter in Frank Olley who had left the district.

\*Cubs. A record number of new assistant Cubmasters had entered the Association, and the result of this is hoped to be felt in the near future. The standard of efficiency was still as high as ever in the Packs, and Miss J Tulloch was to be congratulated for her untiring service.

\*Scouts. Scoutmasters still proved very scarce, but Mr. Swan felt that there was a field of potential Scouters on tap who could open the door for many boys in Scouting.

War Service Scouts. Are still meeting, but in fewer numbers as the need is not so great as at the start of the war. Various members testified to the benefits received from this training. \*Training. 1st Class Badge class had been held, and a Patrol Leaders weekend training camp was also held. Mr. J. Stewart held a training class for Scoutmasters. Pre-Warrant training scheme was held for C.M.'s and an average of 29 attended. 5 C.M.s attended a “Wood Badge” training course.

\*Everton. 20 weekends were held at Everton with an attendance of 904 Scouts and 40 Scouters camping at Everton. Mr. Salmon, Camp Skipper, was to be congratulated on his work at Everton; during this year, a bridge had been built and the flag pole had been erected. Mr Dally, Mr Morrison, and Mr. Thomson were all to be congratulated for their able help with the Scouts. Mr. Smith, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. McAlpine were mentioned for their work in connection with competitions.

\*Three-Year Plan. Nine months had been spent in putting this plan into shape and it was well underway.

\*Gang show. Mr. Morrison was praised for his production of the show all of which proved to be a very profitable venture.

\*Scout Relief Abroad Fund. The local Scouts made one of their best efforts when they collected in one day £90.13.6 by doing all sorts of jobs for the public. This amount was raised to £100 pounds and remitted.

\*Youth Service Scheme. The Association had received priority certificates for sports gear, and also the offer of school premises free of charge for Association work. Mr. Swan stressed that the Scouts were in the habit of paying their way by raising funds and he hoped that they would remain independent in the future. Mr. Swan reviewed many other smaller items, and brought out the special problem of the lack of leaders in the Association and hoped this would be remedied, but looking over the whole year, it had been the happiest year of the war.

\*Before closing, Mr. Swan gave a brief summary of the hopes of the 3-Year Plan in the form of an imaginary report in 1947, thus:- A difficult but successful year. Scout membership had increased from 600 to 650. All Scouters returned from the services have been contacted. A short Rover Training Course had commenced. An A.D.C. had been appointed for 8 Groups, and the financial position was excellent, a sum of £1200 having been raised by the Association. Headquarters were never established in three areas, Gibbshill being one. Uniforms had improved 100%. The 14th Warsaw Troop and Pack were fully equipped by the Greenock Association, and three of their Scouts and Cubs had accepted an invitation to Greenock.

Treasurers Report.

After submitting the financial report of the year, Mr. McNeill spoke of his retirement and expressed his thanks to all those who had helped him in past years, and to Messrs. J.M. Kerr and Lindsay, Auditors.

*Adoption of Reports*

Colonel D. Paterson, after moving the adoption of the reports for 1944, expressed his congratulations to the Association for their hard work during the year and sympathised with all voluntary movements during war years. He particularly liked the independence of the Scout movement and hoped that this quality would not be impinged upon by government schemes after the war. He thought well of the idea of Scout groups here adopting groups in occupied countries and he thought that this would be speeded up as there appeared to be competition between the Guides and Scouts as to whom would get there first.

The Rev. D. Troup, County Commissioner of Renfrewshire, seconded the adoption of the reports and commented on the good leadership and good followers in the movement. He specially congratulated Mr. Swan A.D.C. on his work for the Association.

Election of Office-bearers.

Honorary president Colonel David Patterson.

Panel of Vice-Presidents Following members to be approached and requested to serve on the panel

Provost Morrison,

Mr R. Kincaid,

Colonel Walker,

Mr Dewar,

Mr Taggart,

Rev. Inglis.

Chairman Mr. Colin Finnie

District Commissioner *(interim)* Mr. J.J. Swan.

Honorary Treasurer Mr. J McPherson.

Honorary Secretary Miss M. Campbell.

Camp Skipper Mr. E. Salmon.

District Scoutmaster Mr. E. Salmon.

District Cubmaster Miss J. Tulloch.

Honorary Legal Advisers Colonel D. Paterson

Honorary Auditors Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Representatives to C.S.C. Treasurer and Secretary.

Representatives to S.H.Q. Mr. Dally and Mr. Thompson.

Honorary Badge Secretary Mr. Wilson Hill.

Lay members Troops and Packs were to be asked to send one representative to a meeting and from that a board will act as burden bearers.

Honorary Warden Mrs. McCrindle.

Executive Committee Office Bearers and three Scouters, Mr. Dally, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Thomson.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C .Finnie as Chairman.

Retirement of Mr. Ian McNeill, Honorary Treasurer.

Tribute was paid to Mr. McNeill’s long and capable service as treasurer of the Association. He had made a very excellent office-bearer, and the result of his efforts could be seen on the Balance Sheet. An envelope was handed over to Mr. McNeill with the Association's sincere appreciation.

Mr. McNeill thanked the Association and remarked that, although compelled to give up his duties as Treasurer, he was still carrying on his activities in Scouting.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson Street, on November, 1944.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan, Chairman; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Wm. Dally, Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. E. Salmon; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. Macpherson, Treasurer; and Miss M. Campbell, Secretary.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Association Account ; Association Reserve £165.9/ -; Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2; Pipe Band £116.2.11.

\*The following accounts were passed by the Executive for payment:-

George College 8/- and 6/6d.

Simpson’s £1.8/-.

Football £2. 6/-.

Secretary’s Expenses 4/ 2.

\*Secretary to write to 38th Group re. Microphone account for £1.

\*The Secretary was also asked to write to the Commercial Bank, West Station Branch, Greenock and authorise them to recognise Mr. Macpherson as the new Treasurer, the Acting D.C. to sign the letter as well.

Lets.

45th Cubs.

45th Scouts.

The Committee agreed to allow individual Lets to outsiders, subject to the requirements of the Scouts.

Pipe Band.

It was reported that no progress could be made until the remainder of the Chanters were received from Glasgow, and the Executive agreed to hold over the account until then.

Insurance of Members.

Scottish Headquarters replied to request for Insurance particulars by quoting 15/- per 100 for all risks excluding War Risk. It was agreed that all ranks in Greenock District should be covered under this Lloyds policy from Scottish Headquarters, and that part of the premium be recovered by an annual levy of 2/6 per unit.

Cub Report.

The 29th Pack was congratulated on its winning the Football Shield.

Scout Report.

\*The Fire Shield starts on Tuesday.

\*Mr. Swan stated that the Groups were progressing as well as could be expected in Scouting considering the difficulties to be surmounted in war time due to lack of Scouters.

Rovers.

No report.

Sea Scouts.

The question of an Examiner was left over.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon, Camp Skipper, reported that the bridge had been completed, the flag pole was well under way, and the huts had been painted.

Three-Year-Plan.

It was agreed by the Committee to bank all donations and monies received for Three-Year-Plan under the name of “Extension Fund”. It was also agreed that a chart should be kept in the Hut showing the progress of the funds.

Sale of Work.

To be held on 9th December at Finnart School to commence the fund for the Three-Year-Plan. The sale to commence at 2.30 p.m. It was agreed upon that all the money should be banked directly after the sale.

Annual Dance.

The Committee agreed to accept the offer of the 175th Lodge’s Entertainment Committee to run the Scout Dance in the Town Hall on the 21st December, the Scouts to receive £40 as proceeds whether successful or otherwise.

Wide Game.

This game is expected to be held before the end of the year.

Hut Renovation.

Mr. Dally to direct work on H.Q. Hut.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison will report at next meeting.

Sports Gear.

Mr. Swan purchased on behalf of the Association a football at £2.6/-. This was accepted by the Committee.

Public Service Competition.

The 32nd Troop was congratulated on winning this competition.

Magazine.

Mr. Swan stated that a Scouts Magazine was being organised and that Mr. McKenzie of Duplicating Experts offered to print 500 copies per month to sell at 3d. each. He asked that Scouters be requested to make an effort to stir up enthusiasm in their Groups for articles etc to be sent in regularly to the magazine.

Badge Secretary.

Mr. Wilson Hill, owing to health reasons, has asked to be relieved of this post, and Mr. Jas. Lang of 2, Oakfield Terrace, Greenock has offered to take over his duties.

Next Meeting.

17th December at 6. O’clock.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**Held at Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 17th December, 1944.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. C. Finnie; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Wm. Dally; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; and Miss M. Campbell. Mr. McNeill acted on behalf of Mr. J. Macpherson, Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*The result of the Sale of Work up to 16/12/44 amounted to £221. 8.7.

\* Association Account £4.17.8; Association Reserve £165.9/-; Extension Fund £246.8.7. Pipe Band Account *Maintenance* £4.9.2; *Pipe Band* £116. 2.11. Total £537.7.4.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Fraser Brothers (Hire of 5-ton lorry) £1.

Cost of tea for Annual Meeting £1.2.6.

Everton £8.11.10.

Secretary’s Expense 6/6.

D. Sinnamon £26.2.7. (to be paid out of Extension Fund).

Lets.

45th and 1st December 20th.

45th 11th, 18th, and 25th.

12th, 19th and 26th.

Microphone.

\*The 29th Group are due to pay £2.5/- for use of microphone.

\*The Ardgowan Players have applied for use of microphone for charity purposes. Secretary was asked to write granting the use of same free of charge provided it is returned in condition as received.

\*The Executive agreed that Mr. Morrison should have control of the microphone.

Shannon Cup Trophy.

The secretary to look back minutes from 1937 and note winners.

Pipe Band.

Secretary to write Mr. McLennan and ask him when he hopes to commence practice.

Insurance of Boys.

A circular to be prepared and sent out to Groups advising them of 5/- Registration fees and 2/6 levy for insurance.

Three-Year-Plan.

Nothing to report.

Sale of Work.

Mr. Swan reported that the Sale of Work had proved a great success, and that, after all the left over goods had been sold and all expenses had been deducted, he estimated that the profit would be £200.

Cub Report.

The Cubs held a parade to the Martyr’s and North Church and will distribute their toys to the hospitals on Saturday 23rd.

Scouts.

Nothing to report.

Wide Game.

This was held at Everton. Unfortunately, the weather spoiled the event.

Annual Dance.

It was reported that there was a great demand for tickets.

Hut Renovation.

A squad was put on the job of clearing Hut and E.R.O. goods is to be cleared by Wednesday 20th December.

Gang Show.

Plans are going ahead for the Show, and the Executive granted a sum of £20 for initial expenses. The Secretary to write and apply for Lady Alice School hall on whole evenings of 5th, 6th, and 7th April.

Scout Magazine.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Vaughan reported that cost of magazine would be £7.10/- per 500 copies. The Executive agreed to commence with a charge of 6d. per copy.

Raffle Tickets.

Mr. Finnie expressed the Executive Committee's disapproval of certain types of raffles, and it must be impressed on all groups that any such event should be thoroughly gone into by the Executive Committee in order that no reflections should be cast on the Scout Movement.

Next Meeting.

28th January, 1945.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 28th January, 1945.**

Sederunt

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan, Chairman; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Wm. Dally; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson; and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account nil; Association Reserve £148.15.11; Pipe Band £116.2.11; Pipe Band Maintenance Account £4.9.2; Extension Fund £344.11/-. Total £613.19/-.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

George College £3.9.6.

Fraser Brothers £1.

Secretary’s Expenses 5/1d.

Henderson Brothers £15 (Secretary to send invoice to Treasurer and to get Mr McLellan to confirm that 25/- each chanter is reasonable).

\*The Executive agreed to have the Association Account transferred to the West Station Branch of the Commercial Bank at the request of the Treasurer. The Secretary to write and arrange this.

Lets.

10th Renfrewshire Sunday 4/2/45 between 3 and 4 p.m..

45th Renfrewshire 8th, 15, 22nd February.

2, 9, 16, 23rd February.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison requested the use of the Hut on Tuesdays and Fridays from now until April. The Executive also granted the sum of £50 as a further grant for expenses in connection with the Gang Show.

Badge Secretary.

The executive have appointed Mr. John Lang of 2 Oakfield Terrace, Greenock as Badge Secretary.

Pipe Band.

Due to the delay in starting the Pipe Band, the Executive asked the Secretary to write and ask Mr McLellan to call on Sunday 4/2/45 at 7.30 to discuss the matter.

Cub Report.

Cub Council meets Friday 23rd February at 8 p.m.

Scout Report.

\*Scouters meeting on 4/2/45.

\*Mr. Swan reported that the following Scouters had left the district; Mr. Bruwis of 39th; Mr. Skinner of 59th; Mr. Vaughan of 70th; and Corporal Auton of 80th. Scouters were coming more and more difficult to replace.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Annual Dance.

A profit of £50 was made.

Three-Year Plan.

Mr. Swan stated that Lord Rowallan would attend a meeting to be held in the Lorne on 1/3/45 at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that eight parents from each group should be invited. The two new Vice Presidents and the Lay Members would be inaugurated at this meeting.

Vice-Presidents.

The Executive agreed to appoint two vice presidents in the place of Mr. Taggart and Mr Inglis, these were Mr. Crawford Black, and Mr. S.M. Turnbull.

Hut Renovation.

A cupboard is in the process of being made.

Scout Magazine.

The first issue of “Woodsmoke” has not been completely sold out and a deficit of 13/- is still outstanding. Mr. Salmon has been appointed Circulation Manager.

International Committee.

The Executive appointed Miss Tulloch, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. D. Thompson as representatives of the Association.

Next Meeting

25th February.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 25th February, 1945.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Mr. C. Finnie, Chairman; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Wm. Dally; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson; and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Association Account nil; Association Reserve £162.4.5; Pipe Band Account £101.1.7; Pipe Band Maintenance £4.9.2; Extension Fund £362.12/-; Cash in Hand £1.1. -. Total £631.8.2.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

George College 7/6

Graham 8/-

Lady Alice and Finnart School Lets 6/-.

\*The Executive came to the agreement that £250 should be transferred to Defence Bonds through the Commercial Bank.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire 7th March 7-10 p.m.

10th Renfrewshire 18th March afternoon.

45th Renfrewshire 2-8-9-15-16-22-33-29-30.

Scout Report.

A lecture with sound film and exhibits, was held in the Drill Hall, South Street. Major Fenshaw was the lecturer.

Cub Report.

Nothing to report.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Pipe Band.

Secretary to write to Mr McLellan asking for a definite answer with regard to the continuance of the practices.

Badge Secretary Report.

Mr. Lang was unable to attend the meeting. He will give full financial statement at next meeting.

Sea Scouts.

Mr. Lyle has received another application for Boat and Charge Certificates from Mr. Spens. Mr. Salmon agreed to contact Mr. Lyle with regard to examination.

Scout Magazine.

Mr. Swan reported that the last issue proved very unsatisfactory, but it is hoped that with a little organisation, the second issue will be more successful.

Warrants.

An application for a warrant as Assistant Cubmaster of the 11th Renfrewshire was received from Catherine Walsh, and passed by the Executive.

Robertson St.

A broken paling has been reported and the Cooperative Society have been advised to go on with the repair. It was agreed that the insurance policy should be examined to see if it covered the Hut and grounds for such eventualities, and if so, to claim for above damage.

Gang Show.

Official confirmation was received from the Education Offices that the Lady Alice School was granted on the evenings of 5th, 6th, and 7th April at £2 per night. It was agreed that the business side of Gang Show should be handed over to Lay Members to handle, viz issue of tickets etc. It was also agreed that the price should remain the same as last year. Mr. Dally agreed to make application for Exemption from Tax.

Sundries.

\*Applications for camping at Everton were received from the 2nd Pennilee Troop, and from 18th Paisley Troop. It was decided that camping should not be allowed until the first week in June, and the Secretary was asked to write to both troops to this effect.

\*Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout, has arranged for three weeks training for Scoutmasters preceded by three evenings in the Hut at Robertson Street to enable Groups to brush up in the manner of a pre-warrant training course. The Cub weekend to be the first weekend in May and the Scouts, the three remaining weekends. These weekends were granted for this purpose.

S.C.V.Y.O.

The General Meeting for the Scottish Council of Voluntary Youth Organisations to be held 7th March, and a fee of 5/- to be paid. The Secretary agreed to attend this meeting.

Three-year-Plan.

Mr. Swan gave a resume of the plans for welcoming Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout, on Thursday 1st of March. The inauguration of a panel of Vice Presidents, and of Lay members was to be held during the evening. Lord Rowallan was to be presented with a model ship as a momento of his visit to the Greenock Association.

No other business.

Next Meeting.

18th March, 1945.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**Special Meeting of Executive. 1st March, 1945, at 10.15 p.m.**

Present:- J.J. Swan; J. Tulloch; R. Morrison; W. Dally; D. Thomson; E. Salmon, C. Finnie.

Chair:- C. Finnie.

Everton

A request from the Scouters Meeting that the decision to have no winter camping at Everton be rescinded and that the 5th Hut be available for Scouts sleeping in during March.

After full discussion, Mr. D. Thomson moved in terms of the request and the acting DC seconded and this was agreed to.

It was agreed the application should be made to the Camp Skipper.

Meeting closed.

J.J. Swan

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 18th March, 1945.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan, Chairman; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. McPherson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. Wm. Dally; Mr. E.W. Salmon.

Treasurers Report.

The following accounts were passed for payment

Mr. J. Swan - Sports Gear £4.

Guardian Insurance Company. £1.11.6.

Gas and electricity. £8.9.4.

George College. 12/-

Gang Show Expenses. £13.9.

£ Cooperative Society £1.5.8 and £1.18.4.

Treasurer’s Expenses 3/2.

Depreciation 2½%.

It was agreed to transfer £50 from Reserve to General Account.

“Woodsmoke”.

Mr. Salmon reported that some 300 copies have been sold of the No. 2 issue.

Chief Scout’s Visit on 1st March.

It was agreed that all expenses including cost of photographs should be met out of Extension Fund.

Three-Year-Plan.

It was resolved that the scheme be printed and issued at a charge to cover cost.

Sports Gear.

The expenditure of £4 on sports gear was approved. Items included 13 jerseys, 10 pairs football boots and eight pairs stockings for District Football Team; 10 jerseys were given to Gang Show wardrobe, and sundry other items were left in charge of the D.C.

Next Meeting.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was agreed as 1st May, 1945, and the next Executive Committee meeting as 17th April, 1945 both at 8 p.m.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarter’s Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 1st May, 1945.**

**Being the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.**

Apologies.

These were received from the following: Rev. G.R. Brown; Mrs. Willis of the Girl Guides; Mrs Muir; Miss E. H. Duncan; and Rev. Douglas Troup.

Sederunt

Mr. C. Finnie, Chairman; Col. Paterson; and Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson; and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last General Meeting were read.

Commissioners Report.

\*Mr. Swan pointed out that the meeting had been called six months earlier this year so that the financial statement for the year would fall in May.

\*He then dealt with the census in which he had looked for a reduction, but was pleasantly surprised to find that the Cubs had increased by 55, Scouts by 20, and Scouters by 11, a decrease of 14 War Service Scouts being the result of the Call up. The total increase was in all 72. There had been regrettable losses, the most recent of which was Mr. William McKenzie, Assistant Scoutmaster. The return of the first Prisoner of War, George Arlow, however, was made the event of jubilation.

\*When speaking of the Cubs and Scouts, he pointed out that these groups were progressing favourably despite the great lack of Scouters, and the only thing he regretted was the deficiency of 1st Class Scouts.

\*Training. Time had been spent more on Scouters than in direct training with the boys, but this would show eventually with good results.

\*There couldn't be much said about camping, as the last six months were winter ones, but one good thing could be reported, and that was the lifting of military restrictions on camping.

\*In competitions, the Public Service Vase and the Fire Shield had been held.

\*Mr. Swan pointed out that the Scouts had been very active in National Service work and that a full report of this would be made.

\*Scout Week was one of the special events of the year.

\*Three-Year Plan had reached half its target figure of £1000 in one year.

\*Speaking on Sport, he commented that they had been successful in obtaining some gear and that their District Football team was progressing splendidly under the able direction of Mr. D. Thomson.

\*Gang Show. Mr. Swan stated that possibly this would be the last of this particular series. He paid a generous tribute to those people who had made Gang Show a great success, particularly Mr. Dally, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Salmon, with their helpers.

\*The Chief Scout's visit was the highlight of the year, it being the first district to welcome him.

\*The District Magazine “Woodsmoke” had difficult going the first three issues, and it was hoped that future issues would be a success. Mr. Dick Smith and Mr. T Vaughan were to be congratulated on their work on this magazine, and Mr. Salmon who had now taken over the circulation of same.

\*Mr. Swan paid tribute to the Office Bearers of the Association, particularly to Mr. Finnie, Chairman, who had faithfully given his help in all business matters. He also praised the helpfulness of the Lay Members who had contributed much to the organisation in the last six months, also the three Scouters who had faithfully served at the Executive Meetings.

\*The Scouter's meetings were held regularly and were recorded by the scribe, Mr Powell, in his humorous fashion. There had been a few Scouters from other parts of the country, among them Corporal Auten of the 4th Troop, Mr. Vaughan, and last, but not least, Mr. F. Olley who had done so much for the Association during his stay.

\*Speaking on other organisations, Mr. Swan remarked that relations were at their best among the various groups in the district and that there was plenty of scope for them all.

\*In summing up, Mr. Swan stated that, as in the past few years, the major problem was the lack of Scouters, and with the potential leaders practically all away in the forces, this gap had to be filled by others.

\*Future plans were being made to have a group of Scouts from the Allied countries, especially those who had suffered under Nazidom, and entertain them at Everton, and Headquarters had agreed to send a group in 1946.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer drew attention to the balance sheet for the past six months, and particularly to the fact that £50 had to be transferred from the Reserve Account to the Income and Expenditure account, but this would be made-up when the Gang Show proceeds had been accounted for.

Colonel Paterson moved the adoption of the Commissioner’s and Treasurer’s reports and congratulated all those who had carried on the good work in the Association. He commented on the increase in numbers in spite of drawbacks, and the foresight and hard work which had been put into the training. He remarked that Scouting had gained a considerable acquisition in their Chief Scout Lord Rowallan. He hoped that the self-contained spirit of Scouting would always remain and that they would never have to rely on any other Association. The Scouts’ voluntary discipline rather than regimented discipline was to be commended, but he thought a little more display of what they had to offer young people with increased their ranks.

Mr. Cready seconded the adoption of the reports.

The election of Office Bearers was then held and the following were voted in:-

President Colonel David Paterson, DSO.

Vice Presidents Provost Morrison.

Rev. A.J. Inglis.

S.M. Turnbull Esq.

W.M. Dewar, Esq.

Dr. Milne.

Crawford Black, Esq.

Rev. J.M. Hamilton.

Chairman. ADC Colin Finnie.

Honorary Secretary. Miss M. Campbell.

Honorary Treasurer. John MacPherson, Esq.

Badge Secretary J. Lang, Esq.

Camp Skipper. E. Salmon Esq.

District Scoutmaster. / Spens, Esq.

District Cubmaster Miss J. Tulloch.

Lay Members Mr. Slater - 1st Class Hike.

Mr. Faulds - Examiner for first aid etc.

Mr. Hill - helper with football.

Mr. Malloy - Fire Shield.

Lady Helpers: Mrs. Hewer, Miss Ca. ?, Mrs. McArthur.

Mr. McCready.

Honorary Legal Adviser Colonel David Paterson DSO.

Honorary Auditors. J.M. Kerr and Lindsay.

Reps. to C.S.C. ~~Treasurer~~ and Secretary and Mr. J. Lang.

Reps. to S.H.Q.C.. Mr. Dally and Mr. Thomson.

Honorary Hut Warden. Mrs. McCrindle.

Executive Committee. Office Bearers and three Scouters.

Scouters, Mr. D. Thomson, Mr. W. Dally, and Mr. R. Morrison.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Finnie, as Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson Street, on 1st May, 1945. 9.30 p.m.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. Finnie; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Spens; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Wm. Dally; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

The books stood as per Balance Sheet ending 31st March, 1945.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Rankin- printed balanced sheets £1.2.-.

Material for Gang Show. £1.7.10.

Height of transport- £-.5.-.

Welcome Home Fund. £1.5.-.

For Training- £-.11.-.

Gang Show stage lighting. £1.10.-.

Bamber. £2.14.-.

Hire of School. £6.-.-.

J. Hall. Chief’s Photograph. £3.13.-.

J.J. Swan Expenses. £2.8.-.

MacKay’s- Chief’s Visit. £7.14.-.

Gratuities £1.-.-.

Present to George Arlow. £3.15.-.

Taxi- J.D. McGregor. £-.6.-.

Engraving plate on gift. (Chief’s) £-.7.6.

Gang Show. £13.9.6.

Telegraph Advertising- £-.18.-.

Telegraph Advertising £4.5.6.

Gang Show Gratuities. £2.17.8.

Band for Gang Show. £20.-.-.

Scenery for Gang Show. £10.-.-.

Warrants.

The following warrants were approved by the Executive and were considered as from the date on the warrant.

1. Catherine Walsh, ACM of 11th Renfrewshire.
2. Paul G. Spens, SM of 23rd Renfrewshire.
3. John T. Blair, ASM of 32nd Renfrewshire.
4. James Hair, SM, 5th Renfrewshire.

Next Meeting.

28th May.

James J. Swan, Chairman

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 28th May, 1945.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan, Chairman; Mr. P. Spens; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Apology.

Was received from Mr. C. Finnie.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £50.2.4.; Reserve Account £115.9/-; Pipe Band £105.10.9; Extension Fund £501.7.3; Welcome Home Fund - debit balance of £2.9/-; Cash in Hand £2.11.6.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:

Gas Account £1.13.9.

Electricity £- 16/8.

McAlister and Fyfe £2.9.6.

Newsletter No. 20 8/-.

J&P Clark. £1.9.-.

J&W Bennet. £5.4/-.

Thomas Rae & Sons £6.5/-.

J. Riddoch. 4/6.

G. Renton Brown 6/8½.

Secretary’s Expenses. 3/7.

The Gang Show had made an approximate net profit of £32.

Lets - June

45th Renfrewshire. 7th- 8th- 14th- 15th-21st- 22nd.

Executive Committee. 25th June.

33rd and 1st Renfrewshire 26th June.

Cub Report.

The Cub Council have fixed their Football, Challenge Fag, and Art Trophy competitions. C.M.'s have completed their refresher course given by Miss Duncan.

Scouts Report.

They have completed their training scheme, with the exception of two additional nights for map reading instructions. The training consisted of five indoor meetings, one weekend camp, and one weekend hike.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that the camp is ready for the camping season, and that all SM's have been warned of the necessity for camping permits.

Sports Gear.

Nothing to report.

Three-Year-Plan.

Mr. Swan reported that he had a request from H.Q. to write a 1000 article on this plan for the “Scouter”, which he would try to do when circumstances permitted. The plans for the Sale of Work were not going as smoothly as could be, due to the fact that most Groups have not sent in a representative parent to the parents meeting. The Sale of Work would be a failure if the parents were not contacted, and after many suggestions it was decided that a few enthusiastic Scouters would contact the backsliding Groups and distribute circulars to them to be given to the boys’ parents. Mr. Spens made the suggestion of collecting used Christmas cards and renewing the inside sheet and selling them at the Sale. He also felt that it would be much easier for all concerned if at list of articles desired for the Sale was incorporated in the circular.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Swan stated that this plan would fall through unless an instructor was obtained soon. Mr. Salmon said he would try and contact Mr. J. Galbraith of the 5th Renfrewshire with regard to this work.

Scout Magazine.

Mr. Salmon said he was awaiting Issue No.3 “Woodsmoke”.

Warrants.

Mr Thomas C. Yandell applied for a warrant as ASM of 75th Renfrewshire and this was granted provisionally.

Insurance.

The premium of insurance against accident, amounting to 2/6 was due in February. The next premium being due on 30th September, and to be paid on that date annually by Pack, Troop and Crew at the rate of 2/6 each. Locker fees are also payable on 30th September at 2/6 each. Registration fees fall due on 1st April of each year at 5/-.

Other Business.

\*It was agreed by the Executive to do nothing in the meantime with regard to the MacRobert’s Reply Association.

\*The Port Glasgow Scout Association have invited Greenock Scouts to share the Port Glasgow Baths with them one night per week at the charge of 3d. per Scout.

\*A letter was received from T. Williams, a past Scouter, now on the “Pretoria Castle” who has offered his services along with some of his mates who are Scouters, to aid any shorthanded Groups while he is in port.

\*It was reported the 5th Renfrewshire Group put on a good show at the Festival of Youth.

\*The Executive congratulated Mr. D. Thompson on his active and enthusiastic support of the District Football Team, also Mr. Hill his helper.

\*All badge orders must be sent to Badge Secretary before the 15th of every month.

\*Mr. Swan said he would approach McBurnie's re purchase of typewriter.

\*The Committee agreed to allow the RAF colleagues of William McKenzie, who was killed in an air crash, to put up a brass memorial tablet in HQ Hut and that the 45th Renfrewshire Group should attend in a body along with any of the Association who wished to attend. Two officers from his RAF station would attend this ceremony.

Date of Next Meeting.

25th June.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 25th June, 1945.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. J. Lang; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

*Minutes*

The minutes were approved with the correction that the District Commissioner was empowered to spend up to £20 on a typewriter.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £46.16.5; Association Reserve £115.9 /-.; Pipe Band £105.10.9; Extension Fund £502.12.3. Welcome Home £7.11/-; £65.5/-. Total £843.4.5.

\*An account from James Hall, photographer, for £1.9/- was passed for payment.

\*The proposed memorial tablet was the property of the 45th and to be fixed in H.Q. Hut at the pleasure of the Association.

Cub Report.

The 22nd Pack were congratulated on winning the Art Trophy. Cubmasters have started cleaning H.Q. Hut.

Scout Report.

Two additional nights of map reading given by Captain Skilling of the Home Guard proved very interesting to SM's.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

Mr. D. Thompson will be in charge for the first two weekends in July, i.e. 30th June/1st July and 7th/8th.

Badge Report.

Nothing to report.

Three-Year-Plan.

The 800 circulars which were to be given to every Scout for their parents were not ready in time and had to be kept over due to holidays intervening.

Scout Day-of-Work.

This was held on June 9th and proved to be another success. The total to date was £79.12/- less expenses of £4.7/- leaving a net balance of £75.5/-. £10 of this was put to Welcome Home Fund which was in debit and is now in credit £65 for entertainment.

Pipe Band.

This question is still in abeyance.

Scout Magazine “Woodsmoke”.

The magazine has suffered a set-back due to the material not being ready for the printers in time.

Typewriter.

Mr. Swan purchased a Royal typewriter very reasonably for the sum of £18 through the good offices of Mr. Morrison. The Executive agreed to paying £1 for repairs to the typewriter.

Other Business.

\*The Scottish Community Drama Festival expressed their gratitude to the Scouts for their help with the seating at their entertainment.

\*Scouts have been asked to help in the dismantling of steel air raid shelters. Mr. Morrison contacted the Corporation, who are leaving the scheme until after the holidays.

\*Mr. D. Thompson reported the loss of a football, and he regretted this very much. Mr. Swan immediately got into touch with Mr. Miller of Paisley and succeeded in obtaining another permit for a ball to be purchased at Alexanders. The Executive agreed to purchase another football.

\*Mr. Lang attended the County Meeting of the Association.

\*The Secretary was asked to contact the O.C., A.&S.H. Home Guard, Drill Hall, South Street, re the semaphore flags loaned to them in 1940 by Mr. Butters, D.C. of the Association at that time.

Date of Next Meeting.

27th August, 8. 00 p.m.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 27th August, 1945.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Apologies were received from Mr. J. McPherson, Treasurer and Mr. J. Swan, Acting D.C. for their absence.

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; ~~Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan~~; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. P. Spens; Mr. D. Thomson; and Mr. Lang.

Attending.

Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

Association Account £20.3.11; Association Reserve £115.9/-; Pipe Band £105.10.9; Extension Fund £504.4.10; Welcome Home Fund £7.11/-; Day of Work Fund £67.17/-. Total £820.16.6.

Registration Fees Due.

1st, 9th, 22nd, 54th, 80th, 81st and 70th.

Insurance Fees Due.

1st Pack, 9th Pack, 53rd Pack, 54th Troop and Pack, 59th Pack, 70th Pack, Troop and Pack, and 81st Pack.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Damage at Lady Alice School. £1.14.6.

Secretary’s Expenses. 8/2.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire September 6-7-13-14-20-21-27-28.

Senior Scout football team for physical training. 4-11-18-25. September.

Cub Council. 7th September.

Reports

Cubs - nil. Scouts - nil. Rovers - nil.

Everton.

Camp closes on Greenock Autumn holiday, 11th September. Winter camping was discussed and it was decided to give this subject more consideration. The Camp Skipper was given authority to arrange work parties.

Badge Report.

The Badge Secretary reported that everything was up to date.

Three-Year-Plan.

Nothing to report.

Pipe Band.

In abeyance.

“Woodsmoke”.

At a standstill.

Dismantling of Steel Air Raid Shelters.

Mr. Morrison reported that the Corporation was not ready for the boys yet.

Semaphore Flags.

The Secretary received word from the Greenock Home Guard Association that the claim for semaphore flags has been passed on to Headquarters at Paisley.

Second Hand Huts.

A Circular giving various prices of Nissen, wooden and other type huts was read, but as the charges seemed high, it was decided to leave this question in abeyance in the meantime.

Loan of Association Bagpipes.

A letter was read from G. Smail of 10th Renfrewshire asking for the use of the set of bagpipes belonging to the Association until the Pipe Band was started. It was agreed to grant him the use of the pipes at the pleasure of the Association. The Secretary to reply to this effect.

School Lets.

The following lets were granted by the Education Offices.

Finnart School Hall and 1 classroom. Thursday 7.30-9.30, 6th September to May.

Ladyburn School Hall and 2 classrooms. Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30, 6th September to May.

Lady Alice School Hall and 1 classroom. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6.30 to 9.30, 6th September to May.

Craigieknowes School. Fridays 6.30 to 8.

All lets free of charge.

Football Pitches.

Application for football pitches was made to the Corporation Parks Department, and Wellington Park pitch was granted for various dates. This information was passed on to the football convener.

A.R.P. Goods for Sale.

The Town Chamberlain wrote to the D.C. offering a list of enamel and kitchenware for sale. The Executive Committee appointed Mr. Salmon to inspect these goods with Mr. Swan, or Mr. Morrison who could only do this on a Wednesday afternoon.

Senior Scout Football Team.

Mr. D. Thomson requested the use of the Hut for the football team on Tuesday nights for the purpose of physical training, and this was granted for the month of September, free of charge.

No other business.

Date of Next Meeting.

24th September, 8.00 p.m.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut on 24th September, 1945, Robertson St., Greenock.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

An apology

was received from Miss Campbell, the Secretary, for being unable to attend the meeting.

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. Finnie; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

The Chairman referred to the loss sustained by ADC J.J. Swan in the death of his father and intimated that he had sent a letter of condolence in the name of the Association.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £21.1.8; Association Reserve Account £115.9/-; Pipe Band Account £105.10.9; Extension Fund £504.4.10; Welcome Home Fund £7.11-; Day of Work Account £67.17/-. Total £821.14.3.

\*The Treasurer was authorised to transfer such sums as necessary to Provident Bank, and to order two receipt books from J. Storer.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment;

Tuning Piano 10/-.

Secretary’s Expenses 2/7d.

Lets.

45th 4-11-18-25th October.

5-12-19-26th October

District Football Team 2-9-16-23-30 October.

Insurance and Registration Fees Due.

Secretary to write those in arrears.

Reports.

Cubs - nil. Scouts - nil. Rovers - nil.

Everton.

The Camp Skipper was authorised to get paint for Hut.

Badge Report - nil.

Three-Year Plan - nil.

Woodsmoke - nil.

Pipe Band - nil.

Semaphore Flags.

Letter to be sent to S.H.Q.

A.R.P. Goods for Sale.

This matter was remitted to Mr. Swan with powers to spend up to £30.

Other Business.

The Greenock Sea Scouts were at Sea Scout meet and obtained 1st place in junior swimming, 2nd place in double canoeing. 1st place in Rover single canoeing.

Other Business.

The D.C. received 1100 clothing coupons for 160 pairs of plimsolls and 160 pairs shorts. These were remitted to DC for allocation. Meantime, the coupons were lodged in the bank for safe custody.

Date of Next Meeting.

29th October, 1945.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on October 29th, 1945.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Lyle; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. McPherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Accounts £23.8.5; Reserve Account £115.9/-; Pipe Band Account £105.10.9; Extension Fund £508.10/5d and £7.11/-; Day of Work. £77.13.2; Cash £3.2.1.

\*It was agreed to keep the funds of the 53rd Renfrewshire in a Suspense Account.

\*It was agreed to pay the amended account of Orr Pollock.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Local Rates £7.17.1.

Water account £3.

Secretary’s expenses 6/11.

\*A loan of £3 was made to the Vice President of the Association Football team for the purchase of a new football, with the provision that it would be refunded by April, 1946. \* \*£1.1/- was received from hire of microphone.

Lets.

75th October 31st.

45th 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th. (Also 12th November.)

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

Association Football Team 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

Three-year Plan Commission 5th November.

Sale of Work Committee 7th November.

Cub Council. 23rd November.

Sale of Work. 19th November.

33rd Renfrewshire. 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Registration Fees and Insurance Fees.

Registration Fees - Secretary to type letters on behalf of Mr. Swan to those overdue.

Insurance Fees - Secretary to type letters on behalf of Mr Finnie to those overdue.

Cup Report.

The Cub Council met to welcome home Mr. S. Thomson and had a very jolly evening.

Everton.

Lockers are now due to be paid.

Scout Report.

The boys have been asked to usher at various functions.

Badge Secretary.

He reported that everything was going well.

Three-Year-Plan.

Mr. Swan appointed a Commission to work out details of plan which included the ADCs, Mr. Finnie, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Dally, Miss Tulloch, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Smith. Advice would be sent to them of the first meeting. Mr. Slater and Mr. D. Thompson.

“Woodsmoke”.

Mr. Swan moved that a Committee be appointed to produce the magazine quarterly. Mr. Salmon, Mr. Smith and Miss Campbell, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Lyle were assigned to this job.

Pipe Band.

This was being looked into.

Semaphore Flags.

In abeyance.

A.R.P. Goods for Sale.

Mr. Swan said this was being looked into.

Other Business.

\*A Sanitary permit was received for one year for Everton.

\*Sports gear. An allocation of 4 table tennis bats, 48 table tennis balls, 18 football cases, 36 football bladders, two cricket bats was received. Mr. Swan would distribute these.

\*The coupons for shorts and plimsolls would also be allocated by Mr. Swan.

\*Wood Badges. Three members of the Cub Council have now been presented with their badges, Miss Williamson of the 52nd, Miss Caldwell of the 86th, and Mr. A. Skinner of 59th. \*Mr. W. McAlpine asked to start a District Gym class for Scouts.

\*Mr. E. Salmon was appointed by Mr. Swan to replace Rev. Renton Brown as Liaison Officer. \*Rev. Renton Brown has resigned as ADC and Scouter. The resignation was accepted.

\*Mr. Salmon has issued cards for Scouts to enter the Port Glasgow Baths under the Port Glasgow Scout Association.

Competitions.

A letter was read from A McKenzie of the 32nd Group asking for particulars of inter-troop competitions, and the Secretary is to advise that these will be fixed when the Competition Committee agreed on the future dates.

Sale of Work.

\*Takes place on 1st December. Mr. Swan asked for a group of men on Executive to look over Drill Hall, South Street on 7th November regarding joiner work and lighting, etc. It was moved to ask Mrs. Dawnay to open the Sale of Work, and to be accompanied by Sir Guy Shaw-Stewart, with Colonel Paterson in the Chair, and to invite Lieutenant Colonel Williamson and the Vice Presidents. Mr. Kay was appointed as Cashier of the Sale of Work. \*Mr. D. Thompson was accorded a vote of thanks for his excellent report on the meeting at S.H.Q.

\*Mr. Finnie brought up the question of the finances of the 23rd Renfrewshire Group. The present S.M. tried to trace some £12, which was short. As the last temporary S.M., Mr. P. Spens had no records left to him, it was agreed to contact Mr. F. Olley, the preceding SM, who, it was thought, had had a bank book, but the financial statement of this Group was in doubt even when Mr. Olley took over. Mr. T. Willis will act for this group temporarily.

Date of Next Meeting.

26th November, 1945 at 7.30 p.m.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., 26th November, 1945.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

An apology

was received from the Chairman, Mr. Finnie for being unable to be present.

Sederunt

Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan, Chairman; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Lang; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Accounts £8.1.4.; Association Reserve £119.3.6; Pipe Band Account £108.4.7; Extension Fund £508.10.5; Welcome Home Fund £7.11/-; Day of Work £77.13.2; 53rd Suspense Account £6.11.2. Cash in Hand £3.19.4. Total £839.14.6.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

McAlister and Fyfe £5.11.3.

Secretary’s expenses 9/2.

George College 7/6.

Treasurer’s expenses 5/4.

Fraser Bros. Lorry 20/-.

\*It was reported that Mr. Finnie had examined the books of the 53rd Pack and found him to be in order.

Lets.

45th December 6-13-20-27. Also 12th December.

December 7-14-21.

Three-Year Plan Committee 3rd December.

Sale of Surplus Goods 8th December.

Competitions Committee 9th December.

Cub Council 14th December.

Cub Council 16th December, 2.00 p.m. Toy repairing.

Cub Council 2~~8~~th December. Toy distribution.

33rd Renfrewshire 5th-19th and 26th December.

Football Team 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Registration Fees and Insurance Levy.

1st, 9th, 59th, and 60th and 70th groups were notified re registration fees being due, and the 59th have paid.

Reports.

\*Cub Report. A training class in signalling and campfire was held. A welcome home party was given in honour of Sam Dalrymple.

\*Scout Report. The Scouters meeting was held on 25th November.

\*Rover Report. Steps are being taken to reform the District Rover Crew with the return of many of the Rovers.

Everton.

Work on the site is proceeding. Mr. Salmon was granted permission to purchase two bags of cement.

Badge Secretary.

Mr. Lang was not present at ~~meeting~~ this point.

Three-Year-Plan: Sale of Work.

All the plans for Sale of Work are well in hand. Mrs. Dawnay confirmed that she would be able to open the Sale of Work, but Sir Guy would be unable to accompany her, and asked to be made aware of the details of the Three-Year-Plan.

“Woodsmoke.”

Mr. Salmon reported that the draft of the next issue is now being typed.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Darroch was interviewed by Mr. Salmon and said that he was unable to take this duty on, but he referred Mr. Salmon to Pipe-Major Mr. Balloch.

Semaphore Flags.

Nothing to report.

A.R.P. Goods for Sale.

Mr. Swan interviewed the Corporation re these goods, and the Association agreed to purchase £4.17.6 worth of goods, of which four ~~tea~~ deed boxes at 11/-, and two lengths of rope at 11/3 were purchased on behalf of the Association, and the remainder for various troops.

Finance of 23rd Group.

In a letter read from Mr. F. Olley, a former Scouter of this Group, it was stated that no cash was handed over to him when he took over the troop, but he understood that there was an approximate some £10 in some bank in the troop's name.

Other Business.

\*It was agreed, at the request of Mr. Morrison, to purchase a football for the Cub Football team.

\*An international camp is to be held in Scotland in 1946.

\*The 6th World Jamboree of International Scouting is to be held near Paris in August 1947.

Date of Next Meeting.

23rd December, 8.00 p.m.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson Street on 23rd December, 1945.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Interim DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Lang; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Reserve £119.3.6; Association Account £10.8.10; Pipe Band Account £108. 4.7; Extension Fund £980.17/-.

\*The following account was passed for payment.

Secretary’s Expenses 3/-.

Lets.

45th. 10-17-24-31st January 1946.

11-18-25.

33rd 9- 16-23- 30th January

11- 18th.

Three-Year Commission 14th January.

Cup Council 25th January.

Football Club 8- 15-22-29.

Registration Fees and Insurance Levies.

Last year’s registration and insurance fees have still to be paid by the 9th Pack, and an insurance levy is due also by the 59th Pack.

Cub Report.

A toy Parade was held, after which 307 toys were handed in to the local hospitals for Christmas. A pleasant evening of Carol Singing was held by a group of Cubmasters and Scoutmasters.

Scout Report

Nothing to report.

Rover Report.

Nothing to report.

Everton.

Nothing to report.

Badge Secretary.

Reported that the issue of badges etc. was going smoothly and was fairly well up to date.

Sale of Work.

A sum of £404 was made at the Sale of Work held in the Drill Hall, South Street.

“Woodsmoke.”

Mr. Salmon reported that the draft copy had been held up.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Swan interviewed a Mr. Mackay, who had been attached to the 11th Group before the war, regarding the instruction of boys interested in Piping. The Executive appointed Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Lang to see that the appointment of a Pipe Major was brought to a successful conclusion.

A.R.P. Goods for Sale.

The purchase of these goods was confirmed by the Corporation, and it was agreed that Mr. Swan and Mr. Morrison should uplift them on Wednesday, 26 December.

Warrants.

Miss Elizabeth Connel applied for a warrant as C.M. of the 10th Group, and Miss Cathie Cameron as A.C.M. of 10th Group. These were passed provisionally for the usual three months.

Registration.

A new Group, the 73rd Renfrewshire, has applied for registration under the control of St. Mungo's Church. The Scoutmaster is James Welsh, and the Cubmaster, Cathie Walsh. This was passed by the Executive Committee on the condition that the signature of the controlling authority was obtained and the form returned to the D.C.

Scout Achievement in Wartime.

A questionnaire was sent in by H.Q. for completion by 31st January 1946. It was decided that an extract of this should be made and sent out to SM's by the Secretary, and that they should be asked to return them by 24th January at the latest.

Dances at Finnart Drill Hall.

Mr. Swan stated that permission has not yet been granted to Scouts to attend these dances in uniform until further enquiries have been made.

Extension Fund.

The three-year plan had achieved the remarkable feat of acquiring £1000, and the ceremony of handing over the completing £1 note was to be held immediately after, a notice being inserted in the Telegraph to this effect.

Other Business.

\*McRoberts Reply. It was agreed to get in touch with Colonel Paterson regarding the sending of a letter to this Association in conjunction with the Boys Brigade and Army Cadet Associations to prevent the using of their names by the above Association without authorization.

\*An official intimation was made by Mr. Swan that, as Mr. Butter had now returned from the forces, he would be stepping down as District Commissioner and Mr. Butters would be taking over.

\*Miss Campbell, the Secretary, also intimated that she was sorry she could not continue with the position due to added duties at home.

\*Mr. MacPherson, Treasurer, also intimated that he found he was unable to continue his job as he had other engagements.

Date of Next Meeting.

28th January, 7.30 p.m.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 28th January, 1946.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; ADC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. McPherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £2.1.7 cash. Association Reserve £117.5.3. Pipe Band Account £108.4.7. Extension Fund £1020.17/-.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Secretary’s Expenses 6/8d.

George College 8/6.

Storer, printer £1.7.6.

Cleaning materials, etc. £10 to Mrs. McCrindle.

\*Insurance. Premiums still due from 9th and 59th. Also registration fee due from 9th Pack.

\*It was resolved by the Committee to transfer the balance of the Reserve Fund to Association Account.

Lets, February

45th 1-8-15-22.

7-14-21-28 also 13th.

Cub Council 15th.

3-Year-Plan Commission 4-11-18.

33rd 1-8-22.

75th 6-20.

Senior Football 5-12-19-26.

Registration Fees.

The only outstanding fee - 9th Pack.

Insurance Fees

The insurance levy for 30th September last is due by the follow*ing*;-

9th Pack, 10th Pack and Troop, 11th Troop and Pack, 23rd Troop, 33rd Troop and Pack, 39th Troop and Pack, 59th Pack, 75th Troop and Pack, 85th Troop, 54th Troop, 81st Troop, 73rd Troop and Pack.

Reports.

\*Cubs. The Cub Council met on Friday last for training. A visit was made to Bridge of Weir with 50 toys.

\*Scouts. Nothing to report.

\*Rovers. Nothing to report.

\*Everton. Nothing to report.

Badge Secretaries Report.

Mr. Lang said that badges were being issued and handed in a list giving details.

Handing over of £1000.

The completing £1 was handed over by P.L. Mackay of the 5th Troop, and, in honour of the occasion, he was presented with a ruck sack donated anonymously. The Extension Fund has now reached the sum of £1,020 since that date.

“Woodsmoke.”

Copy to be typed.

Pipe Band Report.

This was held over.

Warrants.

The following applications for warrants in the 73rd Group were received and passed by the Committee with the usual three months provision:-

Edward O’Kane as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Karl Healy as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Catherine Walsh as Cubmaster.

Frances Whyte as Assistant Cubmaster.

Helen Jackson as Assistant Cubmaster.

73rd Group.

Was duly registered in the Greenock District.

McRobert’s Reply Association.

This question had been before the County Executive, and they approved of the decision to send a letter to this Association. The letter was first to be approved by Colonel Paterson.

Everton Camping.

With the changeover of D.C.’s in April, it was decided to leave the matter of camping in February over until April.

Other Business.

The Committee expressed regret at the loss of the Rev Douglas Troup, in his transference to Glasgow, to the District Movement, and it was remitted to the DC to find a suitable token of esteem.

Date of Next Meeting.

25th February at 7.30 p.m.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 25th February, 1946.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; ADC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. J. Lang; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Macpherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £3.7.1; Reserve Account £102.5.3; Pipe Band Account £108.4.7; Extension Fund £1034.-.-.; Welcome Home Fund £7.11/-; Day of Work £79.13.2; 53rd Suspense Account £6.11.2.

\*J. Simpson and Co's account of 14/- was passed for payment.

March Lets.

45th 1-8-15-22-29.

7-14-21-28. March.

Cub Council 1st and 29th.

T.Y.P. 4-11-18.

Senior Football 5-12-19-26.

59th 13th.

3rd 6th.

75th 8th 15th and 22nd.

Hut Warden.

Mrs. McCrindle intimated her desire to resign and this was accepted with regret and it was resolved to minute the Committee's thanks for her long and faithful service.

Electric Light.

It was resolved that the Co-operative Society be requested to submit an estimate for overhauling the Hut lighting.

Cub Report. Nil.

Scout Report. Nil.

Rover Report. Nil.

Everton Report. Nil.

Badge Secretary’s Report.

Mr. Lang submitted a list of the month’s badge issues.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Donald Balloch has agreed to take over tuition of the Pipe Band provided not more than 12/15 boys were sent to the class. It was resolved to start the class on 15th April, 1946. Written applications from Scouts should first be requested. Mr. John McPherson was appointed as Liaison Officer between the Executive Committee and the Pipe Band.

McRobert’s Reply Association.

The text of a letter addressed to Mr. H.G. Russell was submitted and approved by the Executive Committee.

Rev. D. Troup.

It was intimated that a painting had been presented on behalf of the Association.

Army Cadet Dances.

The Acting D.C. intimated that he had approved the attendance of Scouts at the weekly dances held by the army cadets. It was agreed that the age limit to be 15 years, and that cards must be obtained from the Acting D.C. by each boy applying.

Sea Scout Commission.

Mr. Salmon submitted a list of names of members of the proposed Sea Scout Committee, which was approved.

23rd Sea Scout Troop.

It was resolved that the Honorary Secretary be requested to write to the Session Clerk of the St. Andrew’s Church requesting a stated case for the proposed disassociation of the 23rd Renfrewshire Troop from the Church.

Assistant County Commissioner.

The Executive Committee recorded their congratulations to Mr. J.J. Swan on his appointment as Assistant County Commissioner, for Renfrewshire.

Football Club.

Was granted permission to run 2 dances in aid of funds for the football club.

*Resignation*

The Chairman reported the receipt of a communication from the County of Renfrew Scout Executive intimating the resignation of Mr. J.J. Swan as interim Honorary County Secretary and suggesting that each District might wish to be associated with the County in some tangible expression of thanks for the fine services rendered during his term of office. The Executive, without the Acting DC, Mr. J.J. Swan, agreed that the sum of £5 (five pounds) should be sent to the County Treasurer as Greenock's contribution.

Date of Next Meeting.

25th March, 1946.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At Headquarters Hut, Robertson St., Greenock, on 25th March, 1946.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. Lang; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; also Mr. D. Thomson.

Attending.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. McPherson and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £4.10.8; Reserve Account £96.12.8; Pipe Band Account £108.4.7; Extension Fund £1034.-.-; Welcome Home Fund £7.11/-. Day of Work, £79.13.2; 53rd Suspension Account £6.11.2. Total £1337.3.3.

\*Secretary’s Expenses 1/-.

T.Y.P. Commission Expenses 10/-.

\*The Treasurer submitted a draft Income and Expenditure Account for the year, which was approved. It was agreed to take off 5% depreciation, also to transfer £119.3.6. to Appropriation.

Lets.

45th Renfrewshire 4-11-18-25 April.

5-12-19-26 April.

Sea Scout Committee 12th April.

75th 5th- 26 April.

Cup Council 19th April.

33rd 24th April.

Cubmasters 2nd- 9th-16th-23rd- 30 April.

Meeting of Parents 1st April.

Hut Lighting.

An estimate was received from the Greenock Central Co-op Society Ltd. Mr. Swan moved that the estimate be accepted for the work involving a sum of £13.4.9 and it was agreed that this should be done by formal written acceptance.

Reports.

\*Cubs. Nil.

\*Scouts. Nil.

\*Rovers. Nil.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon, Camp Skipper, reported that the camp had been broken into. Nothing valuable appeared to be stolen. Permission was granted to make a new shutter. It was decided to open Everton camp on 6th April.

Badge Secretary.

Submitted his report.

Pipe Band.

Date of commencing to be intimated in newsletter.

23rd Sea Scout Troop.

In reply to a letter sent by the Executive enquiring into the circumstances of the refusal of St. Andrew’s Church Hall to the 23rd Sea Scouts as from end March, the Session Clerk confirmed this attitude, and the Executive decided to bring up the matter before the Presbytery.

MacRobert’s Reply Association.

Mr. Finnie moved that Mr. H. Russell’s reply be left on the table.

Other Business.

Mr. Morrison, as Scout Representative, brought forward the suggestion made to him that an Association meeting be held before the Annual Meeting, and it was agreed that a meeting of Scouters be held before the next meeting.

Headquarter Hut Plumbing.

It was agreed that this should be attended to as soon as possible by a firm of plumbers.

Coupons for Sandshoes.

It was resolved to allocate these to Groups who had carried out their applications.

Annual Census Return.

Mr. Swan asked for the assistance of two people at least to help with the Secretarial work in collecting the forms. The Secretary to send them out with the newsletters.

Dance for Parents of Boys.

This arrangement to be made by parents and two Scouters, who were to be nominated by the Acting DC.

Secretarial and Treasury Offices.

Mr. Swan insisted that a Secretary be found to carry on, as he found that the volume of work was increasing and forced him to neglect his Commissioner’s work. Suggestions were made that the position of Secretary be a paid one, but the subject was left on the table in the meantime.

Founders Day Parade.

This was arranged to be held on 28th April, at St. George’s Church.

Senior Football Team.

Mr. Morrison reported a split between the juniors and seniors. It was agreed that the Senior Scout football team should complete their present engagements, and the Executive would review the position later. An appreciation was moved by Mr. Swan of Mr. D. Thomson's hard work with the team. It was agreed to hold a meeting of the members of the team on 9th April.

Date of Annual Meeting.

Executive Meeting, 7.30 p.m., 7th May 1946.

Annual Meeting, 8.00 p.m.

Colin Finnie, ADC, Chairman.

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson St., on 7th May, 1946.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Mr. C. Finnie; Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. Lang.

Attending.

Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Campbell.

Apologies.

Mr. J McPherson sent an apology at being unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed by the Executive.

It was agreed to hold another meeting of the Executive immediately after the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.

Permission was granted to the 11th Renfrewshire Group to hold a variety entertainment on one Sunday of this month.

Permission was also granted to 73rd Renfrewshire Group to organise a bus run on 2nd June.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At H.Q. Hut, Robertson St., on 7th May, 1946.**

**Being the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Apologies.

These were received from the following:-

Colonel D. Paterson; Mrs Willis; Mrs. Muir; Mr. J. Macpherson, Honorary Treasurer.

*Silver Acorn*

The Chairman announced that before commencing the meeting, he would like to state that the Chief Scout had honoured the Association and Mr. J. Swan in particular by awarding him the Silver Acorn for his great work achieved on behalf of the Association. The appreciation of the Association was voiced.

Commissioners Report.

The Commissioner commenced by stating his pleasure at announcing his first post-war report as, for so many years, he had finished by hoping the next report would be a peacetime one. The Commissioner went on to report on the following:-

\*Census. This showed a net decrease of 74 in all ranks - 18 Cubs, 70 Scouts, 17 War Service Scouts, with an increase of 34 Rovers, decrease of three Scouters; this making a total decrease of 74. One reason for cause was one Troop being disbanded due to lack of Scouters. He *predicted* that the next year would bring an increase in Scouters with so many returning ex-servicemen.

\*Cubs. He remarked that the Cubs had had a difficult year, but it was strange that they had been more numerous in the years of Black-out.

\*Scouts were taking a firm grip on themselves, due, he thought, to going back to the basic principles as set down by Lord Baden Powell.

\*Sea Scouts. He hoped to see this group developed considerably during coming year as Scottish and Imperial Headquarters had many plans afoot.

\*War Service Scouts. These were now dissolved, having served a very useful purpose. \*Rovers. More enthusiasm was being shown in this group due to returning numbers from the forces.

\*A new innovation was being talked of in Scouting, that of Senior Scouts apart from juniors. \*Preliminary meetings had been held and 21 certificates had been handed over after extensive training and helping with full kit, map reading, physical training etc.

\*Training. A Cubmasters’ course of three evenings and one weekend was held. Scoutmasters had pioneering and map reading course.

\*Camping. Started 2nd June, ended 11th September. The Commissioner expressed the Association's indebtedness to Mr. Salmon, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Dally for the work carried out in this sphere. An estimated total of 800 nights. Annual Summer Camps were run by various Groups in the Association and he hoped more stress would be laid on these.

\*Competitions. More had been held last year, but preparation was being made to hold them this year with addition of two new competitions on signalling and pioneering.

\*Badges. Appreciation was expressed of the very efficient way Mr. Lang had handled the issuing of the badges, amounting to a total of 1410.

\*Parades. A toy parade for Cubs was held, and St. Georges Day Parade for Scouts.

\*Pipe Band. Due to a lack of Pipe Majors during war, this had not progressed, but he hoped to have a definite statement next year.

\*Uniform and equipment. 1000 coupons had been received for the purchase of sandshoes etc.

\*A.R.P. Gear. Had been offered to Association for purchase, some of which was bought.

\*Gang Show. Had not been presented this year, but one was planned for 1947.

\*District Football Team. This had had varied fortunes and Mr. D.T. Thompson had worked hard under many difficulties and was due appreciation.

\*Three-Year-Plan. This fund had hit the £1000 mark. It was proposed to spend this roughly in the proportion of £600 on Headquarters and equipment, £300 on training, £50 publication and £50 in reserve. Appreciation was due to the parents of the boys in their great assistance in raising this money.

\*Dutch Troop. After much negotiation, it looked as if a Dutch troop would be allowed to visit here in Greenock at our request. A little more red tape would have to be overcome before it was an accomplished fact.

\*St. George’s Day Service at Windsor. A King's Scout was asked to attend this service and Harry Owens of 35th was chosen.

\*The Commissioner then went on to relate the cooperation existing among several of the youth organisations in the town, and expressed the appreciation of the Association for the generosity of the Education Committee in the use of schools.

\*Appreciation was expressed for the help given by Colonel Paterson, also to the Chairman of the Executive, Mr. Finnie, and to Mr. MacPherson, the absent Treasurer, who was also retiring along with the Secretary, Miss M. Campbell. Appreciation was due also to Assistant District Commissioners, Scoutmasters and Cubmasters for their loyal work, and to J.M. Kerr and Lindsay, Honorary Auditors and Mrs. McCrindle, Hut Warden, for their unfailing sense of service.

Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of Mr. Macpherson, Mr. C. Finnie, Chairman, read the printed report and remarked that there was little to complain of as far as he could see, as the balance had leapt up by £1000 on the right side.

Mr. Slater moved the adoption of the report and commented on the hard work done by all to achieve the increase in funds. The Rev. A.J. Inglis seconded Mr. Slater's motion remarking that he hoped the Scout Movement and the Church would continue to work closely together for in that lay the strength of both.

Election of Office Bearers.

President Colonel D. Paterson.

Vice Presidents. The Provost

Rev., A.J. Ingles M.A.

S.M. Turnbull Esq.

William L. Dewar Esq.

Dr. Milne,

Crawford Blake Esq.

Rev. J.M. Hamilton M.A.

Chairman. Mr. C. Finnie.

Honorary Secretary D. Preston.

Honorary Treasurer J. McPherson.

Hon. Badge Secretary J. Lang.

Camp Skipper E. Salmon.

DSM. ---------

DCM J. Tulloch.

Hon. Legal Adviser Colonel Paterson.

Honorary Auditors J.M. Kerr and Lindsay.

Hon. Hut Warden ----------

Representatives to

County Scout Council Secretary, Treasurer, and Badge Secretary.

Representatives to

SHQ Council. Mr. Thompson and Miss Caldwell.

Executive Committee. Office Bearers and 3 Scouters and 3 Lay Members.

Scouters: D. Thompson, R Morrison, S Thompson.

Lay members, Mr Slater, Mrs. Harvie, Mr. Faulds.

Notices.

The Commissioner announced the Day of Work for 18th May on which £100 was hoped for to entertain Dutch Scouts.

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, Mr. C. Finnie.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock, on 20th May, 1946.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mrs. Harvie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Kay; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Faulds; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson.

Attending.

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*Association Account £. Reserve Account £. Pipe Band Account. £

\*Accounts passed for payment.

Gas and Electricity £3.8.7.

Storer and Sons £1: 7: 6.

Ardgowan Estates £4: 3: 3.

Ground Rents £2: 8: 7.

Everton Camp Fees £0:18: 9.

\*Lets paid

33rd 5/-; 45th 12/-; 75th 3/-.

Lets.

23rd 4, 11, 18, 25 June.

45th 7, 14 June.

Ex-Service Scouters 12 June.

Pipe Band 3, 10, 17, 24 June.

*Victory Dance*

It was agreed that the expenses of the Victory Dance £26: 13: 6 be met from the £151 of Special Fund.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon stated that two bags of cement were required, and was authorised to purchase same.

Badge Secretary.

Report submitted and suggestion made that Ambulance Badges be re-passed annually.

Senior Football Team.

Mr. D. Thompson and Mr. Morrison suggested that, principally because of lack of proper organisation, this team should be asked to withdraw from the League, and subsequently disbanded. This was agreed, and kit was to be collected by 8th June.

Mr. Thompson would purchase a ball on behalf of the Cub Football Committee. The Junior Football Team would be retained.

Representatives to Windsor Parade.

The Executive agreed to send £7 to the County Secretary to defray expenses of the Scout from this District.

County Reunion.

Mr. Swan stated that Everton was all in readiness for the 25th and was looking its best.

*Blair Atholl*

A Patrol Jamboree was being held at Blair Atholl 24th July- 1st August. Greenock was asked to send one 1st Class Scout. SM's were to forward names of suitable candidates, and the names thereafter balloted.

Dutch Scouts Visit.

Difficulties were still here, but it was hoped that these would finally be overcome.

Warrants.

\*These were approved:-

Ed. O’Kane ASM; K. Healy ASM; C .Walsh CM; F. Whyte ACM; H. Jack ACM.

All of the 73rd Group.

\*Resignation was received from Alasdair Allan, ASM, 23rd Troop for health reasons. Warrant would be returned to him.

Sea Scouts.

Messrs. Kay, S. Thompson and Slater were appointed to the Sea Scout Committee. A copy of the amended bye-laws would be submitted later.

Treasurer.

Mr. McPherson, Honorary Treasurer, now intimated his resignation and Mr. Kay was appointed in his place. The Executive extended a welcome to Mr. Kay, and to Mr McPherson, a sincere appreciation of his good work.

Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday, 18th June, 1946.

James J Swan, Chairman, 18/6/46.

**At Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 18th June, 1946.**

**Being a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Chairman, Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Mrs. Harvie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. D. Thomson.

Attending.

Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

Treasurers Report.

\*Capital Account £474:4:7; Pipe Band Account £105: 16/-; Extension Fund £1035: 6/-; Welcome Home Fund £7: 11/-; Day of Work £137: 14: 4; 53rd Troop Suspension Account £6: 11:2. Total £1767: 3: 1.

\*Accounts paid since last meeting amounted to £69: 9: 7. Account passed for payment:-

7 wooden forms, 6/- each £2: 2/-

Ground Rent for 5th Hut £2.

Dutch Camp.

Mr. Swan stated that, at the moment, arrangements were made for 16 boys and 4 officers of the Wassenaar Troop of Dutch Boy Scouts to camp at Everton from 3rd to 12th July. Expenses of the camp would be met from the Day of Work Fund.

Warrants.

An application for warrant as SM of the 5th Renfrewshire Group was received from James MacElwee.

Sea Scouts.

The sub-committee gave its report, and a copy of the amended bye-laws was submitted.

Hut.

In the absence of a Hut Warden, Messrs. Lang and S. Thompson were appointed to report on the condition of the Hut at intervals during the summer months, when it would not be in use.

Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 3rd September, 1946.

**Within Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock, on Tuesday 10th September, 1946 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan in Chair; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson Mr. Slater; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. E. Salmon; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minute.

The minute of last meeting was read and approved.

*Letter of Resignation*

Before the business of the meeting began, Mr. Swan read a letter from Mr H. Waller Butter saying that, owing to business reasons, he was reluctantly compelled to tender his resignation as District Commissioner. The letter would, of course be passed to County Authorities, but Mr. Morrison now asked that the Executive’s regret be minuted that Mr. Butter had found it necessary to take this step, and their sincere appreciation of his services to the movement in Greenock.

An excerpt of Minute would be sent to Mr. Butter, and it was further suggested that a book token be presented on some suitable occasion.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Extension Fund £1040.6/-; Pipe Band Account £105.16/-; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; Day of Work £47.11.2; Capital Account £513. 6.1; 53rd Troop Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.0.5. A total of £1731.19.4.

\*List of accounts paid was submitted and an account from James White, jJoiner, for 8/9d - flooring at Everton Hut - was passed for payment.

\*Mr Kay stated that several registration fees and insurance levies were still outstanding, and a reminder would be sent to defaulters.

Lets.

75th 13, 20, 27 August.

13, 20 September.

3, 10, 17, 24 September (kitchen, no charge).

Cub Council 27, September.

45th 5, 12, 19, 26 September.

-, 13, 20, 27 September.

Cubs.

\*Miss. Tulloch reported that a weekend camp had been held at Greenacre on August 24th- 25th. Several sacks of moss had been gathered for the Lady Haig Poppy Factory and Mr. Morrison was to pay the Inverkip Stationmaster the sum of 5/9d for carriage.

\*Mr. D. Thompson intimated that the Cub Football Shield had been won by the 86th Renfrewshire Pack. 14 entries had been received, all matches being played off in record time. Mr. Thompson hoped to arrange for the Shield to be presented by one of the Morton players to the winning team, at Cappielow Park.

Scouts.

A very successful training camp for PLs had been run at Everton, Mr. McWhirter in charge.

Everton.

\*Mr. Salmon was given authority to nominate a work party during the winter months.

\*With regard to the topical question of squatters, it was thought that legal advice should be sought re the possibility of anyone gaining entry to Everton. The question of the 5th Hut was raised and it was agreed that it should now be handed over.

Hut.

As the water-tight properties of the Commissioner’s Den were much in evidence, the Executive agreed that urgent repairs must be carried out. Mr. Slater was asked to contact a competent tradesman to survey the Hut, and give an estimate of the work requiring to be done.

Warrants.

An application was received from C. Williamson, ACM, 52nd Renfrewshire, for CM's warrant.

Dutch Camp.

Mr. Swan gave a brief report on the visit of the Dutch boys to Everton. After many altered arrangements, they finally did arrive on 5th July. The short time at their disposal was fully utilised, visits were paid to the Burns Country, the Trossachs, Loch Fyne and Clyde Coast. Mr. Swan referred to the co-operation they had met everywhere, with especial mention of the efforts of the Local Authority, who had welcomed the boys on behalf of the town, entertained them in the Council Chambers, and arranged a tour of the town, including a visit to the French Memorial on the Lyle Hill.

Blair Atholl.

One 1st Class Scout had gone from Greenock to make up the County Patrol. Mr. Swan and Mr. Salmon had visited the camp, and had been favourably impressed.

Mr. Crichton.

Mr. Salmon agreed to act as Treasurer to the fund for presentation to Mr. Crichton. It was suggested that £1: 1/- be sent from the Association.

Mrs. McCrindle.

As a token of appreciation of her long services to the Association in Greenock, an electric clock had been purchased and handed over to Mrs. McCrindle.

*Other Business*

Mr. Swan briefly referred to the following for consideration at a later date.

1.International Jamboree. This would probably be held in Paris from 9th- 18th August, 1947. Presumably about 16-20 boys- 1st Class Scouts- would go from Greenock, the cost being in the region of £17 each.

2.Dutch Holiday. 1947 or 1948?

3.Three-Year Plan.

4.Scout Tests.

The date of next meeting was fixed for Friday, 4th October, 1946.

James Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock, on Friday 4th October, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Slater; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. Lyle; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Pipe Band Account £105.16/-; Capital Account £513.6.1; Extension Fund £1051.1/-; Day of Work £52.9.1; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; 53rd Troop Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6.

\*Accounts paid since last meeting:-

Greenock Corporation £3: 8: 0.

James White, Joiner £0: 8: 9.

*Total* £3: 16: 9.

\*Accounts passed for payment:-

John McGilvray £0: 19: 4.

Secretary’s Expenses £0: 12: 1.

*Total* £1: 11: 5.

Lets.

52nd Renfrewshire 16, 23, 30 October.

45th Renfrewshire 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October.

4, 11, 18, 25 October.

Cubs.

Mr. D. Thompson reported that the Football Shield had been presented to the 86th Renfrewshire Pack on 1st October at Cappielow Park. All competing teams were represented, about 50 Cubs being present. A tour of inspection of the club premises delighted the boys, who were thrilled to meet such stars as Campbell and Garth. It was a grand finish to a keen competition, and Mr. Thompson was congratulated on his splendid arrangements.

Everton.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that during the season, the number in camp was 807, an average of 42 on each of 19 weekends. It was hoped to start the work party immediately.

\*As “squatting” was now a punishable offence, no further steps would require to be taken in this direction.

Hut.

Mr. Slater stated that a Tradesman had inspected the Hut, and that the essential work had been done. It was left to Mr. Slater to see the job finished.

Presentation: Mr. Crichton.

This was being attended to by Mr. Salmon.

International Jamboree.

After a good deal of discussion, and objections to the high cost, the following recommendations were made:

1. Boys should be between the ages of 14½ - 17½ , and 1st Class Scouts.

2. Troops would be informed of the qualifications, laid down by I.H.Q., and would require to nominate one boy from each Troop, bearing in mind cost, age, and proficiency.

3. The Association would pay £3 per boy - from balance of Special Fund - towards the total cost, and recommended that each Troop also make a contribution towards its representative.

4. If, after nominations had been received, there were still a few vacancies in the Greenock contingent, Troops would again be approached for names, and the vacancies filled by ballot.

Dutch Camp.

An invitation had been given for 30 boys from Greenock to visit Holland in 1947, but in view of the probable straitened circumstances in that country, and the impending International Jamboree, it was decided that it would be to general advantage to postpone the visit until 1948.

Competitions.

\* Competition. Proposed Date.

Public Service Vase. January. Troops to be notified.

Signalling. February. Mr. Swan moved, Mr. Morrison seconded, that

conditions of this competition should be similar to the standard of Signaller’s Badge.

Fire Shield. April.

Football Shield. April.

Shannon Cup. June.

Pioneering. August.

\*Conditions of the competitions, other than Signalling, to be as laid before, and approved by, the Three-Year Plan Commission.

*Other Business*

\*An application for use of Everton Camp in July 1947 had been received from the 3rd Goole Troop of Scouts. This was approved.

\*It was decided no*t* to recommend a District Parade on Empire Youth Sunday, in May 1947. \*Date of next meeting would be 4th November.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock, on Monday 4th November, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Sederunt

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

Attending.

Honorary Secretary.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Pipe Band Account £105.16 /-; Capital Account £513.6.1; Extension Fund £1051.1/-; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; Day of Work £52.9.1; 53rd Troop Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6.

\*Account paid since last meeting:-

J. McGilvray, Joiner, £0.19/4d.

\*Accounts to be passed for payment.

S. Faulds and Son £5.14.6.

Corporation of Greenock Rates £9.7.5.

Corporation of Greenock Water £3.0.0.

Frazer Bros. £0.6.6.

*Total* £18.8.5.

Lets.

Cup Council 8, 22 November.

Three-Year-Plan Publication Commission 13, 20 November.

45th *Renfrewshire* 7, 14, 21, 28 November.

45th *Renfrewshire* 8, 15, 22, 29 November.

52nd *Renfrewshire* (prov.) 6, 13, 20, 27 November.

Cubs.

Cubmasters training classes were held in Headquarters on 1st and 8th November. Assistant Cubmasters classes would be arranged later.

Hut.

Mr. S. Thompson reported that his Committee had met, and submitted a list of requirements. The Hut would require to be painted outside and varnished inside. Besides further press accommodation in the kitchen and linoleum for the den, sundry articles and implements would have to be purchased – varnish and brushes, sugar soap, mops etc. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Lang would be all o/c renovations.

Mr. Crichton's Presentation.

Mr. Salmon reported that the sum of £2.7.6 had been forwarded towards Mr. Crichton 's presentation.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon asked for permission to purchase half a ton of cement, 2½ tons stone chips and 3 shovels. This was given.

Scouts.

\*Courses for SM's and SM's were arranged, and a specialist course taken by Mr. McWhirter would take place in February.

\*Mr. Slater was appointed representative to County Executive.

\*It was stated that the 5th Hut had now been formally handed over.

Pipe Band.

It was agreed to get an estimate for the purchase of eight sets of bagpipes, from Messrs. Lawrie of Glasgow.

Date of Next Meeting

9th November, 1946.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., on 9th December, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.**

**Being a Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

*Sederunt*

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan in the Chair; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Slater; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Faulds; Mr. D. Thompson; and Mrs. Harvey.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Pipe Band Account £105.16./-; Capital Account £513.6.1; Extension Fund £1051.1.0; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; Day of Work £52.9.1; 53rd Troop Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6d.

\*Accounts paid since last meeting.

Gang Show £0.10.6.

S. Faulds and Son £5.14.6.

Corporation of Greenock £12.7.5.

Fraser Brothers £0.6.6.

*Total* £ 18.18.11.

\*Accounts submitted for payment.

Corporation Gas and Electricity £1.12.0.

Guardian Assurance Company £1.0.0.

Findlay and Co. £1.2.10.

*Total*  £3.14.10.

\*Mr. Morrison requested permission to purchase baize for re-covering card tables, at estimated cost of £3.10/-, and suggested that once the tables were put in order, they might be hired out on occasion. A levy of 6d per table was suggested, to persons within the Association, and 1/- without.

Cubs.

\*Two training classes for CMs had been held, and a course of three classes for ACMs was in progress.

\*Miss E.H. Duncan, ACC Cubs gave a demonstration of handcrafts suitable for Cub Packs, to a joint meeting of CMs and ACM's.

\*The Christmas Toy Parade is arranged to be held in Mearns St. Church on 15th December. Catholic Groups would parade to Gourock Church on 22nd December. The Toy Distribution and Carol Singing would take place on 21.12.46.

Scouts.

A meeting - information to SMs - was held on 8th December.

Three-Year-Plan (T.Y.P).

A Publication Committee had been formed, and decided that a booklet should be published on the Three-Year Plan, having one issue only. Scouty Methods, incorporating notes to new SM's, would be available by 30.9.46.

Hut.

On Mr. Slater's recommendation, it was decided to postpone the joiner work until the Spring of the year, and therefore, the paint and varnish work.

Everton.

Here too, it was thought better to delay also cement work until the better weather, but digging work could be proceeded with.

Coupons.

It was agreed to apply again this year for coupons for shorts and sandshoes. Mr. Slater agreed to act as Q.M.

Pipe Band.

Messrs. Lawrie of Glasgow had forwarded a price list, and Messrs. Swan, Morrison and Slater will duly make a report after studying this.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison was prevailed upon to investigate the possibilities of having a Gang Show this year, and report at the January meeting.

Scouters Social.

Wednesday, 15th January, 1947 was provisionally fixed for this “get-together”.

Warrants.

The following applications were received:-

Thomas Yandel, ASM, 75th Renfrewshire

Lionel Steele, ASM , 38th Renfrewshire

Edward Sutherland, SM, 38th Renfrewshire

Thomas Wilson, GSM, 38th Renfrewshire

Stuart Donnelly, SM, 54th Renfrewshire

David Thompson, GSM, 11th Renfrewshire

Joseph Cairns, SM, 11th Renfrewshire

John Flannigan, ASM, 54th Renfrewshire.

Date of Next Meeting.

10th January, 1947

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., on Monday 17th January, 1947.**

**Meeting of the Executive Committee.**

*Sederunt*

Mr. Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Lyle; Mr. Slater; Mr. Faulds Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. S. Thompson; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Capital Account £513 dot 6.1; Extension Fund £1065.8.9; Pipe Band Account £108.8.4; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; Day of Work £40. 9.1; 53rd Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6.

\*Accounts paid since the last meeting.

Findlay and Co. £2. 0.0.

Fraser Bros. £0.6.6.

Greenock C.C.S. £0.18.0.

Greenock Corporation: Gas £2.2.10.

Greenock Corporation: Electricity £1.16.11.

George College £0.9.0.

Guardian Assurance £1.0.0.

*Total* £8.13.3.

\*Account passed for payment.

Ambulance equipment £1.10.0.

\*Mr Kay suggested that application be made to Trustees of Margaret Street Fund for grant to meet current expenditure.

Registration Fees.

It was agreed that for future purposes all fees would be due on 1st April for the ensuing year, i.e.

Registration Fees- 5/- per group.

Insurance Levies- 2/6 per unit.

Locker Fees- 2/6 per troop.

Lets.

Pipe Band- 13, 20, 27 January

Scouters 19, 26 January

45th 17, 24, 31 January

52nd Wednesdays

43rd 1 Wednesday

Cubs.

300 toys were distributed to the various hospitals at Christmas time, and a visit was again made to the Bridge of Weir Homes.

Everton.

Mr. Faulds would review the work being done at the pond.

Coupons.

It was agreed that plimsolls, shorts, etc. be purchased by the Association, and issued on loan. Mr. Slater would work out a scheme of issue, which would alleviate the obvious difficulties.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Balloch proposed to visit Glasgow re purchasing of sets. The question arose as to the necessity of having two Pipe Bands- Protestant and Roman Catholic. This was considered necessary, and the available Fund would be divided equally. A small committee – Messrs. Lyle, C. Finnie and D. Thompson were appointed to draw up rules for regulation of Pipe Bands.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison had considered the question long and fully, and had been compelled to regard the idea of having a Gang Show this year as it impracticable. There were too many difficulties such as the lack of ready material, and the necessity of having an entirely new cast.

Scouters’ Social.

This, as everyone agreed, had been a particularly successful function, and the hope was expressed that it might become an annual event. It was suggested that the expenses should be paid from the Welcome Home Fund.

Warrants.

An application was received from:

George Thomson- S.M., 7th Renfrewshire.

and a resignation from:

E.W. Salmon – R.S.L. 52nd Renfrewshire.

Hut.

Arrangements were made for the hall to be thoroughly cleaned, decorated and re-stocked. When this work was done, a convener would be appointed, if such a person could be found, and a woman to clean the hut weekly.

Three-Year-Plan (T.Y.P).

Mr. Swan reported that the minutes of meeting of the T.Y.P. Commission had been put into publication form, and that a draft was now ready for approval. Accordingly, a meeting was called for Monday, 3rd February, 1947. Mr. Swan also asked that consideration be given to the matter of:

1. Everton, and how it should be utilised in the future.

2. Hike sites.

3. The naming of the three new sectors.

Scouts.

The first meeting in the training course for SMs and ASMs would be held on Sunday, 16th February under the direction of Mr. McWhirter. It was agreed that Mr. McWhirter’s expenses be met out of the Training Fund.

Jamboree.

Mr. Swan stated that Greenock had been allocated 13 places and, so far, 10 applications had been received.

Date of Next Meeting

21st February, 1947.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., on Friday 21st February, 1947.**

**Executive Committee Meeting.**

*Sederunt*

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan in the Chair; Mr. Slater; Mr. D, Thompson; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and, Honorary Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Capital Account £513.6.1; Extension Fund £1064.16.9; Pipe Band Account £108. 8.4; Welcome Home Fund £5.8.6; Day of Work £39.9.1; 53rd Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6.

\*Accounts passed for payment:-

Hut Renovations £25.0.9.

Secretary’s Expenses £0.15.1.

George College £2.3.0.

Lets.

6, 13, 20, 27 March 45th Renfrewshire.

7, 14, 21, 28 March 45th Renfrewshire

26th March 33rd Renfrewshire.

Coupons.

It was agreed that we purchase en bloc all shorts and sandshoes which will be required, and that each Troop be asked to submit a list of requirements and sizes. Prices would be quoted, and articles issued and paid for centrally to Scoutmasters.

Pipe Band.

Three sets of pipes had been ordered from Messrs. Lawrie for Mr. Balloch.

Warrants.

Resignation- Christina Buchanan, CM, 60th Renfrewshire

Application- James Scott, ASM 5th Renfrewshire.

Application- W.D. Parish, ASM 45th Renfrewshire.

Hut.

Mr. Swan referred to the splendid work done by Scouters in the cleaning up of the Hut, which was now almost complete. Favourable comment was passed on the changed appearance of the den.

Three-Year-Plan (T.Y.P.)

Draft was passed for publication.

Everton.

\*Mr. Thompson asked, on behalf of Roman Catholic County troops, for the use of Everton on 25th May, but as this would mean the closing of Everton for general camping, it was regretted that it would not be possible to grant the request.

\*Referring to the use of Everton as an elementary training ground, Mr. Salmon was of the opinion that a person, with assistants, and apart from the Camp Skipper, would be required to supervise planned training. The aim was simply to train the boys to camp, and it was suggested that entire weekends be devoted to particular subjects - pioneering, cooking, axemanship etc.

Senior Scouts.

Mr. Swan referred to circular from S.H.Q., stating that Senior Scouts in Scotland would not be recognised as a separate unit of the Group.

Uniform.

The changes in uniform suggested at the recent representative Scouters meeting would be sent to the County as the Scouters’ recommendation.

Representatives.

Representative to Youth Panel – Mr. D. Thompson.

Representative to A.T.C.- Mr. A. Kay.

*Other Business*

\*Reference was made to the deaths of Mrs. Crichton of Inverkip and Mr. J. Hume, and also to the resignation of Mr. James Shearer as GSM of the 32nd Renfrewshire. His retiral after 30 years service was shortly to be marked by a presentation and social evening, and it was agreed to send a letter of congratulation from the Association.

\*It was suggested that the AGM might be a suitable occasion for the presentation to Mr. H.W. Butter.

Date of Next Meeting.

24th March, 1947.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 24th March, 1947.**

**Executive Committee Meeting.**

*Sederunt*

Mr. Colin Finnie in the Chair; Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan; Mr. Ewart; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Slater; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Lang; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. Faulds; Mrs. Harvey and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Capital Account £513.6.1; Extension Fund £1040.18.1; Pipe Band Account £108.8.4; Day of Work £39.9.1; Welcome Home Fund £1.13.6; 53rd Renfrewshire Troop’s Suspension Fund £6.11.2; 4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspension Fund £13.7.6.

\*Accounts for payment.

L.S. Daw £ 0.17.6.

Badges £2. 8.0.

Lawrie & Co. £0.18.0.

G.C.C.S. plumbing £2.7.4.

G.C.C.S. plumbing £1.7.7.

G.C.C.S. baize £2.5.0.

Guardian Assurance Company £1.11.6.

Corporation of Greenock £1.7.9.

£0.15.10.

£2.19.9.

*Total*  £16.18.3.

\*Mr. Kay stated that current income was a matter for serious consideration. Depreciation at 5% was agreed upon.

Lets

\*10th Renfrewshire 23rd April.

Cub Council 19, 25, 26 April.

33rd Renfrewshire Troop 16th April.

45th Renfrewshire 9th April.

3, 10, 17, 24 April.

4, 11, 18, 25 April.

\*A charge was fixed for future use of hut. From 7.30-11, all-in charge - 7/6d. Use of tables, 6d each.

Coupons.

Circulars would be sent to SMs with price quotations for shorts and sandshoes.

Warrant.

Application received from W.D Parish as SM 39th Renfrewshire to date from February, in place of application for ASM 45th Renfrewshire submitted then.

Three-Year-Plan (T.Y.P.).

It was agreed that the Chief Scout be asked to write a foreword to the T.Y.P. publication on his return at the end of the month. The three sectors in the District were named Corlic, Gryffe and Dunrod.

Youth Panel.

Mr. D. Thompson gave details of the Festival of Youth to take place shortly in the Lady Alice School. 5th Renfrewshire Troop would give a parallel bar display. Mr. Morrison had been asked for use of amplifier. A charge of 15/- was agreed on.

Everton.

\*It had been brought to the notice of every SM that the policies around Everton must be respected, and that damage to property or game, however unintentional, must be guarded against.

\*Mr. Swan spoke of the impending changes in the use of Everton. Members put forth prepared ideas on the method of using Everton as a training ground, and Mr. Swan said that these would be a valuable guide to the final arrangements.

\*As the condition of the ground at Everton was uncertain, it was left to Messrs. Salmon, Swan and Morrison to decide on the opening date.

Hike Sites.

A small committee – Messrs. Salmon, Swan, Morrison. and D. Thompson - was appointed to deal with this. Money would of necessity be required, and the amount was left to the discretion of the Committee.

Pipe Bands.

Both Bands were progressing favourably.

Jamboree.

The name of Mr. James MacElwee, SM, 5th Renfrewshire was suggested for the job of dealing with all Jamboree arrangements.

Jam Jars

o/c- S. Thompson.

Day of Work

o/c -R. Morrison.

Boys Club.

Representative - Mr. Kay

Empire Youth Sunday.

18th May. It was decided that a representative body of 50 Scouts attend this service in the Town Hall.

Hut Warden

It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the AGM, which was fixed for 30th April, 1947.

*Other Business.*

A meeting of Scouters would be held on 30th March, and the date of next Executive Meeting 21st April, 1947.

James J. Swan, Chairman.

**At Headquarters, Robertson St., Greenock on Monday 21st April, 1947.**

**Executive Committee Meeting.**

*Sederunt*

Acting DC, Mr. James J. Swan in the Chair; Mr. Ewart; Mr. Lang; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Faulds; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. D. Thompson, and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending.*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*Treasurer’s books in course of being audited.

\*Accounts passed for payment:-

George College 15/9d.

E. Wilson and Co. 10/11d.

Secretary’s Expenses 13/2d.

Coupons.

All requests were able to be granted, and the distribution scheme was under way.

Youth Panel.

Mr. D. Thompson reported that the Festival of Youth held recently had proved a very successful venture. 5th Renfrewshire Scouts were complimented on their display.

Everton.

A scheme of training had been drawn up, and would commence the first weekend in May.

Hike Sites.

A large number of Troops had already volunteered to cooperate in compiling a complete list of hikes.

Pipe Band.

A list of regulations for the governing of the Pipe Bands was submitted, but, as this could not be regarded as the considered opinion of the whole Committee, it was returned, and the committee – Mr. Finnie, Mr. Lyle and Mr. D. Thompson - was given power to co-opt other members.

Jamboree.

Mr. MacElwee was in charge of all matters, but there were many difficulties cropping up, principally the very high cost per boy.

Jam Jars.

Under way - o/c Mr. S. Thompson.

Empire Youth Sunday.

The Parade would now be held in Mount Park Church on 18th May, 1947.

Hut Warden.

The name of Mr. Malcolm MacEachern would be put forward at the Annual General Meeting.

Cubs.

\*The Art Trophy Competition had been held, and had been won by

(1) Model - 1st Pack: (2) Drawing - 59th Pack.

\*The Challenge Flag would take place on 26 April.

\*16 entries had been received for the Football Competition and the Cub Picnic and Sports would be on 24th May.

\*17 new Cub Officers had attended a weekend training course in the Hut, taken by Miss Duncan, and a weekend training camp was arranged for June.

Scouts.

\*The first part of a training course under the direction of Mr. McWhirter had been completed, and the second part would shortly be held at Everton.

\*Mr. Swan intimated that a gun-boat would be formally handed over to Clyde Sea Scouts at Fairlie on 26th April.

Day of Work.

A recommendation to the new Executive Committee was made, that Day of Work income go solely to the Association, and no part of it to Jamboree expenses.

*Other Business*

A short meeting would be held before the Annual General Meeting on 30th April, 1947.

James Ewart, Chairman.

**On Wednesday 30th April, 1947.at 8 p.m.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Apologies for absence

were received from Mrs. Willis, Miss Strachan.

*Sederunt*

Mr. Colin Finnie, in the Chair, was accompanied by Messrs. J.J. Swan, H.W. Butter, Iain Brown, J. Kerr and Rev. A. Philp.

Commissioner’s Report.

\*Census

The census figures proved the all ranks total to be 984. Cubs - 399: Scouts - 456: Senior Scouts - 27: Rovers - 16: Scouters - 86. Mr. Swan referred to the serious lack of young Scouters, primarily owing to the calling-up age at 18.

\*Cubs.

During the Summer, several weekend training camps had been held, one being devoted to moss-gathering for The Haig Poppy Factory. The Toy Parade had resulted in the collection of about 300 toys, and these were distributed to hospitals locally. A visit was again made to the Bridge of Weir Orphan Homes. Miss Elspeth Duncan had held training classes for new Cubmasters, which had been well attended, and a training camp was arranged for June of this year.

\*Scouts.

The proposed changes in the use of Everton as a preliminary training ground for Scouts were outlined. These would be put into practice this coming season. Training classes for Scoutmasters, under the direction of Mr. McWhirter, had been held, and training camps would follow. Midnight and week-end hikes for Senior Scouts had been a successful innovation, and Rover Crews generally were being revived.

\*Camping.

Everton had opened for camping on 6.4.46 and during the season, there was a total of 766 in camp. The County Reunion was held on 25th May, for the first time out of doors, and approximately 200 had seen Everton at its best. In July, there was the visit of the Dutch Scouts, which had proved a happy venture. Nine troops had held Summer Camps outwith the District.

\*Competitions.

The Cub Football Competition had been keenly contested, and the winning Pack was presented with the Shield at Cappielow Park. Scout competitions would this year be run by Lay Members.

\*Parades.

District Parades had been held, Cubs at Christmas and Scouts on St. George's Day.

\*Pipe Bands.

Training in the Protestant and Roman Catholic Bands was well under way.

\*Special events.

St. George’s Day Service at Windsor was attended by 1 Scout from Greenock. One Scout had also attended the Patrol Jamboree at Blair Atholl. The Day of Work had realised the sum of £80. A Whist Drive and Dance for parents was held in the Lorne in May 1946, and a very successful Scouters’ Social in January, 1947.

\*Kindred Organisations.

Relations between local youth organisations were of the most cordial. Mr. Swan had represented the Association at several Boys Brigade events, and representatives were on the Youth Panel, the A.T.C. and the MacRobert’s Reply Association.

\*“Looking Wide”.

The success of the Dutch boys’ visit was evidenced by the many letters received from the boys after their return home, and by the invitation extended to Greenock to send a troop of boys to Holland in 1947. It was felt, however, that under the circumstances, it would be better to postpone this visit until 1948, especially as thirteen boys from Greenock were travelling to the Jamboree at Moisson.

\*Three-Year Plan.

Plans for this were well ahead of schedule, and would come into operation in September 1947.

\*In concluding, the Commissioner voiced his appreciation of the help given him by his ADC's and all Scouters and Lay Members, and for accommodation to Packs and Troops, so generously given by the Renfrewshire Education Committee.

Treasurer’s Report.

The printed report was read by the Treasurer, Mr. Kay, who briefly referred to the absence of any large-scale money making efforts in the past year.

Adoption of Reports.

Mr. John Kerr, in moving the adoption of reports, referred to the pleasure of sharing, with the Scout Association, the task of training young people, and conveyed to the Association the very best wishes of the Boys Brigade. He wished to join also in the good wishes to Mr. William Shearer, ADC, who had completed 30 years service to Scouting in Greenock. Mr Lang seconded the adoption.

Presentation to Mr. H.W. Butter.

Mr. Finnie, in handing over an autographed book, said that Mr. Butter had taken over at a very bad time in Association history, and *a* great deal of work and “clearing up” had to be done. This had fallen on Mr. Butter’s shoulders, and it had been done, giving the Association of fresh start. Mr. Butter in replying said that he was deeply touched by this token of good-will and friendship, which would remind him of many happy Scouting days in Greenock. He referred, in particular, to the help given him in these difficult years by Mr. Dally Senior, Mr Shearer and Mr Stratton.

Warrant.

Mr. Swan presented Mr. James Ewart with his ADC's warrant, and hoped that he would always enjoy his work among the Scouts in Greenock.

Election of Office Bearers.

President Colonel D. Paterson.

Vice Presidents. The Provost

Rev. J. Inglis,

Rev. J.M. Hamilton

Mr. S.M. Turnbull,

Mr. W.L. Dewar

Mr. C. Black

Dr. Milne.

Chairman Iain Brown, Esq.

Honorary Secretary Dorothy M. Preston.

Honorary Treasurer A.R. Kay.

Honorary Badge Secretary James Lang

Camp Skipper Ernest Salmon.

District Scoutmaster James MacElwee.

District Cubmaster Jean Tulloch.

Honorary Legal Adviser Colonel Paterson

Honorary Auditors Messrs. Kerr and Lindsay.

Honorary Hut Warden Mr. M. MacEachern

Representatives to C.S.C. Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and Badge Secretary.

Representatives to S.H.Q. D. Thompson, F. Caldwell.

Lay Members Messrs. Slater, Faulds, Goldie, McCready, Coyle, Canney, McAlindon, Mrs. Harvie, Ewart and White.

Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee to consist of all Office Bearers, 3 Scouters and three Lay Members.

Scouters: David Thompson, Samuel Thompson, Robert Morrison.

Lay Members :Samuel Faulds, H. Slater, Mrs. Harvie.

Warrants and Certificates.

\*Scout Certificates,Part 1), were presented to:-

J. Esplin, K. Gurney, E. Sutherland, J. Campbell, C. Hunt, S. Donnelly, J. McCready, D Campbell, T. Wilson, G. Thompson, L. Halford, R. McGloin, C. Whyte, and J. MacElwee.

\*Warrants were presented to:-

C. Williamson, J. Dick, T. Gurney, J. Welsh, L. Steele, S. Thompson, E. Sutherland.

Votes of Thanks.

Mr. Iain Brown, the new Chairman, proposed votes of thanks to Mr. Finnie and other Office Bearers.

**On Monday, 26th May, 1947 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

*Sederunt*

Mr. I. Brown in the Chair; Mrs. Harvie; DC, Mr. J.J. Swan; Mr. Ewart; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Lyle; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. MacElwee; Mr. Lang; and Mr. Faulds.

*Attending*

Honorary Secretary.

Apologies for absence

were received from Mr. Kay & Mr. Slater.

*Welcome*

Mr. Swan, on behalf of the Executive, extended a warm welcome to Mr. Brown, our new Chairman.

*Financial Statement*

In Mr. Kay's absence, Mr. Ewart read the financial statement, and accounts were passed for payment totalling £18.11.2. It was agreed that Day of Work income would be allocated to Association Funds.

Scouts.

Part two of the Scouters training course, under Mr. McWhirter, had been attended by 10 Greenock Scouters. Scouts had attended the Empire Youth Sunday Parades, Roman Catholics to St. Mary's and Protestants to Mount Pleasant Church.

“Scouts Night” at Port Glasgow Baths

Mr. Lang agreed to make out a list of Scouters and Senior Scouts willing to act as attendants to cope with the very large number of boys who turned out each Monday evening.

Everton.

Permission was asked for and granted for the purchase of two bags of cement when available.

*Miscellaneous*

Favourable progress was reported on Training, the Hike Site Scheme, *and* Pipe Bands

*Jam Jars*

The Jam Jar collection *was* almost complete, the o/c to hand over to Mr. Kay a list of Troops and money collected, which would then be distributed.

Day of Work

To date, this totalled £41.1/-, and special mention was made of the splendid efforts again made by the 59th Pack and Troop.

Couponed Goods

Mr. Morrison reported that all obligations have been met in full.

*Fleet Visit*

Mr. Swan referred to the Visit of the Fleet in July, when it was hoped that arrangements could be made to entertain the Deep Sea Scouts, and to the handing-over of the gunboat at Fairlie, for the use of Admiralty recognised units only.

Jamboree.

Mr. MacElwee reported that the Greenock contingent was now complete, despite many difficulties. It was agreed that no application be made to the Education Authority for grants.

Camping.

The fact was again stressed that 21 days notice must be given by Scouts intending to camp outwith the District.

Warrants.

*The* application form received from Charles Whyte as ASM, 11th Renfrewshire, and application forms for registration of new Group submitted by Terrence Gurney.

*Annual Conference*

The Annual Conference would be held on 14th- 1th June, 1947 at Biggar.

Date of Next Meeting

was made Monday 23rd June, 1947.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

**On Monday 23rd June, 1947.**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

*Sederunt*

Mr. I. Brown in the Chair; DC, Mr. J.J. Swan, Mr. C. Finnie; Mr. Ewart; Mr. Slater; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. S. Thompson; Mr. Lyle; Mr. Faulds; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. MacEachern; Mrs. Harvie; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Attending*

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer’s Report.

Mr. Kay read the financial statement for the month ending 23.6.47.

Cubs.

\*Competitions had proved keen, and the results were as follows:-

Art Trophy a) 1st Pack b) 59th Pack

Challenge Flag 1st

Football Shield 22nd

Sports Trophy 59th.

\*A training camp for Cubmasters, under Miss Duncan, had been held at Greenacre on 7- 8th June, and, despite the weather, had proved successful.

Scouts.

\*Certificates were received by 7 Scouters on completion of training course.

\*The 5th Troop were congratulated upon winning the County Flag Competition.

Everton.

\*Mr. Finnie commented upon the bad condition of the Hut, and suggested the painting of the outside. Mr. Faulds offered to supply brown paint for this purpose, and it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Faulds and the Camp Skipper.

\*The question of locker fees was to be straightened out by Mr. Kay and Mr. Salmon.

\*A small committee, Messrs.. Salmon, Finnie, Swan and Ewart, was given power to take whatever steps thought necessary to have the swimming pond put in order, up to a cost of £50.

Jamboree.

Arrangements were going forward, though with difficulty. Gear had been sent on ahead, and a County camp was to be held some time before August. Mr. MacElwee was given the sum of £5 for incidental expenses.

Hike Site Scheme.

Twelve hikes had been planned by the Committee. Scouters had been briefed and issued with instructions, and it was expected that all returns would be made by the end of August.

Jam Jars.

A total of 11,000 jars had been collected, and the sum accrued therefrom was £47.12.10.

Lay Members.

Mr. Ewart put forward the following nominations:

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Henderson, Moorfield Road, Gourock, and

Mr. J. McKechnie, 15 Murdieston Street, Greenock.

Warrants.

Application re-registration of 8th Renfrewshire Group.

Application as SM of new group T. Gurney.

Visit of Fleet

Mr. Swan had been in contact with Commissioner for Deep Sea Scouts, and an invitation was extended to Deep Sea Scouts to camp at Everton during the fortnight, in addition to the proposed opening of the Hut as a canteen.

Boats for Sea Scouts.

Under the provision of the Three-Year Plan, the subject of gear, including a boat for the Sea Scouts had been discussed. Such a craft was under review, and the Sea Scout Committee was authorised to inspect same and purchase if suitable.

Ambulance Work.

Mr. Ewart showed to the Committee a medal which had been gifted to the Association for competition in Ambulance work. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the donor, and the nature of the competition be left to the Competitions Committee.

The Date of Next Meeting

22nd September, 1947.

I. Brown, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee held On Monday 22nd September, 1947 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown, Chairman; DC, Mr. J.J. Swan; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. S. Thomson Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. M. MacEachern; Mr. J. MacElwee; Mr. J. Lang; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*In Attendance*

Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

~~In Attendance:~~

Rev. A. Philp.

Resignation of Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman in his opening remarks referred to the recent resignation of Miss D. Preston as Interim Honorary Secretary, and expressed the hope that a small token would be given to her in appreciation of the willing and efficient service she had rendered to the Committee. It was agreed to discuss the question of a suitable gift to Miss Preston until later in the evening.

Appointment of new Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman reported that Mr. McIvor had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Preston's resignation, and the appointment was unanimously confirmed on the motion of Mr. Ewart, seconded by Mr. S. Thompson.

*Previous Minute*

The Minute of meeting held on 23rd June last was read over, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Everton.

\*It was stated by the District Commissioner that Mr. Salmon was unwell and that he thought it unlikely that he would be present at this meeting, and as Mr. Faulds was leaving the District, the report on the painting and renovation of the Hut at Everton would require to wait until such time as Mr. Salmon would be able to be present, and as Mr. Salmon had also been looking into the question of locker fees, this report would also require to be held up until Mr. Salmon could be present.

\*Mr Morrison intimated that he understood all locker fees had been paid and that Mr. Salmon was satisfied in regard thereto.

\*The District Commissioner reported that the wall of the swimming pond at Everton had been very satisfactorily renewed at a cost of probably under £12. An estimate of the cost had been originally obtained and the indications were that the charges of getting the necessary work done would be in excess of £50. It had been suggested, however, that if a Scout work party could be organised to supply the labour, then subject to expert supervision and the obtaining of the necessary materials, the cost could be cut down considerably and the work could be carried through. A work party had accordingly been arranged through the agency of Mr. Dally and Mr. Morrison, and the work on the pool completed under the supervision of Mr. John McKellar, Contractor, Greenock

The District Commissioner stated that there were still some minor defects to be attended to, but that these should be repaired soon and that he hoped at the next meeting to extend an invitation to members to visit Everton and inspect the work. It was agreed to record the appreciation of the Committee to the work party, Scouters and Mr. McKellar for the work done by them, and to Mr. Hunter for his report and advice.

International Jamboree.

Mr. MacElwee reported that the boys had a very good time at the International Jamboree and that a daily report had been given at the Welcome Home to the party held by the Executive Committee.

The District Commissioner remarked that he would like if another such meeting were held later on the lines of a campfire, to which three boys per Troop could be invited and suggestions obtained from the boys who had attended the Jamboree as to what should be taken by them at future jamborees.

Mr. MacElwee informed the meeting that the gear which had been sent to the Jamboree had not yet been returned and he was instructed to write to Mr. Killin, Renfrew, in regard thereto.

Hike Sites Scheme.

Mr. Ewart intimated that, so far, he had received only one report, but that a meeting of the sub-committee would be held soon and he hoped to submit a detailed report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sea Scouts.

The District Commissioner reported that he and Mr. Brown had inspected two 26-foot lifeboats including gear, which they considered suitable for the use of the Sea Scouts. The owners, the British Tanker Company Ltd., had left it to their own discretion as to the price they would take and had indicated they would accept a nominal sum, and accordingly a sum of £10 had been sent to the owners, which had, however, been returned by the Directors of the Company with their compliments. The Directors had been sent a letter of thanks by the District Commissioner and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. A McCuaig who had rendered valuable assistance in obtaining the gifts of the boats from the Directors of his Company. The District Commissioner further stated that the boats had been handed over to the Sea Scouts and it was agreed on his suggestion to have an official handing over ceremony to take place next Spring.

Ambulance Work.

It was intimated that Mr. Faulds had now ceased to function as convener of the Competitions Committee, and, accordingly, no report could be submitted as to the nature of the competition for the medal which had been gifted to the Association. However, a new committee would be appointed in the near future and the competition for this award would be arranged by them.

Treasurers Report.

\*The Treasurer submitted his report on the funds as at 22nd September, 1947. The balances at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £410:8:7d; Extension Fund £1002:19:9d; Pipe Band Account £107:10:4d; 53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6:11:2d; 4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £13:7:6d.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment and debited to the various appropriate funds.

Mr. J.J. Swan - Welcome Home Fund £1:7:0.

Mr. J.J. Swan – Life Boats 1:0:0.

Greenock Central Co-operative Society 9:7:3

E. Wilson and Son 1: 1:2.

Thomas Black and Son. 1:10:0.

William Sharp. 2:18:9.

Mitchell Hodge and Son. 0:6:10.

Boy Scouts Association Booklet 0:2:6.

George College 0:9:0.

Guardian Association Company 1:6:3.

John A. Simpson and Co Ltd. 6:17:7.

Orr Pollock and Co. Ltd. £6:15:0.

Greenock Central Co-operative Society 1: 11: 3.

Miss E. MacEachern 1:10:0.

Orr Pollock and Co. Ltd. £3:0:0.

Thomas Black and Sons £4:14:11.

Fraser Brothers £4:15:-0

*Total* £48:12:6d.

\*There was some doubt expressed as to whether Messrs. J. McGilvray's accounts amounting to £4:17:4d for the supply of camp utensils had been incurred by the Association and, if so, whether that had already been paid. It was agreed to leave consideration of these accounts until later on.

\*Mr. McEachern was asked to inquire if the £1:10:0d paid to Miss McEachern was sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by her in providing kitchen accessories at Headquarters.

Lets.

\*The following let's were confirmed:-

45th Renfrewshire - 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th. 17th, 23rd and 24th October.

\*Application by Mr. McWhirter for use of Headquarters on Sunday afternoons for a period of six weeks commencing October 12th for the purpose of holding training courses was granted.

Scout Report.

It was reported that the Scouts had been engaged chiefly in camping, but that the reports of the various camps had not yet come to hand.

Sea Scout Report.

\*This was stated to have been covered chiefly by the District Commissioner's report on the acquisition of lifeboats.

\*Greenock had been represented at Irvine recently and Mr. Salmon would probably report on this at the next meeting.

Warrants.

\*The following applications for warrants were placed before the Committee and tabled.

Algernon Stuart McQuarrie, SM, 32nd Renfrewshire

Alexander MacCrae MacKenzie, ASM, 32nd Renfrewshire

Andrew McMaster, ASM, 32nd Renfrewshire

James Canning, ASM, 73rd Renfrewshire.

\*The undernoted applications for warrants were approved:-

George Brown Thomson, SM, 7th Renfrewshire

James Scott, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

Charles Whyte, ASM, 11th Renfrewshire

James Terence Gurney, SM, 16th Renfrewshire

William Douglas Parish, SM, 39th Renfrewshire.

\*The District Commissioner reported that Miss Nicol was relinquishing her warrant as Cubmaster of the 57th Renfrewshire Pack owing to her forthcoming marriage and probability of leaving the District. The warrant was handed to the Secretary to take the appropriate action in having the warrant cancelled.

Lay Members.

On the proposal of Mr. Ewart, Mr. Samuel Colquhoun, 28 Newton St, Greenock, was unanimously elected a Lay Member.

Scout Tests.

It was stated by the District Commissioner that it was time the Badge Examiners’ list was made-up to date. Mr Lang, the Convener of the Committee, was granted power to co-opt additional members to the Badge Examiners Committee. It was agreed that this Committee should submit a list of examiners at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and Mr. Ewart's offer to assist Mr Lang in this connection was gratefully accepted.

Competition Dates.

The District Commissioner informed the meeting that the dates of the various competitions had been arranged and were inserted in a booklet called the Three-Year Plan, which he would be submitting to the committee.

Three-Year Plan.

The District Commissioner next informed the meeting that the Three-Year Plan would come into operation on the 1st of October, and submitted a booklet on the plan which he then explained in detail. It was agreed that a copy of the booklet be issued every Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Rover Leader and their respective assistants, as well as to each Lay Member. It was further agreed that copy should become the property of every Patrol and remain in the Patrol’s custody. It was arranged that the District Commissioner should call a meeting on the 1st of October all the Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and assistants to explain the aims and purposes of the Three-Year Plan.

Dutch Holiday.

The question of having a holiday in Holland next year at the request of the Dutch Troops who had camped in Everton last year was then considered. So much depended on the government lifting the travel ban that it was decided to bring up the matter again at the next meeting. Meantime, it was left to the Committee to consider.

1. What contribution should be made towards the cost of the holiday.

2. What time of the year would be most suitable for the holiday, bearing in mind that the Dutch start their own holidays in the beginning of August.

3. The number of boys who should be allowed to go to Holland, having in view that approximately 26 Dutch boys came here.

4. Whether the Scouts should now be asked to start saving for this holiday, and

5.,The District Commissioner's suggestion that those Scouts who had not been selected for the International Jamboree and, if possible, those who had rendered assistance to the Dutch boys when they paid their visit here should have first preference.

Presentation to Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman again referred to the resignation of Miss Preston as Honorary Secretary, and of the careful and efficient way she had carried out her duties. It was unanimously agreed to present Miss Preston with a small gift in appreciation of her services, and it was remitted to Mr. Kay, Mr. Ewart to select a suitable gift ~~and when the cost had been ascertained, a subscription list would be prepared~~.

Insurance.

The question of increasing the insurance of the Headquarters and the Hut at Everton was discussed and a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer was appointed to look into the matter.

Accounts.

The District Commissioner intimated that it had been the rule either for all accounts to be passed by the Committee or alternatively, to be passed by him, before payment. During the war, however, especially in the summer months, the rule had not always been adhered to. It was agreed that the rule should be observed in the future. Messrs. McGillvray's account was then considered and it was decided to send it to Mr. Salmon to check and if he was satisfied with the account ~~and was of the opinion that had not already been paid, the Treasurer was instructed to pay this account~~.

Bank Accounts.

\*The Treasurer intimated that as Mr. Ian Brown is now Chairman of the Association, the Association’s Bankers should be requested to delete Mr. Finnie’s name from the Bank Accounts held in name of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association and to substitute therefor the name of Mr. Ian Brown.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Banks concerned notifying them that Mr. Ian Brown is now the Chairman of the Association and is authorised to operate on the Bank Accounts in lieu of the previous Chairman, Mr. Colin Finnie, with effect from this date.

The Secretary was further instructed to inform the Banks that Mr. J.J. Swan is now “District Commissioner” and not |Acting District Commissioner” as designed in the Bank Accounts, and to request that the Bank Accounts be rectified accordingly.

The District Commissioner informed the members that a catering licence had been obtained by the Association for the provision of tea meals in Headquarters. It had since come to his knowledge, however, that the 32nd Troop had been anxious to obtain a catering licence themselves in respect of their quarters in Mearns St, and that they had been informed that they were already catered for under the Association’s licence. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Food Control Office explaining that, although the 32nd Troop of Scouts and Cubs, amounting to approximately 50 Scouts and 30 Cubs, had been included in the Association’s figures of those for whom their licence would cater, the withdrawal of these Scouts and Cubs would not affect the number (estimated at 50) who could be catered for at one time in the Headquarters at Robertson Street.

Visit of Fleet.

The District Commissioner next reported on the visit of the Fleet to the Clyde in July last. Scout members of the Feet had been entertained at Headquarters during the period of the Fleet’s stay and the visitors had expressed their appreciation of what had been done for them. A framed photograph had been presented to the association by HMS “Duke of York” Rover Crew as a token of their appreciation.

Canadian and Burmese Scouts Visits.

It was reported by the District Commissioner that the Canadian Scouts had received an official welcome and meal from the Corporation on their arrival in Greenock on their way to the International Jamboree. Mr. Colin Finnie Junior managed to see the Burmese Contingent before they departed from Greenock and had conveyed to them the good wishes of this Association.

Records of Service.

Mr. Morrison suggested that the Association purchase personal folders to contain records of service which could then be distributed and sold to the Troops. Mr. Morrison agreed to submit an old folder form with his suggestions for improving the forms at a subsequent meeting.

Vice President.

The District Commissioner informed the Committee that Mr. D.S. Webster, Gourock, had been appointed Vice President of the Association, and the appointment was received with unanimous approval.

Departure of Mr. Philp.

The District Commissioner mentioned with regret that Mr. Philp would soon be leaving the District. He remembered with gratitude the careful and efficient work done by Mr. Philp ~~and the statesmanlike way he had acted as a former Chairman of the Association~~. The District Commissioner also referred to Mr. Philp’s good work as Rover Scout Leader. Mr. Philp was presented with a small gift in token of the Association’s appreciation. In reply, Mr. Philp stated that he will always carry with him happy memories of his association with Scouts in Greenock and District, and if they required any camping ground in his new District, he would be happy to assist.

Jam Jars.

Mr. Thomson stated that the 73rd Troop had informed him that they had returned 1100 jam jars to the Co-operative Society but had received no money for them. Mr. Thomson had not received any receipts from the 73rd Troop for jam jars delivered to the Society, but, on making inquiries, had ascertained that the Society had traced 550 jars unaccounted for and payments had been made for this amount.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 27th October at 7.30 p.m. Both Mr. Ewart and Mr. Kay intimated that they would be unable to attend because of business reasons, but Mr. Kay stated he would send a financial statement to the meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

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7/10/47.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee held within Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 27th October 1947.at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown, Chairman; DC, Mr. J.J. Swan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. H. Slater; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; and DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch.

*Apologies for Absence*

The Chairman intimated apologies for absence received from Messrs. A. Lyle, J. Ewart, and A. Ross Kay.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 22nd September last was read over and approved on the motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Lang.

Everton Hut.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that paint had not, as yet, been acquired for the painting of the Hut at Everton, but that there was already a quantity of varnish available at Everton. On the motion of the District Commissioner, it was unanimously agreed to leave it to Mr. Salmon to purchase 3½ gallons of green paint and 1 gallon of red lead for the purpose of painting the Hut.

Mr. Salmon further stated that the bottom boards of the Hut required to be renewed and, after some discussion as to the possibility of having the bottom boards replaced by brickwork, it was decided that, as the previous boards had lasted approximately for 10 years, it would be advisable to renew with boards as formerly, and that, provided vegetation was constantly kept away from the boards, they should last at least for another 10 years. Mr. Salmon was granted authority to purchase the wood necessary and to instruct transport if required.

\*Swimming Pond

It was brought to the attention of the Committee by Mr. Salmon that another wall of the swimming pond was leaking and authority was granted for the purchase of two bags of cement and six bags of sand so that he could carry out the requisite repairs.

\*Locker fees.

Mr. Salmon confirmed that the locker fees had been squared up.

\*Camp Skipper.

Mr. Salmon intimated that he felt it necessary to give up his duties as Camp Skipper and the District Commissioner explained to the meeting that Mr. Salmon would be taking over onerous duties next Spring in connection with the Sea Scouts. It was agreed to discuss the question of Mr. Salmon’s proposed resignation at a later date, and meantime, the Committee would keep in view the question of finding a suitable successor to Mr. Salmon.

Presentation to ex Honorary Secretary.

Miss Preston, who had been in attendance, was presented with a gift of books by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee as a token of the Committee's appreciation of the painstaking and helpful way in which she had acted as Honorary Secretary. Miss Preston, in reply, thanked the Committee for the gift and expressed her pleasure in having been able to assist the Committee in the capacity of Honorary Secretary.

International Jamboree.

\*It was agreed to hold a camp fire meeting at Headquarters on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. on the lines suggested at the last meeting of the Committee. The District Commissioner undertook to notify Troops of the arrangements made and Mr. MacElwee similarly agreed to intimate to the boys who had attended the Jamboree.

\*The District Commissioner informed the meeting that the camp gear which had been used at the Jamboree had now been returned and Mr. MacElwee undertook to check up on the gear.

Hike Sites Scheme.

As Mr. Ewart had been unable to be present, it was indicated that he would probably submit his report on the scheme at the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*In the absence of Mr. Kay, Mr. Morrison submitted a financial statement for the month prepared by Mr. Kay.

\*The balances at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £410: 8: 7d; Pipe Band Account £107:10:4d; Extension Fund £1044:13:1d; 53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6:11:2d; 4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £13:7:6d.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

Scout Store - Prayer Book (Mr. Philp) £0:3:9d.

J. Ewart - Books (Miss Preston) 1:1:0d

G.A. and H.D. Douglas and Co. Ltd. 0:6:0 d.

Boy Scouts Association 0:4:3d.

Corporation of Greenock - Gas 0:11:3d.

Corporation of Greenock - Electricity 1:2:7d.

Corporation of Greenock - Electricity 0:1:6d.

J.M. MacElwee - Jamboree 1:12:8d.

George College 0:5:9d.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. 46:13:4d.

Scout Shop 0:1:3d.

Orr, Pollock and Co. 9:2:2d.

Corporation of Greenock - Rates 10:11:3d.

Corporation of Greenock - Water Rates 3:0:0d.

M. McEachern - Hut Warden Expenses 6:10:0d.

Mr. Smail - Pipe Band Account 1:5:0d.

Training gear 9/4d & 11/3d. 1:0:7d.

Lamps 5 x 100W at 2/11d. H.Q. Revenue 0:14:7d.

Total £84:6:11d.

\*It was remitted to the Honorary Secretary to enquire whether the water rates should not have been included in the account for consolidated rates.

\*The Honorary Treasurer was granted authority to withdraw £75 from the Greenock Provident Bank account and to lodge this sum with the Commercial Bank of Scotland, West Station Branch, to meet current expenditure.

\*It was agreed to pay Mr. McEachern the sum of £6:10/- to cover his expenses as Hut Warden for the half year to 31st October, 1947.

\*The District Commissioner intimated that the £1:10/- paid to Miss McEachern for the purchase of kitchen accessories was probably sufficient to cover her expenses.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that he had enquired into Messrs. McGilvray's accounts and was satisfied that one of these accounts was correct, but that the other amounting to £2:14/- was for goods ordered by a particular Troop, and he agreed to approach the Troop concerned and to request them to refund this sum to the Association.

Pipe Band.

\*Pipe Major Balloch was asked to appear at the meeting and he submitted a set of pipes recently purchased for the Committee's inspection. He reported that the pipes were very good and also stated on the progress being made by the band.

\*It was agreed on the suggestion of the District Commissioner that the big drum and side drum belonging to the Association be reframed and that a new side drum and drumsticks be purchased.

\*Mr. MacElwee, in response to a request by Pipe Major Balloch, agreed to enquire if the Association could obtain the loan of drums belonging to the 5th Troop.

\*The District Commissioner informed the meeting that there was a possibility of obtaining the loan of four sets of pipes belonging to individual boys. One of the sets, however, required repairing, the cost of which would be about £1:5/-. It was considered not very satisfactory that the Association should pay for repairs to pipes which could be withdrawn from the use of Association at any time, but it was agreed in this instance to pay for the repairs on the understanding that the Association in return expected to obtain reasonable service of the pipes loaned and that this procedure was not to be taken as a precedent for repairing other pipes belonging to individuals.

\*Mr. Finnie submitted rules framed by the Pipe Band Sub-committee regulating the Pipe Bands. The draft rules were read over and it was agreed to go into the matter fully at the next meeting.

Bequest by the Late Mr. R. S. Murray's Trustees.

\*It was reported that the Association had been allocated a sum of £500 by the late Mr. Murray’s Trustees being a first division of the allocation of the residue of his trust estate. The District Commissioner stated that the Committee were greatly indebted to the Chairman for his efforts in obtaining this magnificent sum.   
It was agreed on the District Commissioner's suggestion that, of this bequest, the sum of £250 be invested, and it was remitted to the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary to find a suitable investment. It was decided that the remaining £250 be used for special purposes approved by the Committee from time to time.

*Finance*

\*It was reported that Mr. Finnie’s name had been deleted from the Association's Bank Accounts and Mr. Brown's name as Chairman substituted therefor.

\*It was resolved to open a Savings Account with the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Greenock Chief Office, the same to be operated by Ian Brown, Chairman, Andrew Ross Kay, Honorary Treasurer, and James J. Swan, District Commissioner or any two of them.

\*The District Commissioner stated that the Association owed it to the Public who had contributed generously to the funds available for the Three-Year Plan to exercise particular care in the expenditure of these funds as in time an account of the stewardship of the funds would be given. He maintained that current expenditures should be met out of income as much as possible and not to encroach on capital for ordinary running expenses.

\*A gift of toilet requisites obtained from Mr. J.L. Stewart, Glasgow, through the agency of Mr. Ewart, was intimated. A letter of thanks has been sent to the former by the Honorary Secretary.

Scout Report

\*It was stated that a training class for Scouters was under way and that two classes had already been held.

\*It was reported that the 53rd Troop had now been restarted.

Rovers Report.

No report was forthcoming.

Sea Scout Report.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that one of the boats had been laid up and that it was expected that the other boat would be laid up in a fortnight's time.

\*Mr. Salmon stated that Greenock had been represented at the meeting held in Irvine.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch reported that a training course was in progress.

Warrants.

The following applications for warrants were placed before the Committee and tabled:-

Donald Bauchope King, ASM, 6th Renfrewshire.

William Andrew Harvie, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

Robert McKay, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

Alexander Meek, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

Douglas Taylor Horn, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire.

Lay Members.

\*It was intimated that Mr. Henry R. Bolton, 67, South St, Greenock, had been appointed a Lay Member.

\*The District Commissioner stated that Mr. D.S. Webster, who had recently been elected a ~~Lay Member~~ Vice President had informed him that he hoped to lend more practical assistance to the Association.

Vice Presidents.

Dr. William M. Brownlee and James W. Chadwell, the respective Rectors of Greenock High School and Greenock Academy were elected as Vice Presidents.

Badge Examiners Committee.

It was reported that a list of examiners would be submitted at the next meeting and that examiners would also be provided for all open competitions.

Publications Committee.

\*The District Commissioner informed the meeting that a Committee comprising Messrs. S. Colquhoun (Convener), D. Graham and Miss D. Preston, had been formed for the publishing of a booklet of general information to Scouts.

\*Mr. Finnie stated that he had been asked by the Publications Committee to let them have a note of the camp rules for Everton, and authority was given to him to comply with their request, subject to the deletion of the rule regarding grease pits and the inclusion of an additional rule that the Camp Skipper had authority to require campers to assist in carrying out such routine work as he considers necessary.

Insurance.

The Chairman stated that the sub-committee appointed to look into the question of increasing the insurance of Headquarters and the hut at Everton recommended that the insurance be increased as follows:-

Headquarters:

On Building - from £300 to £600

On Furniture etc - from £50 to £100

Everton:

On Building- from £150 to £300.

These recommendations were agreed to and it was remitted to the Honorary Treasurer to arrange with the Insurance Company to increase the cover as stated. It was decided not to increase the public liability insurance in respect of Headquarters.

Dutch Holiday.

It was decided to discuss the advisability of having a holiday camp in Holland at the next Committee Meeting.

Three-Year Plan.

The District Commissioner reported that over 40 Scouters had attended the meeting held on first instant when the booklet on the plan had been issued and the aims of the plan explained. The question of disposing of the remainder of the booklets was left over to be cited at the next meeting of the Committee.

Catering Licence.

It was reported that the Honorary Secretary had been in communication with the local Food Control Officer with regard to the 32nd Troop obtaining a licence for their own Headquarters, and the District Commissioner stated that, as a result, a catering licence had now been granted to the 32nd Troop.

Records of Service.

Mr. Morrison stated that he hoped to submit a personal service folder with his suggestions for its improvement at the next meeting.

MacRobert’s Reply Association

The District Commissioner stated that the Commissioners had had a meeting with officials of the MacRobert’s Reply Association who had informed him that no Scouts were admitted to their Association without having first received the recommendation of their Scoutmaster. The District Commissioner had been informed, however, that some members of the 5th Troop had been admitted to the Association and that he was doubtful if they had received the recommendation of their Scout Master. Mr. MacElwee stated that at no time had he ever granted such a recommendation to any member of his Troop and the District Commissioner received the Committee's approval to pursue the matter further.

William Miller Scholarships.

As Mr. Philp had resigned from his appointment as a Trustee under the William Miller Scholarship Trust, the District Commissioner informed the meeting that he had recommended the Rev. J.M. Hamilton to fill the vacancy.

Gestetner.

The question of purchasing a Gestetner Duplicating Machine from the Glasgow Boy Scouts Association at a cost of £30 was considered. It was remitted to Mr. Finnie and Mr. Morrison to inspect the machine and, if they considered it suitable, full powers were granted to them to purchase and to have the machine serviced if necessary.

Swimming Gala.

It was reported that a Scout Swimming Gala would be held at Port Glasgow on 15th November and that this Association had been requested to supply the Chairman. Mr. Brown agreed to undertake this duty.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 24th November at 7.30 p.m.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock Boy Scouts held within Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 24th November, 1947 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown, Chairman; DC, Mr. J.J. Swan; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. H. Slater; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. S. Thomson; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. E.W. Salmon; DCM, Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; and Hon. Secretary.

In Attendance:

Mr. Henry R. Bolton.

*Introduction*

The Chairman introduced to the Committee Mr. Henry R. Bolton, who had recently been elected a Lay Member of the Association and who had now taken over duties as Convener of the Competitions Committee. Mr. Bolton was invited to attend the meeting.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 27th October last was read over and approved.

Hike Sites Scheme.

Mr. Ewart stated that only one return had come to hand so far and that he did not consider it likely that further returns would be rendered to him until the Spring. It was agreed that Mr. Ewart should submit his report on the scheme whenever the necessary information was to hand.

Treasurer’s Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer submitted to the Committee his monthly report, which disclosed that the balances at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £410.8.7d;

Pipe Band Account £59.12.0;

Extension Fund £1044.13.1;

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6.11.2;

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £13.7.6d.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Thomas Black and Sons 11.0d.

Glasgow Engraving Co. 2.6d.

J. Smith and Son £4.0.0d.

Total £4.13.6d.

\*The Chairman reported that the bequest of £500 from the Trustees of the late R.S. Murray had been invested as follows:-

£250 in the purchase of 2½% Defence Bonds and

£250 lodged in Savings Account with the Commercial Bank of Scotland Head Office, Greenock.

\*The District Commissioner spoke of the inconvenience caused in first obtaining the consent of the Committee for the purchase of training gear which sometimes was urgently required. Although there had been implied authority to the District Commissioner to purchase training gear, the Committee at his request, granted expressed authority to him with the approval of the Chairman, to purchase any training gear necessary up to a maximum of £300.

\*The Secretary reported that the water rates in respect of Headquarters had been charged at a special rate as the property was classed as “non-domestic”. The charge was as follows:-

3 pipes at 15/- per pipe £2.5/-

2 W.C.'s at 7/6 per W.C. £ £0.15/-.

Total £3.0/-.

The Secretary further stated that when a special rate was charged, allowance for this should have been given in the consolidated rates. The Honorary Treasurer confirmed that this allowance had been made.

\*Mr. Finnie intimated that he and Mr. Morrison had inspected the Gestetner Duplicating Machine belonging to the County of Glasgow Boy Scouts’ Association and had found it suitable. The price required was £32 but as they had authority from this Committee to spend up to £30 pounds, the Glasgow Boy Scouts’ Association agreed to sell at the latter price. The Honorary Treasurer was instructed to remit this sum to the sellers. It was stated that the machine was now at Headquarters and that the Gestetner Company had undertaken to have it serviced free of charge.

A Sub-committee comprising Mr. Morrison (Convenor), Mr. Ewart, Miss Tulloch and the Honorary Secretary, was appointed to make enquiries with a view to obtaining someone who would be prepared to operate the Gestetner. It was agreed that the Sub-committee would have no power to make the appointment but would report to the Executive Committee of the result of their enquiries.

Everton.

Mr. Salmon and Mr. Morrison reported that sand and cement had been delivered to Everton and that the wood necessary for carrying out repairs to the Hut was also at Everton. It was stated by Mr. Salmon that paint for the Hut had not as yet been obtained. Mr. Morrison asked if it was permissible to open up a pathway at Everton for the purpose of drainage, and it was considered that by doing so, no infringement would be caused.

Pipe Band.

\*The draft rules were submitted to the Committee but Mr. D. Thompson raised objection to rules four and five which were as follows:-

4. All fees and donations will be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Local Association to be used for the benefit of the particular band concerned.

5. The equipment will remain the property of the Local Association.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Sub-committee should arrange to meet Mr. Balloch and Mr. Mckay (the Pipe Band leaders) and obtain their views on the proposed rules after which the Sub-committee could submit their recommendations at the next meeting.

\*In the absence of Mr. MacElwee, no report was forthcoming with regard to the obtaining the loan of drums from the 5th Renfrewshire Troop.

Scout Report.

The District Commissioner reported on the successful Scout Swimming Gala held at Port-Glasgow Swimming Baths, and added that he understood there would be a financial loss to the Port Glasgow Association in this connection. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Port-Glasgow Scouts’ Association and offer on behalf of this Association to pay one half of the loss incurred.

Rovers Report.

No report was forthcoming.

Sea Scout Report.

\*The District Commissioner reported that a Clyde Area Sea Scout Committee had been recently formed of which the Chairman was Captain Davidson, and the Secretary, Mr. Crawford Black. The M.T. boat which had been acquired as Headquarters for the Clyde Area Sea Scouts was berthed in the Great Harbour, Greenock. The cost of maintenance of this boat would amount to £90 per annum, of which the proportion to be met by the Greenock District Association was £10 per annum. It was unanimously agreed to pay this yearly sum. It was stated by the District Commissioner that, although the boat was berthed at Greenock, there would be no responsibility in this Committee in connection with the M.T. boat.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that he expected that the other lifeboat belonging to the local Sea Scouts would be laid up by the 29th of this month. At the moment, this boat was tied up at the jetty.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch stated that training classes were still in progress and that the attendances were very good.

Badge Examiners Committee.

It was reported that the work of this Committee had now been completed and a list of examiners prepared. On the District Commissioner’s motion, it was unanimously agreed to record the Executive Committee’s thanks to the Badge Examiners Committee and to Mr. Ewart for his valuable assistance.

Publications Committee.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Miss Preston, the Secretary of the Publications Committee, in which it was requested that members of the Executive Committee should endeavour to obtain 10 advertisements for the booklet of general interest to Scouts which was hoped to be issued in the Spring. After some discussion, it was remitted to the Secretary to obtain from Miss Preston a sample of the size of page required for the advertisements and submit it at the next meeting.

Insurance.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the insurance of the Association's property had been increased as instructed at last meeting. Mr. Slater thought it advisable to have the various trophies belonging to the Association covered by insurance, and it was remitted to the Competitions Committee to obtain a valuation of the trophies and it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to make a complete inventory of the Association's furniture with the object of having all the Association’s property fully covered, and the whole question of insurance would be gone into fully at the next meeting.

Dutch Holiday.

It was agreed to leave over the question of the Dutch holiday until the January meeting of the Executive Committee.

Three-Year Plan.

The District Commissioner stated that there were still a good supply of booklets on the plan available for distribution, and that these should be distributed before the end of the year. It was suggested that a booklet should be sent to every chaplain and headmaster in the district, and to the Parents’ Committees.

Service Folders.

Mr. Morrison submitted two folders of service which were inspected by the Committee and, thereafter, it was remitted to the sub-committee composed of Mr. Morrison (Convenor), Mr. Ewart, Miss Tulloch and the Honorary Secretary to consider the respective values of the folders and to recommend to the Executive Committee which of the folders would be most suitable for use, together with any suggestions for its improvement.

MacRobert’s Reply Association.

The District Commissioner stated that he had learned since last meeting that some Scouts of the 59th Troop had received written authority from their Scoutmaster to attend a leather class held by the MacRobert’s Reply Association and, taking everything into consideration, he thought that it was not within the province of this Committee to take further action in the matter. He added that the Scoutmaster of the 59th Troop had been on active service and, since his return, had been had been unaware of this Committee's recommendation that it was considered inadvisable for Scouts to be associated in any way with the MacRobert’s Reply Association.

Repairs to Headquarters.

The District Commissioner referring to a recent burst in one of the pipes at Headquarters, spoke of the necessity of having someone responsible to inspect the premises at frequent intervals and to instruct and carry through necessary repair work. The sub-committee, comprising Messrs. H. Slater, Chairman, G. Ewart and J. Lang, was appointed to make arrangements for having repairs etc. attended to. Mr. Finnie undertook to assist the sub-committee by making periodical inspections of the Hut and to draw attention to any repairs which required to be undertaken. The sub-committee was granted power to co-opt other two additional members, preferably from among the Lay Members of the Association. The sub-committee were requested to prepare an inventory of the furniture in the premises and to purchase new locks for the gate and door of the building, and, at the same time, to obtain duplicate sets of keys for the gate, door and den.

International Jamboree.

The District Commissioner submitted a letter received from the overseas department of Imperial Headquarters thanking this Association for the kindness shown to the Canadian and Burmese Contingents of Scouts on their arrival and departure from Greenock in connection with their visit to the International Jamboree. The District Commissioner also submitted a letter of thanks from the Canadian Scout Council appreciating the kindness shown to the contingents, and special mention was made of Mr. Finnie’s fine services in this connection.

*Other Business*

\*A letter from the Honorary County Secretary was read intimating that Scout Ian Wilson had recently come to reside in Greenock and it was decided to contact him with a view to his taking up Scouting interests in this District.

\*The District Commissioner stated that the County Flag had been presented to the 5th Renfrewshire Troop on 7th November moment by Mr. MacWhirter, and spoke of the honour brought not only to the Troop concerned, but also to this Association by their winning of the County Flag.

\*It was announced by the District Commissioner that the Scouters course had now been completed and that Mr. MacWhirter had notified him that certificates had been gained by the following:-

D. Canning, D. King, D. Horn, A. Meek, A. Harvey, R. McKay, J. Dewar.

Warrants.

The following applications for warrants were submitted and tabled:-

Angus Brown, ASM, 73rd Renfrewshire Troop

Rosemary Hearl, ACM, 73rd Renfrewshire Pack.

It was noted that the application by Angus Brown had been filled in in pencil and it was decided that the application should be returned to him to be completed in ink, but that the tabling of the application would date from today's date.

Gang Show

Mr. Morrison raised the question as to whether it would be advisable to hold a Gang Show. It was recognised that there would be many difficulties to surmount, particularly with regard to obtaining reliable stage and property managers, but Mr. Morrison was persuaded to endeavour to produce the Gang Show and full powers were given to him for this purpose. The District Commissioner undertook to assist Mr. Morrison, and to approach Mr. Salmon to take up the duties of stage manager, and he added that an endeavour would be made to obtain an assistant to understudy Mr. Salmon.

The next meeting was arranged for 22nd December 1947.

Ian Brown, Chairman.