**District Executive Minutes, 1947-1954**

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock Boy Scout Association held within Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 22nd December, 1947 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Laing; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. D. Thomson; and Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of meeting held on 24th November 1947, was read over and approved.

Financial Report.

\*In the absence of the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Kay, Mr Ewart submitted the financial statement for the month which disclosed that the sums at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £410.8.7d;

Pipe Band Accounts £59.12/0d;

Extension Fund £963.3.10d;

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6.11.2d;

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £13.7.6d.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

Guardian Association Company Limited- Premiums £2.17.6d.

John A. Simpson. Cement and Sand £1. 6.0d.

Greenock Central Co-op. Socy. Repairs to Pipe and W.C. £4.19.5d.

Gestetner Supplies £6. 1.11d.

Fraser Bros.- Haulage to Everton £1. 0. 0d.

J. Lang - County Emblems £0.12. 0d.

Insurance.

Mr. Ewart submitted the Association's insurance policies endorsed to give effect to the recommendations passed at the meeting held on 27th October last. As Mr Slater was absent, it was decided to leave over the question of the insurance of the Association's other property and trophies until the next meeting, but it was agreed that temporary cover to the extent of £50 in respect of the Gestetner Duplicating Machine now in the custody of Mrs. Robertson, 18, Antigua Street, Greenock, be instructed.

Gestetner Operator.

Mr. Morrison reported that the sub-committee appointed to recommend a suitable person to operate the Gestetner duplicating machine had, subject to the Committee's approval, appointed Mrs Robertson, 18, Antigua Street, Greenock, to operate the gestetner which was now in her possession. Mrs. Robertson had offered to do all the stencilling work in addition to operating the gestetner at a fee of £12 per annum.

The District Commissioner referred to the fact that, although the sub-committee had not been granted power to make an appointment in this connection, he had taken the liberty to ask Mr. Morrison to make the appointment, subject to this Committee's approval. He added that Mrs. Robertson had already proved herself to be a very keen worker and showed interest in the work, and although it would have been preferable to have obtained someone to do the work gratuitously, he was satisfied that, considering the amount of work which Mrs. Robertson would be called upon to do and the speed with which it would be carried out, it would be worthwhile to approve of the appointment at the fee stated. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Robertson would be appointed to operate the machine at a fee of £12 per annum payable quarterly, commencing as from 1st December 1947.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison stated that the drainage system at Everton had almost been completed and that, as a result, hitherto waste ground would be available for use within a year or two.

Mr. Morrison added that no attempt had yet been made with regard to cement work, but that this would be proceeded with in favourable weather.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Finnie reported on his interview with the Pipe Band leaders and stated that Mr. Balloch had entirely agreed with the draft rules framed for regulating the bands, but that, although Mr. Mackay had first taken exception to some of the rules, he had taken a somewhat different view of things after Mr Finnie had explained in detail the purposes of the rules. Mr. Finnie submitted the rules to the Committee and stated that they were framed by a majority of the sub-committee but that Mr. D. Thompson, one of the sub-committee, was not in favour of some of the rules.

Mr. Thompson informed the meeting that he would have preferred if the proposed rules had been discussed with the Band's own sub-committee, but it was pointed out to him that the band was an Association Band and that, whilst it would be noted that the Band was receiving assistance from Chaplain, Rev. McEarley, Mr. McKay, Mr. Thomson and Mr. McCready, the Association had no concern with a sub-committee which had not been appointed by the Association.

After Mr. Thompson had received explanations of the effect of some of the rules and after some minor adjustments had been made to the draft rules submitted by the sub-committee, the following rules for regulating the Pipe Bands were unanimously approved.

The Pipe Bands are District Scout Bands, thus discipline and uniform are the concern of the District Commissioner, and finance and equipment the concern of the local Association.

The Law of the Band is the Scout Law, therefore:-

1. The Bands, or members thereof, will not parade without the previous permission

of the District Commissioner and the Chairman acting for the Executive Committee.

2. Proper Scout uniform will be worn on all parades.

3. No individual member of a Band will receive fees for playing.

4. All fees and donations will be sent to the Honorary Treasurer of the Local

Association, to be used for the benefit of the particular Band concerned.

5. Equipment, so far as ~~re~~acquired by the Association, will remain the property of the Local Association.

In response to a query by Mr. Thomson, it was stated that the funds available for the Pipe Bands would be allocated equally between the two Bands.

The Chairman thanked the sub-committee for the work they had done in preparing the rules.

Mr. MacElwee undertook to put the Association’s request for the loan of the 5th Renfrewshire Troop’s drums before ~~t~~his troop and Scout Committee. It was decided that inventories of the Pipe Bands’ equipment should be made-up.

Scout Report. No report.

Rovers Report. No report.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon stated that the remaining boat had now been laid up and that work had commenced on the M.T. Boat belonging to the Clyde Area Sea Scouts.

Cub Report.

The District Commissioner reported that the Cubs had collected, repaired and distributed between 300-400 toys to children in hospitals. He also stated that the Cubs would be singing carols on Christmas Eve and that collections received would be given to the Bridge of Weir Homes, and would be grateful for assistance from members of this Committee. The Chairman agreed to preside at a supper to be held after the carol singing.

Publications Committee.

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with the Publications Committee and had obtained sample sizes of the booklet which was hoped to be published in the near future. The sample booklets were issued to various members who had stated they would endeavour to obtain advertisements to be included in the booklet. The cost of the advertisements would be £1 for a full page and 12/6 for a half page. It was agreed that any advertisements received should be handed direct to the Convener of the Publications Committee.

Three Year Plan.

It was remitted to the District Commissioner and Honorary Secretary to arrange for the distribution of the remaining booklets on the Three Year Plan.

Service Folders.

Mr. Morrison reported that the sub-committee appointed to decide which of the two folders submitted at the last meeting would be of most use to the local Boy Scouts, had met and recommended that the smaller of the two folders be accepted, and that the Association should purchase 1000 copies of this folder at a cost of approximately 1/10d. per dozen and resell them to Scouts. On the District Commissioner’s suggestion, it was agreed to leave the matter of purchase in abeyance meantime, but that the sub-committee's recommendations would be kept in mind.

Scout Swimming Gala.

The Honorary Secretary submitted a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Port Glasgow Boy Scout Association thanking the Greenock Association for their offer to meet half the loss incurred on the recent Scout Gala, and stating that the loss was very small and would be met out of their own swimming club funds.

Headquarters Repairs, Sub-Committee.

It was agreed to leave over the report of this sub-committee until Mr Slater, the Convener, could be present.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison reported that arrangements were being made for the production of a Scout Gang Show and that enquiries had been made with a view to obtaining the let of premises in the Lady Alice School for this purpose on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th April. It was left to Mr. Morrison and the District Commissioner to fix the dates they considered most suitable and to arrange with the Education Authority for the let of the school premises.

William Miller Scholarship Trust.

The District Commissioner ~~addressed~~ advised the meeting that following on the death of Sheriff Mercer, Mr. Crawford Black had been assumed a Trustee on the William Miller Scholarship Trust. The Trustees now acting were:-

Colonel D. Paterson, D.S.O., T.D., D.L.

Rev. J.M. Hamilton,

Mr. J.J. Swan and

Mr. Crawford Black.

Scottish Scout Uniform.

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to write to the Honorary County Secretary and enquire if there had been any word received from Scottish Headquarters with regard to this Association's recommendations for alterations to Scottish Scout uniform.

Scouters Social.

The District Commissioner stated that it was hoped to run a Scouters’ Social next month and Mr. MacElwee and Miss Tulloch were elected to make arrangements for the Social.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 26th January 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 26th January, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. H. Slater; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Jean Tulloch (D.C.M.); Hon. Treasurer; and Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of meeting held on 22nd December 1947, was read over and approved.

Financial Statement.

\*Mr. Kay submitted the financial statement for the month disclosing that the balances at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £ 410. 8.7d;

Pipe Band Account £ 59.12.0d.

Extension Fund £1062.13.8d.

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £ 6.11.2d.

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £ 13. 7.6d.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Guardian Assurance Co. £1. 0.0d.

Scout Shop £0.14.2d.

Greenock Corporation Gas Dept. £2. 9.4d.

Greenock Corporation Electricity £0.11.5d.

Greenock Corporation Electricity £1.17.7d.

Greenock Central Co-op. Socy. £1.17.4d.

Gestetner Ltd. £3.17.7d.

Greenock Central Co-op. Socy. £3.19.8d.

Bradleys Drum Sticks £1. 8.0d.

Insurance.

\*Mr. Kay reported that the Gestetner duplicating machine had been insured to the extent of £50, and the policy was being endorsed to this effect and would be forwarded to him by the Insurance Company.

\*Mr. Slater stated that the Repairs sub-committee had nothing to report with regard to the making of an inventory of furniture etc in Headquarters, but as he had co-opted on to the sub-committee Mr. William Stratton and Mr. J. Hall, the sub-committee would be having a meeting soon and would prepare an inventory of furniture etc and also consider the question of repairing Headquarters. He added that he had only received an estimate for repairs to the roof that day, although he had instructed an estimate to be made on the day after the last meeting of the Executive Committee. It was feared that the whole roof would require to be entirely stripped and re-covered, but that the roof would not bear the weight of slates. The whole question of repairs was left to the sub-committee for consideration, and their report.

\*The Honorary Secretary was requested to write to the convener of the Competitions Committee to make up an inventory of the Association's trophies and to have them valued, and, thereafter, he was instructed to have the trophies covered by insurance to the extent of their value. It was noted that one of the trophies had increased considerably in value since the war and that possibly the other trophies had also increased in value.

Mr. Ewart mentioned that Messrs. Hendry, Jewellers, Greenock, might be prepared to accept custody of the trophies on behalf of the Association and keep them clean for a small fee. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to try and arrange with Messrs. Hendry, and failing them, other jewellers in the town, to accept the custody of the trophies for the period of one month prior to each competition.

Pipe Band.

\*Mr. MacElwee reported that he had approached his Scout and Troop Committee with regard to the Association's request for the loan of the 5th Renfrewshire Troop drums but as the Troop was anxious to restart their own Pipe Band, they regretted that they could not see their way to lend out their drums to the Association’s Band.

\*The Honorary Secretary reported that a let had been secured from the Education Authority of premises in the Highlanders’ Academy for one of the Association’s Pipe Bands on Monday evenings until the end of the school session.

\*It was considered that it would be advisable to appoint a Pipe Bands Convenor, and Mr. Ewart stated that he would approach Mr. S. Colquhoun to see if he would take on this duty, and the District Commissioner suggested that if Mr. Colquhoun accepted, he should be co-opted to the Executive Committee in place of Mr. S. Faulds.

It was agreed that some of the duties of the Pipe Band Convener would be:-

1. To act as a sort of liaison officer between the Pipe Bands and the Executive

Committee.

2. To obtain an inventory of the Pipe Band equipment belonging to the Association.

3. To report on the progress of the bands from time to time.

4. To consult with the Pipe and Drum Majors as to the advisability of obtaining

further band equipment, and

5. To contact Mr. Arthur Lyle who was in charge of the 22nd Troop at the time their

Pipe Band was in existence and to try and ascertain the whereabouts of their Pipe

Band equipment.

Scout Report. Nothing to report.

Sea Scout Report.

The District Commissioner submitted a draft scheme for Sea Scout training. The scheme, he mentioned, would be considered by the local Sea Scout Committee next month. Full details of the scheme would be submitted to the Executive Committee at a later date.

Rovers Report. Nothing to report.

Cub Report. Nothing to report.

Publications Committee.

It was agreed that the last date for receiving advertisements to be inserted in the Scout Handbook would be the end of this week and that any further advertisements obtained should be sent direct to Mr. D. Graham.

Three Year Plan.

The District Commissioner intimated that the distribution of the remaining booklets on the plan was having attention.

Gang Show.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Education Authority had granted the Association the let of a hall and two classrooms in the Lady Alice School free of charge for the Gang Show on April ~~20~~19th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Mr. Morrison stated that the script for the show was under way, and that it was hoped to go into production in a fortnight's time. He added that he would require an advance of money for the purchase of music and incidentals, and it was unanimously agreed to let Mr. Morrison have an advance of £10 in the meantime and further advances would be made as and when the necessity arose. Mr. Morrison also mentioned that he hoped to engage the services of an orchestra at a fee of approximately £18.

Scottish Scout Uniforms.

The Honorary Secretary submitted a letter from the Hon. County Secretary stating that he had not heard from Scottish Headquarters with regard to this Association’s recommendations for alterations to Scottish Scout uniform.

Competitions Committee.

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to write to the Convener of the Competitions Committee and request them to state the nature of the competition for the medal gifted by Mr. Alex. Urquhart for a competition of ambulance work.

Dutch Holiday.

It was decided to discuss the possibility of having a Scout holiday in Holland at the next meeting of the Committee. The following sub-committee was appointed to investigate the costs and the possibility of having a camp in Holland this year.

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner),

Mr R. Morrison.

Authority was given to them to access a third member of this sub-committee. A suggestion was put forward for consideration that a composite Pipe Band should accompany the Scouts if it were decided that a holiday be spent this year in Holland.

Warrants.

\*The following applications for warrants were submitted and approved:-

James Canning, A.S.M. 73rd Renfrewshire.

Donald Bauchope King, A.S.M. 6th Renfrewshire.

Wm. Andrew Harvey, A.S.M. 5th Renfrewshire.

Robert McKay, A.S.M. 5th Renfrewshire.

Alexander Meek, A.S.M. 5th Renfrewshire.

Douglas Taylor Horn, A.S.M. 5th, Renfrewshire

J.M. MacElwee, G.S.M. 5th Renfrewshire.

James Scott, S.M. 6th Renfrewshire.

The District Commissioner stated with regard to the latter two that, as they already held warrants, there would be no waiting period of three months, and their applications would take effect immediately.

\*The undernoted applications were not approved as the applicants had not attended and passed the necessary training course:-

A.S. MacQuarie,

A. MacMaster,

1. McKenzie.

All of the 32nd Renfrewshire.

Lay Members.

It was agreed that the following should be admitted as Lay Members of the Association:-

Mrs J.M. MacElwee, 29a, Newton St, Greenock.

Inspector John Fraser, 45, Robertson St, Greenock.

Mr William Stratton, 30 Nimmo St, Greenock.

James Hall, 12, Margaret St, Greenock.

The Honorary Secretary was asked to write these Lay Members expressing the pleasure of the Committee in electing them, and to enclose copies of the Three Year Plan and the Competitions Booklet. It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions received from these Lay Members should cover the period up to March 1949.

MacRobert’s Reply Association.

The District Commissioner informed the Committee that the Committee administering the MacRobert’s Reply Association had requested a meeting of all youth leaders in the district with the object of reforming this association on a new basis. Suggestions had been made to the chairman of the MacRobert’s Reply Association that Belleaire be used as a centre for training youth leaders. This District Commissioner stated that he would advise this Committee of further developments.

Reports by Sub-committees.

In view of the large amount of business coming before the Executive Committee, it was decided that it would save time if, in the future, the conveners of sub-committees would submit written reports to the Executive Committee on all matters submitted to sub-committees.

Parades.

The District Commissioner intimated that an Empire Youth Parade would take place in Port Glasgow on the Sunday evening 2nd May next and it was agreed to send representatives from this Association to the parade. It was also agreed to hold the Association’s St. Georges Day Parade on the same Sunday and it was remitted to the District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner to make the arrangements.

Scottish International Fund.

The District Commissioner intimated that it was proposed that a Scottish International Fund should be formed to entertain foreign scouts visiting this country, and that Greenock would be called upon to contribute from £20 pounds to £25. It was unanimously agreed that it would not be fair to ask Scouts to contribute towards this fund in view of the forthcoming proposed visit to Holland.

Everton.

\*The District Commissioner stated that he had received an application from the 2nd Ryde Sea Scouts asking if a camp site could be obtained in this area for them either in July or August of this year. He added that he had written to them stating that we would find some place suitable for their camp. The following sub-committee was appointed to make recommendations in regard to camping in Everton:-

Mr. J.J. Swan, Mr. J Ewart,

Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. D. Thompson.

\*The District Commissioner informed the Committee that he had inspected the drainage carried out at Everton by Mr. Morrison with the help of Senior Scouts. He added that it was one of the finest jobs he had seen done there and it was agreed to note the Committee's appreciation of the work Mr. Morrison and his assistants had carried out.

Rev. G. Renton Brown.

The District Commissioner intimated that a former Assistant District Commissioner, the Rev. G. Renton Brown, was a patient in the Royal Infirmary, Greenock, and that he had conveyed to him the sympathy of the Association. It was also agreed that the Honorary Secretary should write to the Rev. G. Renton Brown conveying this Committee's best wishes for his recovery to health.

Hut Warden.

The District Commissioner reported that Mr. MacEachern had resigned from the position of Hut Warden with effect from the 1st December last.

53rd Renfrewshire Troop, and 3rd Renfrewshire Cub Pack.

It was noted that the 53rd Renfrewshire Troop had ceased to function and that a new Cub Pack, the 3rd Renfrewshire, had been started under the leadership of Mr. G.. Allen.

Assistant District Commissioners.

It was reported that Mr. Ian Pearson had been approached and had agreed to accept the position of Assistant District Commissioner for the Gryffe Sector. Mr. Colin Finnie had intimated his intention of resigning as ADC of the sector. The District Commissioner spoke of the grand work being carried out by Mr. Arthur Lyle and Mr. J. Ewart, the Assistant Commissioners for the Corlic and Dunrod sectors respectively, and added that the Association were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Ian Pearson for Gryffe sector. Mr. Pearson had distinguished service with the Royal Navy during the war.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 23rd February.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock on 23rd February, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. I. Pearson; Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. D. Thomson Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. H. Slater; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer..

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 26th January, 1948, was read over and approved on the motion of Mr. Kay, seconded by Mr. D. Thompson.

*Comments by Chairman*

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Pearson and Mr. S. Colquhoun to the meeting, and on behalf of the Committee, expressed appreciation of Mr. Pearson having agreed to undertake the work of Assistant District Commissioner for the Gryffe sector, and stated that he was certain that Mr. Pearson would take a keen interest in the work and that the work would be well done.

The Chairman also mentioned the good work done by Mr. Colquhoun as convener of the Publications Committee, and reported that Mr. Colquhoun had now undertaken to carry out the duties of Pipe Band Convenor, and that the Association was very fortunate in having Mr. Colquhoun to fill this position.

*Comments by District Commissioner*

The District Commissioner reported that owing to the recent death of Mr. S.M. Turnbull, a director of his firm, and one of this Association's Vice Presidents, he had only a short time at his disposal and would require to leave the meeting early. Before leaving the meeting, the District Commissioner informed the Committee that a meeting of Sea Scouts and those interested in this branch of the movement, would be held on Saturday 29th instant at 2.30 p.m. As the District Commissioner would be unable himself to be present, Mr. Salmon agreed to act as Chairman. The purpose of the meeting was mainly to consider the Sea Scout training scheme, the Sea Scout uniform, and the acquisition of the M.T. Boat by the Clyde Area Council.

Three-Year Plan.

The District Commissioner stated that preparations had been made for the distribution of the remainder of the Three Year Plan booklets, but owing to the pressure of work due to the death of Mr. Turnbull, he had been unable to make final arrangements for their distribution.

Youth Panel.

It was reported by the District Commissioner that a meeting of the Youth Panel would be held at 4.30 tomorrow afternoon, but as this committee could not manage to be represented owing to the early start of the meeting, an apology for absence would be sent. The D.C., thereafter, having reported on these matters, left the meeting.

Financial Report.

\*Mr. Kay submitted the financial statement for the month and it was noted that the sums at the credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £. 410. 8.7d.

Pipe Band Account £. 48. 4.0d.

Extension Fund £1062.13.8d.

53rd Suspense Account £. 6.11.2d.

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £. 13. 7.6d.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Guardian Assurance Company £0. 1.9d.

James Tennant £0.13.0d.

Honorary Secretary’s Expenses £3. 5.11½d.

Corporation Gas Department £1. 3.0d.

Insurance.

The Honorary Secretary reported that he had approached 3 jewellers firms in the town and had asked them if they would accept custody of the Association's trophies for a period of one month prior to each competition. None of the firms approached were willing to accept the custody of the trophies, and he had written to the Convener of the Competitions Committee asking him if his committee had any suggestions to make in respect of the custody of the trophies for the period stated, but had no reply from the convener as yet. Mr. D. Thompson stated that the matter had been considered by the Competitions Committee, and the suggestion had been put forward that members of the committee might accept the custody of the trophies themselves. Meantime, the trophies were being collected by the Competitions Committee for the purpose of helping them valued. It was decided to consider the Competition Committee's recommendations for the custody of the trophies and the insurance of them, at the next meeting when it was expected that the convener would be able to submit valuations.

Scout Report.

It was reported that the competition for the Public Service Vase had attracted an entry of four teams, and results were as follows:-

59th Renfrewshire Troop 86%.

23rd Renfrewshire Troop 72%

54th Renfrewshire Troop 64%

73rd Renfrewshire Troop 53%

It was noted that the Competitions Committee had set stiff papers and the percentage obtained by the various troops entered showed a high standard of knowledge.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon stated that the Association’s boats would be cleaned shortly but they would require to be painted and it was agreed that the loose paint be scraped off and authority was granted to Mr. Salmon to purchase 3½ gallons of white paint. A letter was submitted from Miss B. Hendry in which she informed the District Commissioner that two Czech Sea Scouts wished to visit Britain this year, and she would like if arrangements could be made for giving them hospitality during their visit. Miss Hendry further stated that an invitation would be given for two local Sea Scouts to visit Czechoslovakia. The Executive Committee approved of the general principle of inviting the two Czech Sea Scouts, but they thought it would be very difficult for Greenock Scouts to pay a return visit to Czechoslovakia. It was remitted to the Commissioners to make enquiries and to reply to Miss Hendry's letter.

Rovers Report. No report.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch reported that one meeting of the Cub Council had been held already this year, and that a further meeting would be held on the 5th of March.

Headquarters Repairs Committee.

Mr. Slater informed the meeting that he hoped to submit an inventory of the furniture, etc in Headquarters, at the next meeting of the committee. The question of repairs to the fence at headquarters was brought up and it was thought that there may be an agreement by the superiors for the upkeep of the fence, but Mr. Slater stated, however, that he would see Mr. Hall about attending to repairs and fixing the lock, tomorrow.

Pipe Band.

Mr. Colquhoun reported that he had visited one of the Association’s Pipe Bands at St. Mary's Church Hall and there were 30 boys practising the chanter and 30 boys practising drumming. The chanters belong to the boys themselves and the drummers of this band had as yet no drums and were practising on tables. He had discovered that this band had no equipment belonging to the Association~~,~~. ~~but~~ They were making very good progress. It was stated by Mr. Ewart that the general method of training drummers was to have them practising on tables for a considerable period before using drums, but there that there was a sum of money available in the Pipe Bands Fund for this Pipe Band for the purchase of equipment. If either of the bands required equipment, they should apply to the Executive Committee through Mr. Colquhoun. Mr. Colquhoun reported that he had also written to Mr. Arthur Lyle with regard to the 22nd Renfrewshire Scout band equipment, but Miss Tulloch stated that, so far as she was aware, Mr. Lyle would have no knowledge of the disposal of the Pipe Band equipment as the Pipe Band was still in existence after he had left the troop. Miss Tulloch further stated that she understood most of the equipment belonged to individual boys. It was unanimously agreed to write off the 22nd Renfrewshire Pipe Band equipment.

Mr. Colquhoun reported that the committee of the Pipe Band he visited had thought that rule 4 of the Pipe Band rules should be altered to allow the Pipe Band to retain themselves any fees and donations received by the Pipe Band, and the Association’s Treasurer would be notified of the amount so received, and that the books of the band would be open to inspection at any time. The Chairman, however, stated that this point had been raised at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, and that it was not proposed to alter the rules which had been passed at the meeting as both Pipe Bands were Association Bbands and all donations and fees fell to be dealt with through the Association.

Gang Show.

Mr. Morrison reported that rehearsals for the Gang Show were going on not too badly, but a snag had arisen which was that he had been informed by the janitor of the Lady Alice School of the possibility of seating accommodation being limited to 300 each night by police order, and if that were so, in order that a profit might be shown, it would perhaps be necessary to request the let of the school for an additional night. The Chairman agreed to see the Chief Constable on this matter, and thereafter notified the Secretary so that if this order was to be enforced, the Secretary could make application for the use of the Lady Alice School for an additional evening. Mr. Morrison stated that the orchestra had reduced their estimate to £15 and that some of the orchestra had even volunteered to come to rehearsals and make notes for the score and that they had ignored his offer of paying them for this additional work. It was noted that the Gestetner duplicating machine was proving very useful to the Gang Show Committee as Mrs Robertson had produced 50 song sheets of 4-sheets each, and the script for the show, at very short notice. He added that Mrs. Robertson would be due a quarter’s payment of her fee on the 1st March, and the Executive Committee agreed that payment should be made to her as at that date, and a letter of appreciation of the way the work had been done be sent to her.

Another point brought up by Mr. Morrison for consideration was the advisability of the Association becoming life members of the Greenock Arts Guild. It was thought that the Association had already paid a membership fee of £5, and that by becoming life members of the Arts Guild, the Association would perhaps be able to obtain certain advantages, possibly by obtaining a let of the Arts Guild Hall for the production of future shows. The Chairman stated that the Arts Guild had recently been formed and that he would make enquiries into the nature of the Arts Guild’s project and thereafter he would communicate with the Honorary Secretary who could write to the Secretary of the Arts Guild and ask him for particulars of the Arts Guild’s scheme.

Competitions Committee.

Mr. Thomson informed the meeting that nothing had been decided at the last meeting of this Committee with regard to the nature of the competition to be held for the award of the medal gifted by Mr. Urquhart for a competition in ambulance work, but that he would see the convener of the Competitions Committee on this question at their next meeting.

Warrants.

\*The following applications for warrants were submitted and approved:-

Angus Brown, A.S.M., 33rd Renfrewshire.

Miss Rosemary Hearl, A.C.M., 73rd Renfrewshire

and the Honorary Secretary was instructed to notify Scottish Headquarters that the District Commissioner proposed to issue warrants in their favour.

\*The following applications for warrants were submitted and tabled:-

Elizabeth Morrison Brownlee Nelson, ACM, 59th Renfrewshire.

Jean Barclay Wright A.C.M., 73rd Renfrewshire.

Miss Tulloch stated that with regard to the latter application, she was not sure whether she was fully qualified, but that she would make enquiries and notify this committee at the next meeting.

Lay Members.

An application by Miss A.C. Campbell, Ardachee, Balmore, to be admitted as a Lay Member of the Association, was submitted and the Committee unanimously agreed to her election.

Everton.

\*It was reported that the sub-committee who had been appointed at the last meeting to deal with the question of camp sites at Everton, would submit their report at the next meeting, when the District Commissioner would be present.

\*Mr. Morrison informed the meeting that due to the recent storm, the roof ~~and~~ of the shelter at Everton had been blown off but that the damage would be repaired in the near future. It was also noted that damage had been done to the woods at Everton, and it was agreed that the Scouts could offer to assist Mr. Baker, the Head Forester, voluntarily.

Hut Warden.

Mr. Ewart reported that several approaches had been made with a view to obtaining someone to take over the duties of hut warden, but that the Commissioners had come to the conclusion that they would require to make payment to anyone who fulfilled this duty. The Chairman stated that he thought the work could be attended to by the Scouts themselves, but Mr. Ewart ~~stated that he~~ was of the opinion that the work would not be done satisfactorily. It was, however, agreed to remit to the commissioners to reconsider their recommendations with regard to the appointment of a paid hut warden, and to consider the possibility of the troops who are using the hall, to take it in turn to look after the premises.

Camp Skipper.

\*In view of Mr. Salmon taking over onerous duties in connection with the Sea Scouts, a new camp skipper would require to be appointed. The suggestion was put forward that perhaps Mr. Salmon would be able still to supervise as camp skipper provided there were four assistant skippers appointed to act under him.

\*It was reported that preparations were being made to start the painting of the Hut at Everton, but it had been discovered that there was not enough red lead and permission was granted to purchase a further quantity.

Scouters Annual Social.

Mr. Finnie put forward the suggestion that there should be a Scouters’ Social Evening held shortly, and after considerable discussion and hearing Mr. Finnie’s views, it was agreed that a small committee comprising Mr. Finnie (Convenor), Mr. MacElwee and Miss Tulloch, be appointed to make arrangements for this annual social. It was recommended that the social be held in the form of a dance and that the price be kept as low as possible. Mr. Finnie indicated that the cost might work out at 3/6d per head, which would include the service of sandwiches, cakes, tea, lemonade and ice cream. He thought he could obtain a dance band consisting of five players and that he could make arrangements for holding the dance in the Town Hall Saloon, the hours of the dance being from 8 o’clock to midnight. It was agreed that the dance should be open to all Scouters and their assistants, lay members and partners. The suggested dates for the dance were the 17th, 24th, 31st of March and the 1st and 2nd of April.

Mr. E. Salmon’s Wedding Presentation.

The Chairman mentioned that the wedding of Mr. E. Salmon, Everton Camp Skipper, to a former Cubmaster, Miss McKillop, would be taking place on the 25th of next month, and the committee unanimously agreed that a wedding present should be given to him on behalf of the Scouts and Executive Committee, donations not to exceed 2/6d per head, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Scouters notifying them to send donations to Mr. Kay by the 20th of March. Miss Tulloch intimated that Cub Masters’ donations could be handed to her at the Cub Council Meeting on the 5th of March. It was decided that a Barograph should be presented to Mr. Salmon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and Mr Slater undertook to make the purchase and he stated that he would get into touch with Mr. Kay before the 22nd of March and ascertain the amount received in donations.

It was agreed to have an inscription in the following terms engraved on the barograph:-

“Presented to Mr. Ernest W. Salmon by Greenock Boy Scouts’ Association on the occasion of his Marriage, 25th March, 1948.”

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 22nd March, 1948.

Ian Brown, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 29th March, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. I. Pearson; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. H. Slater; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

*Apologies*

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr. Ewart and Mr. D. Thomson. The latter stated that he hoped to attend later in the evening.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer submitted his financial statement for the month, disclosing that the sums at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £ 410. 8.7.

Extension Fund £1007.19.9.

Pipe Band Account £ 59.10.8.

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £ 6.11.2.

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £ 13. 7.6.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Hector Russell and Co/ Reeds £ 0. 3. 0.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £ 1. 4. 3.

James Tennant £ 0.16. 0.

Gestetner Ltd. £ 0. 8. 0.

Orr Pollock and Co. £20. 0. 0.

Corporation of Greenock Gas Account £ 2.15. 6.

Corporation of Greenock Electricity Account £ 2. 1. 1.

Account book for Treasurer £ 0. 6. 0.

\*The Treasurer informed the meeting that a donation of £1 had been received from Sir Guy Shaw Stewart.

Insurance.

\*No report was forthcoming from the Competitions Committee on the valuation and custody of trophies, but it was hoped that their report would be submitted by the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

\*Mr. Slater reported that repairs to the fence and door at Headquarters had been completed and he also intimated that he hoped to receive another estimate for appears to the roof. He was of the opinion that this second estimate would be at a much lower figure, and he expected to submit it at the next meeting of the Committee.

Three Year Plan.

The District Commissioner stated that the distribution of booklets on the plan had been going ahead satisfactorily and that the disposal of the remaining booklets was having his attention.

Scout Report.

The District Commissioner intimated that there was a difference of opinion as to the date of the Empire Youth Day Parade. The ”Scouter” states Empire Youth Day as being held on the 2nd of May and the County of Renfrew Youth Panel No. 2 states the 9th of May as the date of the parade. He proposed that the Greenock District parade be held on the 9th of May as it was doubtful if the Scouts could be induced to turn out at 3 p.m. on the 2nd of May and again on the 9th of May. On the 2nd of May, he added, many of the boys would be camped at Everton and it would mean that they would require to come back to Greenock to attend the parade. This proposal was agreed to.

The District Commissioner further stated that this Association had promised to support the Port Glasgow Boy Scouts Association Parade on the 2nd of May, and it was proposed that 50 Scouts from Greenock should attend. In reply to this, the Chairman submitted that this Association offer an apology to the Port Glasgow Association and not send any contingent to their parade owing to the work involved in connection with the Gang Show and the opening of Everton. The District Commissioner proposed, however, that it be left to the Commissioners and he would discuss the situation with Mr. Low of the Port Glasgow District Association. It was unanimously agreed to remit the question to the Commissioners for their decision, but to make any necessary arrangements in the event of their deciding to support the Port Glasgow District Association parade on the 2nd of May.

Sea Scout Reports. Nil

Rovers Report. Nil

Cub Report. Nil

Pipe Band Report. Nil.

Competitions Committee Report. Nil.

Applications for Warrants.

\*The following applications for warrants were submitted and tabled:-

Miss Phyllis Anderson Hewer A.C.M. 59th Renfrewshire.

Robert Emmott McGloin A.S.M. 54th Renfrewshire.

\*As Miss Tulloch was not present, the application of Miss Wright for an Assistant Cubmaster's warrant was tabled pending a report from Miss Tulloch as to Miss Wright’s qualifications.

Hut Warden.

It was reported that the Commissioners had reconsidered the question of obtaining a Hut Warden for Headquarters, but they had come to the conclusion that an adult person would require to be appointed as it could not be left to Scouts themselves to look after the premises. It was suggested that as it would be impossible to obtain a volunteer to take over the duties of warden, a person be appointed at a payment of from 10/- to 20/- per week, and the Scouts would assist such warden in cleaning up the premises. The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to consider appointing a suitable person as Hut Warden, and also to look into the question of the lets of Headquarters and the general finance connected therewith. The District Commissioner proposed a sub-committee of three and the following were appointed: Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman), Mr. Kay, Mr. Ewart.

Camp ~~Skipper~~ Warden.

The District Commissioner stated he had much pleasure in nominating Mr. Lang to be Camp ~~Skipper~~ Warden at Everton. Mr Lang accepted, and stated he would be willing to do all he could but felt that he would not manage to be present at Everton every weekend. It was proposed and agreed that a warranted Scouter be present each weekend to assist Mr. Lang, and during his absence, to take over the duties of ~~Skipper~~ Warden. Mr. Lang added that he would ~~prepare~~ like a duty roster of warranted Scouters who would take it in turn to assist him as Camp ~~Skipper~~ Warden. It was unanimously agreed to minute the Committee's thanks and appreciation to Mr. Lang for undertaking the duties of Camp ~~Skipper~~ Warden.

Dutch Holiday.

The District Commissioner submitted a letter from the Dutch Scouts inviting Scouts from this District to camp in Holland in August this year. The District Commissioner suggested that a contingent of 20 including 2 Scouters and 2 pipers be sent to Holland. He added that the cost of the fare would be about £10 per head and suggested making application to the Trustees of Margaret Street Fund Property for £100 to assist the boys to return the hospitality and to defray extra expenses. It was suggested that the two pipers should be chosen on their merits and the District Commissioner proposed that George Smail be one of the pipers. It was further proposed that Mr. Dally, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Morrison and the District Commissioner go with the boys to this camp.

It was further proposed not to take one boy from each troop as there was a difference in the numbers of each troop and it might be more equitable if two boys were taken from the larger troops. The District Commissioner stated that he did not want any boy to be unable to go because he could not afford the expense and he would like to see such boys helped by their own troop. Mr. Lang informed the meeting that he understood that the boys who were at the Dutch camp in this country were the boys who should go on the return visit to Holland. Mr. Morrison confirmed to Mr. Lang’s statement and stated that he believed this recommendation was made by the District Commissioner in his speech of appreciation to the boys at the end of the Dutch camp held in this country.

The Chairman was then asked to look back the Minutes but there was no reference to this to be obtained in the present Minute Book. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the boys who were at the Jamboree in Paris were not eligible to go to the camp in Holland. The District Commissioner added that several of the boys who were at the Dutch camp in this country would not *(now)* be over age and he mentioned, for example, the names of several boys who are now over age. The Chairman submitted that the District Commissioner must have given great consideration and thought to the matter, and suggested that the proposals for selection of the boys to attend the camp in Holland made by the District Commissioner be accepted, and this was agreed to.

Gang Show.

It was unanimously agreed to advance Mr. Morrison a further £7: 10/- to meet expenses, and it was arranged that members of the cast and committee would have priority in obtaining tickets for the show and these would be available for distribution to them on Thursday 1st April at 7.30 p.m. General distribution of tickets among Scouts and Scouters would take place at Headquarters on 8th and 9th April at 7.30 p.m. and, thereafter, remaining tickets would be handed to Messrs. Tennant for distribution to the public. Mr. Slater's offer to assist in the distribution of the tickets was gratefully accepted. Mr. Morrison stated that the prices of tickets were 2/6 and 2/- and 1/6. It was agreed that some guests of standing be invited.

Publications Committee.

It was reported that the new Scout Handbook had been completed and was being distributed to troops. The District Commissioner submitted a letter from Lord Rowallan congratulating the Association on the production of this handbook, and his suggestion to have the latter *(letter)* framed was agreed to unanimously.

Wedding Gift to Mr. E. W. Salmon.

Mr. Slater reported that he had made enquiries with regard to obtaining a barograph as a wedding present for Mr. Salmon but the cost was prohibitive. A casserole with E.P.N.S. holder, however, had been purchased and sent to Miss ~~McKellar~~ McKillop five days prior to the wedding. It was agreed that should further donations be received, a suitable book should be purchased and sent to Mr. Salmon.

4th Troop.

The District Commissioner informed the meeting that the Scout Master of the 4th Troop had handed over to him badges etc. and bank book belonging to the troop. There was a sum of £5: 13: 5d at credit and he had obtained a letter of authority from the Scoutmaster addressed to the Bank requesting the Bank to transfer the sum to the Association to be held in trust for the 4th Troop.

Greenock Arts Guild.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Secretary of the Arts Guild requesting information as to the Arts Guild Scheme. He had received a telephone message from the Secretary informing him that a meeting of the Arts Guild would be held that evening and perhaps the required information could be obtained then. The Honorary Secretary was unable to attend the meeting himself and could not in the short time obtain any member of the Executive Committee to attend. The Chairman stated that the Arts Guild hoped to have a small theatre opened in the summer which would seat 140 persons, but that it was too early yet to obtain definite information as to the Arts Guild Scheme in so far as it would be beneficial to the Association.

Football Competition.

Mr. D. Thompson stated that the football competition was ready to start on receiving an allocation of football pitches from Greenock Corporation. The Secretary reported that he had written to the Parks Superintendent in this connection on the 1st of March, but that he had not received a reply so far. He undertook to send a reminder to the Parks Superintendent. Mr. Thompson added that he hoped to obtain the use of the High School pitch for the final of the competition and it was unanimously agreed that he should endeavour to obtain a Greenock Morton player to present the Football Shield to the winning team at the conclusion of the game.

The draw for the Shield resulted as follows:-

Byes. 5th, 32nd, 39th, 54th and 10th.

1st Round. 23rd v 33rd;

16th v 11th;

73rd v 45th.

2nd Round 32nd v 73rd or 45th;

5th v 23rd or 33rd;

16th or 11th v 54th

10th v 39th

Semi final. 32nd, 73rd or 45th v 5th or 23rd or 33rd.

54th, 16th or 11th v 10th or 39th.

Final. Winners of above semi final*s*.

Everton.

\*The District Commissioner suggested that Everton might be opened in time for the Greenock Spring Weekend commencing on Friday evening 9th April, and that an official would require to be present to hand out camp gear. Mr. Kay considered that it would be better to have the camp opened on Saturday 10th April and thus avoid the necessity of requiring an official to be present at Everton on a Friday evening. Mr. Morrison, however, drew attention to the fact that the R.C. Troops would want the camp on the Friday, and Mr. Lang then offered either to be present himself or arrange for someone to take his place on the 9th of April. It was agreed that the camp be officially opened on the 9th of April, but that it be closed again on the 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th of April in order not to clash with the Gang Show rehearsals and the show itself.

\*Mr. Lang pointed out that the first-aid outfit at Everton required to be re-equipped and authority was granted to him to purchase the necessary equipment.

\*Mr. Morrison reported that the pond at Everton had now been completed and it was unanimously agreed to minute to the Committee’s appreciation and thanks for the work carried out by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Lang and their assistants.

\*Mr. Morrison further reported that there was now room for extra camp sites at Everton which would enable some of the worn sites to be rested. He added that some troops had expressed a desire to have their own camp sites and to develop them themselves. It was agreed that the District Commissioner, Mr. Lang and Mr. Morrison should allocate the sites and, wherever possible, allow troops their own sites, but that only for a period of one year.

Scouters’ Annual Social.

It was reported that arrangements had been completed for the Social and Dance to be held in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th April at 8 o’clock. The tickets, price 3/6 each, were already on sale to Scouters and Lay members.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Association should be held on the 12th of May at 7.35 p.m. and that the next meeting of the Committee be held on the same evening at 7 o’clock.

**Minute of Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association, held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Wednesday 12th May, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Mr. Ian Brown, Chairman.

The Chairman intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Mrs. Willis, Colonel D. Paterson, D.S.O. (T.D.) D.L., and Mr. H.R. Bolton.

The Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th July, 1947, was read over and approved on the motion of Mr. D. Thomson, seconded by Mr. J. Welsh.

District Commissioners Report:

\**Introduction*

The District Commissioner, in submitting his report for the year, stated that he was following the wartime practice of incorporating all except the Honorary Treasurer's report with his own, and suggested that the following year it was hoped to have various reports of Committees read by the Conveners in each case. He added that this was the 7th year in which he had appeared before the meeting in the capacity of District Commissioner, and during that time, the Association had met and surmounted some of the most serious and perplexing problems with which the Association had been faced during its long and honourable history.

*\*Census*

The Census returns for the year to 31st March, 1948, were not available owing to some Scouters having failed to lodge their returns timeously, and it was agreed that as soon as the Secretary had these returns, he would complete the figures. In the meantime, a rough estimate was made up which showed the strength of the Association as compared with the previous year as follows:-

Cubs Scouts Scouters Totals

Census at 31.3.48. 1948. 480 562 89 = 1131

1947 491 547 91 = 1129

Differences: -11 + 15 -2 +2

The District Commissioner then reported on the various activities of the Association as follows:-

\*Cubs.

The Junior Branch of the Movement had been as active as ever during the year, and excellent work had been done by Cubmasters in Packs throughout the District. In addition to weekly Pack meetings - many of which were held in the open air from April onwards - their activities included an Annual Picnic to Kilmacolm and competitions for the District Challenge Flag, Art Trophies, Football Shield and Beven Sports Trophy. Cubmasters had held camps at Greenacre, Inverkip, and carried through their Annual Good Turn at Christmas time by collecting, repairing and distributing some 300 toys to local hospitals. Carol singing provided a sum of £4:4/- which was handed to the Orphan Homes at Bridge of Weir, together with about 70 toys when Cubmasters paid a visit to the Homes and attended Divine Service on 28th December.

\*Scouts.

A healthy state of activity and efficiency could be reported in many troops, but in quite a few instances it was unfortunately the case that small numbers, and lack of keenness could be traced to staffing difficulties. The dearth of young ASM's had had a marked influence on the standard of Scouting in these troops and there was a ~~clamant~~ great need for assistance in at least 6 Groups in the area. Scout Competitions had been revived as a result of specially good work put in by the Competitions Committee. The Signalling Cup, Public Service Vase and Fire Shield had already been the occasion for keen competition and the standard set had been the highest for many years. The Football Shield, Shannon Cup, and Pioneering Competitions were also under *way*, and the Commissioner considered the revival of these competitions was a welcome sign of a return to more settled times.

\*Rovers.

Little activity could be reported from this branch since the Rover age was now coincident with the age for Military Service and the normal recruiting to Rover Crews was almost entirely confined to young men who had completed their period of Navy, Army or Air Force Training.

\*Scouters.

The difficulty of maintaining, to say nothing at all of expanding, the numbers of Leaders in the movement, was one of the most pressing problems. Without officers of the right calibre and keenness for the work, it could not be hoped to expand and develop Scouting in the Greenock District as had been planned.

\*Commissioners.

The District had been divided into 3 sectors namely, Gryffe, Corlic and Dunrod, and the Assistant District Commissioners for these sectors were ADC*s* A. Lyle, I. Pearson and J. Ewart, respectively. ADC Colin Finnie was carrying on meantime as ADC Camping until the appointment of a Training Commissioner was made. ADC William Shearer was now in his 32nd year of Scouting. The Rev. Alex Philp had resigned his commission owing to his taking up residence in Fife.

\*Camping.

a)Everton. The numbers in camp at Everton were fully maintained during 1947, and experiments were made with training programmes. Mr. MacWhirter was in charge of the training for Scouters. The Commissioner made reference to visits from various troops outwith the area.

b)Annual Summer Camps: Nine troops had held their annual camps in other districts.

\*Parades.

A Cub parade had been held to Wellpark West Church in December.

St. Georges Day Parade: This parade was combined with Empire Youth Sunday parade and the Barrhead Pipe Band had led the parade. Cub Packs had also attended this parade and an invitation had been sent to Port Glasgow District to participate.

\*Pipe Bands.

The District Commissioner intimated that both bands were progressing favourably and that two pipers were going to Holland with a representative Greenock troop this year. He also referred to the distinction gained by one of the Association’s pipers in being selected for the Jamboree Scottish Pipe Band.

\*Training.

A pre-warrant training course for Scoutmasters had been held by Mr. MacWhirter and a pre war*rant* course for Cubmasters held by Miss Duncan, and both training courses had been supplemented by weekend camps.

\*Hike Sites Scheme.

Little constructive work had been accomplished so far but it was hoped to concentrate more on this during the coming year. Senior Scouts would be welcomed to assist in the selection of suitable hike sites.

\*Gunboat and Two Lifeboats.

The Association had acquired free of charge, two lifeboats for use by the Sea Scouts, and the local Sea Scouts were participating in the management of the gunboat which had been acquired by the Clyde Sea Scout Area Company, and which was situated at the Great Harbour.

\*Visit of Fleet.

During the visit of the Fleet to the Clyde in July, 1947, Headquarters was opened each evening to receive Deep Sea Scouts, many of whom were entertained throughout the week. A signed framed photograph of HMS “Duke of York” was presented to the Association by Deep Sea Scouts of the Navy. Seventy Scouts had been invited to see over one of the ships.

\*Jam Jar Collections.

At the request of the Ministry of Food, 11,000 jam jars were collected and the total income of £47: 1: 10d was divided equally between the Association and the troops who had assisted in the collection of the jars.

\*Day of Work.

This realised the sum of £4: 11 /- d.

\*International Jamboree at Moisson.

Thirteen Greenock Scouts and one piper had attended the Jamboree in France. A subsequent re-union by the Greenock contingent had been held at Headquarters when useful information had been obtained from them which would prove of advantage in future Jamborees.

\*Everton Improvements.

The swimming pool wall had been entirely rebuilt and a complete system of drainage carried out, resulting in increased ground available for camp sites. As a result of the Scouts assisting in the work carried out principally under the direction of Mr. R. Morrison, a sum of approximately £50 in the cost had been saved to the Association. It was unanimously agreed to record appreciation of Mr. Morrison's and his assistants’ work in this connection.

\*County Flag Competition.

For the first time in many years, the County Flag had come to Greenock. The flag had been won by the 5th Renfrewshire troop and the District Commissioner congratulated the troop and its Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmasters, on their achievement.

\*Gang Show.

A very successful Scout Gang Show had been held in the Lady Alice School in April. At short notice, Mr. R. Morrison had agreed to supervise the Gang Show and it was due in no small measure to the great attention to detail and untiring efforts of Mr. Morrison that the Gang Show was so successful. It was agreed to minute the appreciation of the Association, not only to Mr. Morrison, but to all those taking part in the show.

\*Lay Members.

There was a very welcome addition to the number of Lay Members during the year, particularly due to Mr. J. Ewart’s efforts in this direction, and the District Commissioner requested that if anyone interested in Scouting wished to become a Lay Member, to let Mr. Ewart know as soon as possible.

\*Examiners.

Mr. Ewart had obtained examiners for most of the Scout badges and a list of the examiners had been published.

\*Visits of Foreign Scouts.

Canadian Scouts travelling to and from the Jamboree at Moisson had been given a civic welcome by the Corporation of Greenock and the District Commissioner had received a copy of the Canadian magazine dealing with the visit to the Jamboree and the printed reports were very flattering to Greenock. The Burmese contingent returning from the Jamboree were welcomed at Greenock by Mr. Colin Finnie Jnr. who had carried out good work in making both contingents welcome and presenting the Canadian Scouts with white heather.

\*Publications.

a) The Three Year Plan booklet had been published in October 1947.

b) “Woodsmoke” (formerly known as “Scouty Methods”) had been published after a lapse of nine years and copies were still available. It was agreed to minute the Association's thanks to the Publications Committee for the grand work they had done.

\*MacRobert’s Reply Association.

The District Commissioner reported that the MacRobert’s Reply Association had been reconstituted and that present intentions were to use “Belleaire” (its Headquarters) as a youth leader training centre. The MacRobert’s Reply Association had dropped their former ideas and there were now immense possibilities for the provision of facilities which were outwith the scope of this Association and that great benefit might accrue to all youth organisations.

\*Port Glasgow Church Parade.

An invitation to the 5th Troop and Commissioners to attend Port Glasgow District Church Parade had been received and accepted.

\*Kindred Organisations.

The District Commissioner had been invited to inspect the 14th Greenock Boys Brigade Company and he had also been invited as a guest at the Lifeboy “Sportagama”. ADC J. Ewart had accompanied the District Commissioner at the inspection. The District Commissioner expressed the view that the interchange of visits and invitations were all to the benefit of the youth organisations and as there were so many boys in the District who were unconnected with any youth organisation, it could not be said that there was any rivalry among the various organisations.

\*William Miller Scholarship.

Three University and four Post Intermediate Scholarships had been awarded during the year.

\*Social Events.

The Scouters’ Social had been held in January and the Association’s dance held in April. Both of these functions had proved to be very successful and it was hoped to make these annual events. A catering licence had been obtained during the past year and this had proved very beneficial at functions.

\*Three Year Plan.

The District Commissioner gave a detailed comparison of the plan and its accomplishments:-

-Uniform and equipment.

Block buying of uniform and equipment had been impossible owing to the shortage of materials. The standardisation of uniform could not be carried out until the end of the clothing restrictions.

-Everton.

Training at Everton had been carried out but one of the first jobs to be dealt with in the coming year would be to obtain an Assistant District Commissioner for training.

-Competitions.

Competitions were successful and running smoothly.

-Parades.

It was hoped to have information and drill standardised next year. “Scouty Methods” had been published under the new name of “Woodsmoke”.

-Gang Show.

A Scout Gang Show had been held and parents’ night held by troops.

-Scout Week.

It had not as yet been attempted to hold a Scout Week, but it was hoped to have a Scout Week in 1949 when the Association would be more certain of putting on a good show.

-Looking Wide.

Encouragement had been given to troops to visit this country and this was the first District to issue an invitation to Scouts whose countries had been occupied by the enemy during the war. A representative troop was being sent to Holland this year.

-Assistant District Commissioners.

The District had been divided into three sectors and Assistant District Commissioners appointed to each sector, although no Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs had yet been appointed.

-Headquarters.

It had not been possible to obtain headquarters for all the sectors and it was possible that it might be some time yet before headquarters could be obtained for the Gryffe and Corlic sectors.

-Lay Members.

Lay members had been appointed and had rendered valuable assistance to the Association.

-Vice Presidents.

A number of Vice Presidents had been appointed and on the few occasions on which they had been called upon for advice, they had proved to be very helpful and beneficial.

-Chairman of the Association.

Mr. Ian Brown had been appointed Chairman of the Association at the last Annual General Meeting and the District Commissioner expressed appreciation of the way in which Mr. Brown had carried out the responsible duties which this position entailed.

-Conclusions

In conclusion, the District Commissioner stated that the Association had made a very bright start with the Three-Year Plan and much had already been achieved, but one of the most disturbing features with regard to the fulfilment of the Three-Year Plan was the lack of Scouters and Assistant Scouters, and the District Commissioner particularly stressed the necessity for obtaining new Scouters to make up the numbers.

Honorary Treasurer’s Report.

Copies of the Balance Sheet were circulated among those present and the Treasurer briefly referred to the various items of the Balance Sheet which was accepted as being very satisfactory, and disclosed that the funds of the Association were in a very healthy state. The Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1948, as audited, was as follows:-

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1948.

INCOME by

Day of Work Account £37. 7.11

Microphone Account 1.10. 0

Registration Fees Account 4.12. 6

Lay Members Fees Account 5. 5. 0

Jam Jar Collection Account 27.18. 2

Donations Account 1. 0. 0

Balance (Deficit) 28. 3. 9

105.17. 4

EXPENDITURE To.

Personal Insurance Account £ 2. 5.6

General Expenses Account 30.19.4

Robertson Street Revenue Account 44. 0.1

Everton Revenue Account 7.13.1

Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings £20.19.4

£105.17.4

LIABILITIES

1.Capital Account £882-4-10

Balance at credit 31/3/47, £410.8.7

Less Deficit (Balance of income

and expenditure account) £ 28.3.9

£382.4.10

Add bequest £500.0.0

£882.4.10

2. Extension Fund 1007.19.9

3. Pipe Band Account 59.10.8

4. 53rd Renfrewshire Troop Suspense Account 6.11.2

5. 4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account 13.7.6

£1969.13.11

ASSETS

Fixtures and Fittings £398.6.9

1. Robertson Street Balance at 31/3/47, £202.7.11

Added during year 30.0.0

£232.7.11

Less- Depreciation written off 11.12.5

£220.15.6

b) Everton balance at 31/3/47, £186.18.2

Less depreciation written off 9.6.11

£177.11.3

2. Badges Account 4. 0. 3

3. Gang Show Account 8.19. 0

4. Woodsmoke Account 11. 4. 6

5. 3% Defence Bonds 250. 0. 0

2½% Defence Bonds 250. 0. 0

Great Provident Bank 893. 8. 8

Commercial Bank of Scotland Limited 152.17. 8

Cash on hand 0.17. 1

£1969.13.11

Honorary Badge Secretary’s Report.

The Chairman submitted the Honorary Badge Secretary's Report which disclosed that the following badges had been awarded during the year.

Scouts.

Tenderfoot (Cloth) 62 Tenderfoot (Metal) 35

Service Stars 64 1st Class Badges 8.

2nd Class Badges 28 Proficiency Badges 31

County Emblems 84 1st Class Cards 6

2nd Class cards 12

Tenderfoot Cards 12 Badge Form Books 2

Total: = 344.

Cubs

Tenderpad (Cloth) 198 Tenderpad (Metal) 24

Service Stars 42 Proficiency 12

Total: = 276.

Adoption of Reports.

The reports of the District Commissioner and the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Badge Secretary were adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J Allan.

Office Bearers for 1948/49.

The following officials and delegates and lay members were unanimously elected:

President: Colonel David Paterson, D.S.O. (T.D.) D.L., Clyde House,

Greenock.

Vice Presidents. The Provost

Rev. A.J. Inglis, M.A.

Dr. Crawford Black, 113 South St.

Rev. J.M. Hamilton, 60 Eldon St.

D.C. Webster.

Dr. W.M. Brownlee, Greenock High School.

Dr. Milne, 77 Union St.

J.A. Chadwell, Greenock Academy.

Chairman Ian Brown.

Hon. Secretary W.D.C. McIvor.

Hon. Treasurer D.Q. Silvester.

Hon. Badge Secretary J. Lang.

Camp Warden J. Lang.

District Scout Master J.M. MacElwee.

District Cub Master Miss J. Tulloch

Hon. Legal Advisor Col. D. Paterson, D.S.O. (T.D)D.L.

Hon. Auditors Messrs. J.M. Kerr & Lindsay, C.A.

Representatives to County

Scout Council Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Badge Secretary.

Representatives to

SHQ Council D. Thomson, Miss Florence Caldwell.

Lay Members. H. Slater, Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Whyte, C. McCreadie, B. Coyle, D.

MacAlindon, J.D. Henderson, Mrs. J.D. Henderson, William Goldie, Donald McKechnie, S. Colquhoun, H.R. Bolton, Ian Brown, W.D.C. McIvor, Miss A.C. Campbell, William Stratton, Mrs. J.M. MacElwee, John Allan. J. Hall, J. Fraser, D.Q. Silvester, J. Love, H. Ferguson.

Executive Committee. The following Scouters were unanimously elected to the

Executive Committee:-

R. Morrison, D. Thomson, E.W. Salmon.

Four nominations were put forward for election as lay members representatives on the Executive Committee and on a vote being taken, J. Allan, H. Slater and S. Colquhoun were appointed.

After the election of the lay members representatives to the Executive Committee, Mr. D. Thompson moved that a re-election be made as lay members had no right to vote, and it had been observed that lay members had voted in this election. The Chairman ruled that Mr. Thompson's protest was not made timeously and Mr. Finnie stated that as it was the Association who elected the Lay Members, they were entitled to vote in the election, but Mr. Thompson drew attention to the fact that it had been stated at the Annual meeting held last year that no Lay Member was entitled to vote. Mr. Morrison added that as this was a public meeting anyone was entitled to vote, and Mr. McQuarrie moved that the election stand if the Chairman ruled that lay members are allowed to vote. The District Commissioner stated that he would very much like to see Mr. C. McCreadie who had been nominated as a member of the Executive Committee but who had failed to be elected on a vote being taken, being appointed, and he thought that this could be done by altering the bye-laws to provide for four lay members and four Scouters being elected to the Executive Committee. On the Chairman’s suggestion, however, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. McCreadie be co-opted as an additional member and that it be left to the Executive Committee to co-opt an additional Scouter. The Executive Committee thus consisted of the Chairman, Commissioners, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Badge Secretary, Camp Warden, District Scout master and District Cub Master, by virtue of their respective offices, J. Allan, H. Slater, S. Colquhoun, and C. McCready as representing lay members, and Scouters R. Morrison, D. Thompson and E.W. Salmon and one other Scouter to be co-opted by Executive Committee.

Chairman's Remarks.

\*The Chairman intimated that Mr. A. Ross Kay had resigned from office as Honorary Treasurer owing to the possibility of his residing in Glasgow in the near future, and the Chairman expressed appreciation of the way in which Mr. Kay had carried out the duties of Honorary Treasurer and stated that it was with regret that the Association had accepted his resignation. As Mr. D.Q. Silvester, 51, Union St, Greenock, had now been appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Association, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Association’s bankers to the effect but they should delete the name of Mr. A. Ross Kay from the Associations accounts and substitute the name of Mr. D.Q. Silvester.

\*The Chairman mentioned the very fine job carried out during the year by the District Commissioner and the tremendous amount of work he had done, and that he considered the Association would be lost without him. He also gave thanks to the Assistant District Commissioners and all others for the very successful way they had carried out their voluntary duties.

\*The Chairman said that it was with regret that they had to minute the death of Mr. S.M. Turnbull, one of the Association's Vice Presidents, and they were unfortunate in Mr. Dewar having to resign as Vice President owing to his departure from Greenock.

Notices to Scouters.

The District Commissioner stated that each Scout Master would get a copy notice to Scouters Training Course Part II in due course. All Scout Masters were invited to S.H.Q conference at Balloch on 29th and 30th May, and he drew attention to the fact that 21 days notice of camping should be given to Mr. Colin Finnie.

Inter County.

The District Commissioner informed the meeting that the Inter County National Ambulance Contest would be held at Stirling on 19th May and that all Districts in Renfrewshire had stood down in favour of the Greenock District. This was a County competition and one troop represented the County. It was unanimously agreed that the 59th Troop who had won the Public Service Vase be asked to represent the Greenock District as County representatives at the National Contest.

Mr. Colin Finnie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, and, thereafter, tea was served.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 31st May, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. I. Pearson; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. H. Slater; Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. J. McCreadie; Mr. D. Thompson; Mr. D.Q. Silvester; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. G. Allan and Mr. J. McCreadie as members of the Executive Committee, and also Mr. D.Q. Silvester, the new Honorary Treasurer, and stated that he was sure that they would be very helpful to the Committee.

*Minute*

The Minute of meeting held on 29th March was read over and approved.

Mr. Colin Finnie mentioned that owing to destruction of St. George’s Church by fire, the 52nd Pack had received permission from the District Commissioner to use Headquarters on the last two Monday evenings. It was agreed to allow the 52nd Pack to use Headquarters on Monday evenings until the end of June without charge, and the question of further lets would be reviewed after that date if necessary.

Treasurer’s Financial Report.

\*Mr. A. Ross Kay, the ex Hon. Treasurer, who was present, submitted the financial statement for the month which disclosed that sums at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £882-4-10.

Extension fund £1007-19-8.

Pipe Band Account £59-10-8.

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6-11-2.

4th Renfrewshire Pack Suspense Account £13-7-6.

Gang Show £33-19-5.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Corporation Gas Account £1-14-5

Corporation Electricity Account £1-12-0

McNeill’s Jewellers £6-14-6.

Greenock Central Co-operative Society

(Gang Show) £5-4-4.

\*Mr. Kay stated that all income had not yet been received in respect of the Gang Show, and that there were probably one or two more accounts to be paid, but that it was thought that there would be a profit in the region of £30.

The Chairman stated that this was very satisfactory although the financial aspect was the least consideration. Appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Morrison and the Gang Show Committee had already been expressed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Insurance.

\*An inventory and valuation of the Association’s trophies prepared by Mr. H.R. Bolton with the assistance of Miss Picken of Messrs. McNeill, Jewellers, was submitted for consideration. The Question whether it was prudent to insure the Association’s trophies was discussed, and the Chairman stated that as the Association held the trophies more or less in the capacity of trustees, he considered it advisable to insure for £200, the premium of which would be about £2 per annum. Mr Finnie drew attention to the fact that the Novice Cup was not included in the inventory and valuation, and he had heard that this cup was held by an ex member of the 70th Troop. It was agreed that Mr. Finnie should endeavour to obtain this cup from the person who had custody of it at present, and that this cup should be included in the valuation. It was decided that as the Cub trophies had no intrinsic value, that these should not be insured. The question of insuring the trophies was left to the discretion of Mr. Kay who agreed to approach the Guardian Insurance Company to see if they were willing to take over this cover. The Secretary intimated that he had written a letter of thanks to Miss Picken for her assistance in valuing the trophies.

\*Mr. Slater stated that an inventory of the furniture etc in Headquarters was not yet ready, and it was noted that at present the furniture was insured for a sum of £100.

Three Year Plan.

The District Commissioner mentioned that a comprehensive report had been given at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on the Three Year Plan, and that some of the first and important matters requiring consideration was the appointment of a Training Commissioner and also the provision of Headquarters in the Gryffe and Corlic sectors. He stated that reports had been obtained from Assistant District Commissioners mentioning the difficulty of obtaining warranted Scouters, and that this difficulty was increasing each week. Methods of obtaining old Scouters to return to the movement were put forward, and it was proposed that these old Scouters should be interviewed and asked to attend at Headquarters, and the Commissioners agreed to consider means of doing this. Meantime, if any members of the committee heard of anyone interested in assisting as a Scouter, he should send such person along to the District Commissioner or the Assistant District Commissioners.

Scout Report.

It was reported that a proposal had been made to form a Cadet Training Scheme to train any Senior Scouts with a view to becoming warranted Scouters. Circulars had been sent out to present Scouters asking them to submit the names of any of their Senior Scouts interested, to Mr. J. Ewart by the end of June.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon reported that Renfrewshire Sea Scouts could have the use of the M.T. Boat the following weekend. He also reported that the Secretary of the Royal West Boat Club had informed him that the local Sea Scout boats were in a bad state. Mr. Salmon added that he expected to have these boats scraped and repainted next weekend. Mr. Salmon was granted permission to use the duplicating machine for the printing of forms required in connection with the M.T. Boat.

Rovers Report.

A letter was submitted from Mr. J.M. MacElwee, the Group Scout Master of the 5th Group, informing the Executive Committee that a Rover Crew had been started in his group, and that Mr. J. Scott would be the Rover leader.

Cub Report

Miss Tulloch reported that the 33rd Pack had won the ~~Shannon~~ Challenge Flag, the 59th the Art Competition, and the 1st the Model Competition.

Applications for Warrants.

The application by Miss Nelson for Assistant Cubmaster's warrant was passed, and also Miss Wright’s application, subject to the latter taking the appropriate course. An application by Mr. J. Cann*ing* for Groupmaster’s warrant was also submitted, but as he already holds an Assistant Scoutmaster’s warrant, it will not be necessary to table his applications for three months, and that his warrant will be granted within a fortnight's time.

Lay Members.

Mr. J. Ewart submitted an application by Mr. E.T. Muir of Hilsea, Peel Street, Greenock, to become a Lay Member of the Association, and his application was unanimously approved.

Hut Warden.

Mr. Slater intimated that he had approached Mr. Carmichael, Lyndoch St., Greenock, with a view to his taking over duties of hut warden, and that Mr. Carmichael was willing to start at any time, but he would require assistance at the start and that cleaning materials would require to be provided. It was agreed that Mr. Carmichael would be appointed Hut Warden, and payment of 10/- a week would be made to him for his services. It was decided that Mr. Carmichael should choose his own time for cleaning headquarters, and that he would only be responsible to one person. It was agreed that Mr. Pearson be appointed as in charge, and that any complaints should be made to Mr. Pearson. It was also agreed that the Scouts should give headquarters an initial clean up. Mr. Slater undertook to see Mr. Carmichael and make the necessary arrangements.

Lets.

It was reported that the 1st Troop were experiencing difficulty in obtaining the use of Lady Alice School as the use of the school was in demand by dramatic organisations. Mr. Ewart, however, stated that he understood that the Scoutmaster of this troop had an interview with the management of Mount Pleasant Street Church and that there was a distinct likelihood of this troop obtaining the use of the church hall. Mr. Slater informed the Committee that the recently resuscitated 70th Troop had held their first Church parade on Sunday last.

Everton.

It was reported that Mr. MacWhirter had held a Scouters’ course at Everton during the last two weekends, and that everything had gone well. Painting work at Everton was not quite finished yet. Mr. Morrison drew attention to the fact that it was a rule that a minimum of three warranted Scouters should be at Everton each weekend, but some doubt was expressed as to whether this was a wartime measure only, and Mr Finnie suggested that this point be left over until the next meeting when the Committee would have an opportunity of looking further into that matter.

Dutch Holiday.

The District Commissioner reported that the invitation to Scouts of this Association to spend a holiday in Holland during the period 23rd July to 6/7th August had been accepted. He added that 26 applications had been received from local Scouts. The District Commissioner stated that he had written Colonel Paterson with a view to obtaining a grant from the Margaret Street Fund property to get expenditure in connection with this holiday camp, but that so far no reply had been received from Colonel Paterson.

Annual Social.

It was disclosed that there had been a financial loss of £7: 11: 6d. In connection with the Scouters Annual Social and Dance, but the Chairman reported that it had been a social success and hoped that it would become an annual event. The Committee was discharged and appreciation of their hard work expressed.

*Miscellaneous*

\*The District Commissioner submitted a letter from the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Greenock Branch, asking if the Association would be prepared to clean up their collection boxes for Heather day, and to put on new labels on the boxes. The District Commissioner stated that this would require a fair number of boys and he considered that the 5th Troop be approached to undertake this work.

\*The Chairman took the opportunity to express the appreciation of the Greenock Golf Club Committee for the assistance rendered by the Scout Pipers and Scouts in connection with the exhibition golf charity match in aid of St. Dunstan's Hospital.

\*It was reported that the 59th Renfrewshire troop had agreed to provide a team to represent the County at the County's Ambulance Competition. All expenses incurred by the 59th Renfrewshire Troop in connection with this competition would be met by the County.

Football Competition.

\*Mr. D. Thompson stated that the football tournament was progressing well and that the semi-finals would be held next week. The Secretary was asked to write to the Renfrewshire Education Committee requesting the use of the Greenock High School park for Saturday 26th June for the purpose of holding the final tie of the competition.

\*Mr. Thompson further reported that the Scouters versus Scouts football match had been held at Inverkip the previous Tuesday evening, and that the Scouters had won by 7 goals to 2.

Headquarters Conference.

Mr. D. Thompson stated that he had attended the Headquarters Conference held on Sunday last, and that an interesting lecture on trees had been given, and that there had been a display of physical training which Mr. Thompson had considered to be about one of the best displays he had ever seen. It had also been suggested at the conference that there might be more co-operation in future between Scouts and Guides, and Major Bedall stressed that Scouts should take a bigger interest in physical training with a view to National Service. The District Commissioner stated that he had attended the conference on the Saturday, and that the question of uniform had been brought up, and that Greenock’s recommendations were ahead of I.H.Q. as to committee are at present considering the questions on uniform brought up by this district.

*Executive Committee Members*

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Mr. D. Thompson that Mr. Charles White of the 54th Troop be co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee.

MacRobert’s Reply Association.

The District Commissioner stated that the local branch of the MacRobert’s Reply Association had now ceased to exist, and that their headquarters at Belleaire and been offered to the Scottish Association of Boys Clubs.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. Colquhoun reported that in company with Mr. Ewart, he had visited the Protestant Pipe Band and had a discussion with Mr. MacPherson, the Drum Major. Mr. Colquhoun informed the meeting that ~~six~~ three sets of pipes belonged to the boys in this band, but that there were no drums. Mr. MacPherson ~~was r~~ecommended that the Association purchase four side and one bass and one tenor drum, which would cost approximately £150. It was suggested that Mr. Colquhoun should try and get an estimate of second-hand drums and submit them to the Committee. Mr. MacCreadie stated that if the Association were to get in touch with Army Authorities in Paisley, they may help the Association to obtain second-hand equipment. Mr. MacCreadie undertook to see what he could do in this connection and to pass on any information he obtained to Mr. Colquhoun.

Date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 28th June 1948.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 28th June, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. D.Q. Silvester; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. McCreadie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J. Whyte; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. D. Thomson; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. Whyte, recently co-opted to the Executive Committee, and stated that he was sure that Mr. Whyte's services would be very beneficial to the Committee. The Minute of meeting held on 31st May, 1948, was read over and approved.

Insurance.

\*A letter was submitted from Mr. A. Ross Kay stating that the Guardian Assurance Company and the Car and General Insurance Company had the same rates for insurance of trophies and it was decided that the trophies be insured with the Guardian for a sum £200.

\*Mr. Finnie stated that the Novice Trophy had been handed by him to the Convener of the Competitions Committee.

Lets.

The District Commissioner submitted an application by Miss Francis who runs a kindergarten school in Greenock for a let of Headquarters for 36 weeks in the year. In her application, Miss Francis had stated that the present roll of pupils is between 36 and 40, and that she would like to have the use of Headquarters on five days a week from 9 o’clock to 12 o’clock and that heat would be required during the winter months, and also the use of side rooms with the exception of the “Den”, and temporary use only of the kitchen, together with the use of the ground in front of Headquarters. She would also require accommodation for forms and a desk. The District Commissioner stated that Miss Francis had been paying £70 per annum for the use of the Old West Kirk hall, but that she had been unable to obtain the use of this hall for next session. It was agreed that the Finance Committee interview Miss Francis and make arrangements with her to obtain the use of Headquarters, but that no rent could be obtained from her as this was a charitable association. It was thought, however, that perhaps the Finance Committee could make arrangements for Miss Francis to pay for heating and lighting and the services of a Hut Warden. It was also agreed that it be made clear to Miss Francis that this Association could have no responsibility for her desk and equipment.

Dutch Holiday.

The District Commissioner stated that he had received a letter from Holland which briefly stated that he should come to Holland with 20 Scouts and that there was a boat leaving from Hull on the 20th July and returning from Rotterdam on the 3rd August, and that no cooking utensils would require to be brought but that groundsheets would be required. The District Commissioner informed the meeting that, prior to receipt of this letter, he had made arrangements for the holiday. Group passports would be required for boys under 16 and ~~that~~ the ban on boys under 13½ going to the continent had been waived in this instance. Arrangements were being made for the contingent to go via Harwich and the Hook of Holland, and Mr. Morrison was going to book on Wednesday first. Mr. Swan stated that he was communicating with the boys tonight and that a meeting would be held on Wednesday evening when full details would be given to the boys and passport photographs taken. He requested the help of any members of the Committee who could attend the meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and assist in making the final arrangements.

Scouters Social.

The District Commissioner stated that he had received some time ago the sum of £5.1.4½d, being the proceeds of the Scouters’ Social held in January last, and that £1 of this would require to be given to the Wellpark Church for the use of the hall. This sum of money was handed over to the Treasurer.

Everton.

The District Commissioner stated that the 2nd Ryde Sea Scouts were not now going to camp at Everton and that an application had been received from the 13th Belfast Troop for permission to camp from the 5th to the 14th of August, and that there were approximately 14 to 15 in the party, and that four tents would be required. The application ~~was granted and~~ was handed to Mr. Finnie ~~to make the required arrangements~~ for attention.

William Miller Scholarships.

Five applications had been received for the William Miller Scholarship and were being considered by the Trustees. Thereafter, the District Commissioner begged to be excused from the meeting as he had other business to attend to elsewhere.

Treasurers Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer submitted the financial report for the month, disclosing that the balances at credit of the various funds were as follows:-

Capital Account £882.4.10d.

Extension Fund £1007.19.9d.

Pipe Band Account £59.10.8d.

53rd Renfrewshire Suspense Account £6.11.2d.

4th Renfrewshire Suspense Account £13.7.6d.

Gang Show £31.19.7d.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

J. Stoner and Sons. 60 balance sheets £1.15.0d.

Orr, Pollock and Co. (Advertising annual meeting). £0.5.3d.

Guardian Assurance Company Ltd., Premiums £2.16.3d.

Greenock Central Co-operative Society.

(Repairs to fence and supply of locks.) £7.2.0d.

Western SMT Co. ( Hire of bus to Barrhead.) £6.0.0d.

\*The account from Messrs. Fraser Bros. for the transport of camp gear to Everton amounting to £1 was handed to the Secretary in order that he might forward it to County Scout Council as this was a charge against the County.

\*Mr. Ewart drew attention to the fact that the District Commissioner was considerably out of pocket in meeting various miscellaneous expenses of the Association and that the District Commissioner had not rendered these accounts to the Association for payment. He considered that the District Commissioner should not bear these odd expenses, and that it would be impracticable to ask him to submit his account for payment and moved that £10 yearly be placed to the credit of the Commissioners Account to be disbursed by the Commissioner as he thought best. This was unanimously agreed to and the Honorary Treasurer authorised to forward a sum of £10 to the District Commissioner for this purpose to be retrospective to 1st April, 1948.

Inventory of Furniture.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Slater on holiday, no report was available on the preparation of an inventory of furniture in Headquarters and it was agreed that this be left over to the next meeting of the Committee.

Scout Report.

\*It was intimated that the 59th Renfrewshire Troop had represented the County at the National Ambulance Competition and were placed ~~second~~ third last out of seven teams. It was pointed out, however, that the 59th were the youngest team in the competition, the oldest boy being 15½ years. The other entrants had been selected Patrol Leaders out of their Counties.

\*It was noted that the 32nd Renfrewshire Troop had won the Shannon Cup at Everton and that the 16th Troop had won the Football Competition. It was pointed out that the Football Shield was in bad condition as there was a dent in it and the centrepiece was loose. It was agreed that the Shield be handed into the Chairman's office and that he would call on Messrs. McNeills Jewellers and obtain an estimate for its repair. At the same time, he requested that a note be given to him for the purpose of having the 16th Troop’s name engraved on the Shield.

Rovers Report.

It was reported that the 5th Troop were reforming their Pipe Band among the Rovers of their Group and that there were now 21 members in the Crew.

Sea Scout Report. Nil

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch informed the meeting that the Cub Sports had been held on the second Saturday in June and that that the 45th Pack had won the Sports Competition with the 22nd Pack second.

Hut Warden.

It was mentioned that Mr. Slater had offered to interview Mr. Carmichael with regard to the latter taking over the duties of hut warden, but owing to Mr. Slater being on holiday, it was not definitely known whether Mr. Carmichael was agreeable to take on the duties. It was considered that Mr. Carmichael might not be able to attend to the opening of Headquarters every morning before 9 o’clock if Headquarters were let to Miss Francis, but Mr. Morrison stated that he would get into touch with Mr. Carmichael and report to the Chairman before Wednesday next and, in the meantime, the Finance Committee could say to Miss Francis that the Committee were prepared to allow her the use of Headquarters, but that so far a caretaker had not been fixed up.

Everton.

Mr. Lang informed the meeting that he considered that the painting of the inside of the hut at Everton should be left over until the end of the camping season, and that there was very little painting to be done on the outside. It was decided, however, to authorise Mr Lang to purchase one gallon of white paint and one gallon of varnish for the purpose of completing the painting of the Hut at the end of the camping season. It was left to Mr. Morrison's discretion to obtain brushes and the necessary tools for the renovating of the Hut at Everton.

Pipe Band.

\*Mr. Ewart reported that he had visited one of the Pipe Bands in the Highlanders’ Academy and was informed that the band was a bit dissatisfied because they have no drums. He stated that it was Mr. Colquhoun’s idea to have a meeting with a view to equipping the bands with drums. The Chairman suggested that an advertisement be inserted in the Glasgow “Evening Citizen” and the “Greenock Telegraph” for second-hand drums, and this was agreed to. Mr Ewart undertook to see Mr. Colquhoun with a view to having the advertisements inserted in these papers. Mr. Ewart further stated that four side, one bass, 1 tenor and one big drum would be required for the band, but that the Drum Major would make do in the meantime with two side and 1 bass drums. Mr. Morrison intimated that he would get into touch with wholesale firm with regard to estimates and would submit these to Mr. Colquhoun.

\*Mr. McCreadie reported that the other Association Band had no drums and that all the pipes of this band belonged to the boys themselves and none of them to the Association.

Warrants.

\*The applications for warrants by Miss Phyllis Hewer and R.E. McGloin were submitted and approved, and the Secretary instructed to notify Scottish Headquarters that it is proposed to issue warrants in their favour.

\*A letter was submitted from Mr. Joseph Cairns, Scoutmaster of the 11th Renfrewshire Troop, intimating his resignation as Scoutmaster owing to lack of time. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Cairns expressing the Committee's appreciation of his work as a Scoutmaster and that his resignation was accepted with reluctance.

Football Tournament.

\*Mr. Thomson reported on the recent football tournament which had been won by the 16th Renfrewshire Troop, and that packets of cigarettes had been given to Mr. Cameron and Mr. Donachie who had refereed the various games in the tournament, and it was agreed that the Secretary write to these two gentlemen expressing this Committee's appreciation of their services, and to Mr. D. Cupples in handing over the Shield to the winning team.

\*Mr. Morrison stated that enquiries had been made as to why there was no cricket competition and Mr. Thompson stated that this was being kept in mind by the Competitions Committee but that they had decided to defer it until next year owing to the difficulty in obtaining parks and cricket equipment.

Old Boys Guild.

Mr. Ewart informed the meeting that there was a new branch of Scouting for old boys with the object of encouraging old Scouts to assist without taking any serious active part in Scouting. He added that he had approached Mr. A. Nicol to act as first Honorary Secretary of the local Guild and Mr. Nicol had communicated to him his acceptance of this post. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary write to Mr Nicol informing him that this Committee had appointed him Honorary Secretary of the Guild and expressing their appreciation of his offer.

The next meeting of the ~~Association~~ Executive Committee was arranged for Monday 30th August, 1948, at 7.30 p.m.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 30th August, 1948 at 7.30.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. E. McCreadie; Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. J. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. DQ Silvester; Mr. D. Thomson; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence on behalf of Mr Slater was tendered.

*“Going Home”*

\*Mr. Finnie moved “that the Association records with great regret the “Going Home” of Rev. Douglas Troup, on 1st August 1948, and desires to convey to Mrs. Troup and family a sincere expression of sympathy and an assurance that they are in our thoughts, at this time, as we remember the kindly advice and brotherly help so often extended to us by Mr. Troup”, and further that an excerpt of this minute be sent to Mrs. Troup.

\*Mr Finnie also expressed the Association's sympathy of the death of George Scott, 5th Troop as the result of an accident.

*Hon. Secretary*

The Chairman intimated the appointment of Mr. J. Nicol as Honorary Secretary and welcomed him to the Executive Committee.

The Minute of the meeting held on Monday, 26 June 1948 was read and approved.

Hut Warden.

Mr. Brown reported that Mr. Carmichael, the Hut Warden, was not able to carry on his duties and it was agreed that the Treasurer should pay Mr. Carmichael £2 for the four weeks he was employed. It was decided that Mr. Pearson should find a responsible person to look after the Hut, who would have custody of a full set of keys and that, in the meantime, Mr. Pearson would be in charge of the Hut and keys. Mr. Morrison reminded the meeting that the police must be notified as to who kept the keys.

Lets of Headquarters.

The sub-committee reported that Miss Francis would give a donation of £20, that she would pay a charwoman, and that she would contribute towards the cost of gas and electricity.

Scout Report.

Mr Finnie had received no camp reports, which were to be left until next meeting.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon reported that courses for Sea Scouts would be held on an M.T.B. on the 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th September.

Rover Scout Report. Nil.

Furniture and Effects in HQ.

As this had been on the agenda for some time past, it was arranged that Mr. Pearson, assisted by the Chairman, would prepare and submit an inventory of furniture and effects in Headquarters.

Insurance of Trophies.

It was stated that a valuation of trophies had previously been made amounting to £200. The matter of insurance was left to the Chairman.

Repairs to Football Shield.

It was arranged that the Shield should be handed to the Chairman who would see to its repair.

*SHQ Council*

The nomination of Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Badge Secretary as additional delegates to Scottish HQ Council was notified.

*Warrant*

The following application for warrant was submitted and tabled:-

Arthur Robert Gregson Jr., ASM, 5th (W.K.O.) Renfrewshire.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch stated that as the Cubs had been on holiday for two months, there was little to report. There had been one good camp.

Everton.

\*Mr. Finnie stated that in bad weather that water dripped from the roof of the hut onto the bottom boards and that a roan should be fitted. It was arranged that Mr. White approach Messrs. Ross and Fullarton in this connection.

\*It was requested that more officers should visit Everton as their absence showed a lack of interest. The D.C. concurred and stated that an appeal would be made to officers next season. He also promised to mention the matter in the newsletter.

Dutch Camp.

\*The Chairman paid tribute to the DC for his work in connection with the Dutch camp.

\*The DC stated that the journey by train and boats was uneventful and that a good crossing was made. The site for the camp was the same as the one in 1939. A civic reception was given to the party on arrival. Sightseeing trips were made, one by motor coach and another on canal and lakes. Two outings were made to the beaches, and the Scout H.Q. at The Hague were visited. The Scouts saw police dog trails which proved very interesting and two camp fires were held with the Dutch Scouts. The DC concluded by paying tribute to the boys and reported that the camp had been very successful.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer submitted the financial report for the months of July and August showing balances as follows:-

Cash on Hand £3.3.9½.

Balance at Commercial Bank £187.17.2.

Balance at Provident Bank £835.1.11.

The Treasurer was granted permission not to submit a balance sheet at the next meeting.

\*Accounts for Payment. The following accounts were submitted for payment:-

Thomas Black and Sons £1:13: 0.

Fraser Bros. £4: 10: 0.

McAllister and Fyffe £5: 6: 6.

Scout Shop £0: 14: 9.

Co-operative Society £0: 8:1½.

\*Group balance sheets were submitted for 1947/ 48.

Competitions.

The DC reported that, as only one entry had been received for the Pioneering Competition, it had been postponed until next April.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. Colquhoun stated, in connection with the acquisition of instruments, that new pipes were very expensive and that second-hand instruments were not worth purchasing. Mr. Morrison said he could get estimates of our instruments if Mr. Colquhoun could supply the sizes etc. A fuller report would be made next meeting.

Renfrewshire Scout Council.

Mr. Pearson submitted a copy of the minute of the Renfrewshire Scout Council which consisted mainly of appointments.

Old Boys Guild.

The appointment of Mr. A. Nichol as Honorary Secretary was reported.

Swimming.

The District Commissioner stated that the Swimming Gala would be held at Port Glasgow on the 12th November and permission was granted to hold swimming competitions then. It was decided that Port Glasgow Boy Scouts ~~would~~ could not be included in the Greenock trophies competitions.

Rover Sea Scouts.

It was decided that certain recommended alterations to the uniform of the Rover Sea Scouts be forwarded to H.Q.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 27th September, 1948 at 7.30.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday 27th September 1948 at 7.30.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. D.Q. Silvester; Mr. C. McCreadie; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. D. Thomson; Hon. Secretary.

The Minute of the meeting held on Monday, 30th August 1948 was read and approved.

Hut Warden.

Mr. Pearson reported that he had found a suitable man for the job of Hut Warden. His name was D. Morrison and he lived in Nelson Street. Mr. Pearson said he was very reliable and recommended him. After discussion, it was decided to offer Mr. Morrison the job for six months commencing 1st October with payment of 10/- per week in the form of an honorarium payable monthly. The duties would include keeping the grounds surrounding the Hut clean and tidy and do any odd jobs of repair etc necessary. The expenses pertaining to the upkeep of the Hut were brought up and on the instance of Mr. Ewart it was decided to convene a meeting of the Finance Committee.

Scout Report.

The DC submitted a programme of training for the year organised by the County.

Sea Scout Report.

\*Mr. Salmon stated that courses had been carried out on the M.T.B. as arranged, but no results were available so far. A committee had been formed to progress training and a programme had been submitted covering a wide field of Sea Scout activities. In connection with this programme, Mr. Salmon required a blackboard, Morse lamps and other equipment. The meeting authorised him to purchase four Morse lamps. Mr. Salmon also required instructors for this training and he had received some names.

\*It was reported that Renfrew were receiving their own running their own sports at Inchinnan on Saturday, 2nd October.

\*The DC suggested that the M.T.B. should be moved from the Great Harbour to Cardwell Bay during the summer to provide Sea Scout training for all Scouts. He also pointed out the advisability of earmarking all equipment belonging to Greenock and District to distinguish it from that belonging to Scottish Headquarters. He added that the M.T.B. was held only on Admiralty recognition and could only be retained while units were attached to it.

\*The DC intimated that Deep Sea Scouting was to be reorganised by the appointment in each port of a Port Commissioner and a Port Secretary. The DC decided to discuss this matter with Mr. Salmon.

Rover Scout Report. Nil.

Cub Report. Nil.

Furniture and Effects in H.Q.

The Chairman regretted that he had been unable to assist Mr. Pearson in compiling an inventory of furniture and effects in H.Q. Mr. Pearson stated that the inventory would be completed when Mr. Brown was available.

Insurance of Trophies and Repairs to Football Shield.

These items were in the Chairman's hands and were in progress of being carried out.

Everton.

In connection with the repairs to the hut, Mr. Whyte reported that he had approached Messrs. Ross and Fullerton for a roan and stated that 50 feet of piping had been cut and now lay ready for collection. The estimated cost was 6d per foot for the piping and 1d per foot for cutting. It was decided that Mr. Whyte should arrange with Messrs. Ross Fullarton to have it delivered to Robertson St. for removal to Everton when convenient.

Accounts for Payment.

\*The Honorary Treasurer submitted the following account for payment.

Fraser Brothers 7/6.

\*Mr Finnie handed over a donation of 15/- received from 51st Glasgow Boy Scouts for Everton revenue.

Hike Sites Scheme. Nil.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. Morrison emphasised the necessity of taking action at to procure instruments for the band. Mr. McCreadie submitted a catalogue of instruments and Mr. Whyte estimated the cost of equipping one band as around £350. It was decided to remit the matter to the Finance Committee and to notify the decision to the Pipe and Drum Major.

*Insurance*

In connection with the death of George Scott, 5th Troop, the DC reported that he had received from Lloyds Insurance a cheque for £100 which he had passed on to Mr. Scott and had received acknowledgment.

*Collection Boxes*

The DC had also received an appreciation from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for services rendered in connection with the Heather Day and he thanked Mr. Pearson who had undertaken to label the collection boxes.

*Swimming Gala*

The DC submitted the programme for the Port Glasgow Swimming Gala and made an appeal for as large an attendance as possible. This, too, was to be included in the newsletter.

*Scout Rally*

The DC stated that it had been suggested at the Commissioners meeting to hold a rally portraying “40 years of Scouting” to be staged at ~~Barrhead~~ Barshaw Park, Paisley in the Spring of 1949. He asked those present to think about it and give an opinion next meeting.

County Emblems.

Permission was granted, with immediate effect, for County Emblems to be worn only on the right breast pocket.

*Outside Show*

It was suggested to hold an outside show this season instead of a Gang Show, but it was decided to leave this matter over until next meeting.

*Scouters Function*

It was intimated that a Scouters' function would be held in the Lorne on 25th November, to which members would be allowed to bring their wives.

*Thanks*

The Meeting’s thanks was conveyed to Mr. MacElwee for his work on the Certificates of Appointment.

*4th Troop*

The DC submitted a Bank Pass Book in the name of the 4th Troop showing a balance of £5:13:5 which, it was decided, to hold in trust until the 4th Troop had been reformed.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 25th October 1948 at 7.30.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 25th October, 1948, at 7.30.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. D.Q. Sylvester; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. E. McCreadie; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence was made on behalf of Mr. Ewart.

The Minute of the meeting held on Monday 27th September 1948 was read and approved.

Pipe Band Report.

With regard to the purchase of instruments, the Chairman stated that the estimate cost of fitting out two bands at £700 was too expensive but agreed that something should be done. He reported that the Finance Committee had decided to offer a sum up to £300 for instruments to be purchased under the rules of the Finance Committee. A list of equipment to be bought was to be submitted to the Executive for approval and the accounts to be paid by the Treasurer. Mr. Colquhoun reported that the bands had a sufficient number of pipes, but that two side drums, one tenor drum and one bass drum costing, in all, £80 or £90 would be required for each band. He also said that the bands had agreed to the buying of rod tension drums but no decision had been reached as to the type of rod tension drum. Permission was then granted for the expenditure of £150 subject to the proposals coming before the Executive. It was decided to identify the drums by engraving on each “Greenock and District Boy Scouts’ Association”.

Scout Report.

The DC reported that a Scouters meeting had been held on the 24th October in conjunction with Port Glasgow. Training and various other Scout activities had been discussed at the meeting and as the meeting had been very successful, it be had been decided to have another with Port Glasgow as hosts.

Sea Scout Report.

\*Mr. Salmon reported that a week end would be spent on the M.T.B. with Renfrew on the 5th/6th November.

\*The DC had taken a party of 6 Sea Scouts on the Clan Davidson when the ship did her trials and said that the visit had been very much enjoyed and appreciated by the Scouts.

\*Mr. Salmon stated that training in Greenock had been planned for Senior Sea Scouts under Captain Adams and he estimated that about 30 trainees were already available. He added that the M.T.B. was not suitable for training on winter nights that the M.T.B. Committee had decided to move the M.T.B to Cardwell Bay next summer as a trial.

Rover Scout Report.

The DC reported that a fifth crew was now in being and that a Rover Moot would be held in Norway next year at a cost of £30 per head inclusive.

Cup Report.

The first meeting had been held on the 22nd October and was reported as satisfactory.

Accounts for Payment.

\*The following accounts for payment were submitted and approved:-

McAlister and Fyffe £5: 7: 6.

Ross and Fullarton £1: 5: 7.

Local Rates £10: 4: 9.

Corporation £1: 3: 0.

K.A. Baird £1:9:9.

\*An account for water rates was submitted and queried and the Chairman promised to investigate.

Swimming Gala.

The DC submitted samples of medals which he recommended should be presented as Championship Awards to individuals. The cost of each was 7/6 and four medals would be required with necessary engravings. The proposal was agreed to.

Hut Warden.

It was reported that Mr. D. Morrison had taken the job as Hut Warden and was carrying out his duties satisfactorily.

Minute of Finance Committee.

The Chairman stated that finances in general had been discussed with a view to ensuring that the Hut paid its way. It was considered that the present charges for the Hut were too low and that they should be increased to 2/6 for ordinary Scout activities and 10/- for social events.

Repairs to Football Shield.

The necessary repairs had now been carried out on the Football Shield.

Everton.

It was reported that the roans had now been delivered to Everton.

Applications for Warrants.

An application for warrant of

M.R. Gregson Jnr, for 5th (W.K.O.) Renfrewshire

was submitted and approved and the following were held over

Miss J.B. Wright, 73rd Renfrewshire.

V.J. Clark 70th Renfrewshire.

J. McKerrigan 10th Renfrewshire.

The DC stated that a Temperance Rally would be held in the Town Hall in November and he had been asked to send a party of Scouts and to be represented on the platform. After discussion, the matter was left in the hands of the DC.

*Dance Committee*

Mr. Finnie consented to form a Dance Committee and provisionally arrange for a Scout Dance to take place on a Friday towards the end of January.

*Future Items*

The following items on the agenda were held over to the next meeting.

Furniture and Effects in HQ.

Insurance of Trophies.

“40 Years of Scouting”.

Open Air Show in place of Gang Show.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 29th November 1948 at 7.30.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday 29th November, 1948.**

Present

Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. E.W Salmon; Mr. C. McCreadie; Mr. D.Q. Sylvester; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. D. Thomson; Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence on behalf of Mr. Brown and Mr. Ewart were tendered.

In the absence of Mr. Brown, Mr. Colquhoun acted Chairman.

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th October was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon reported that a week-end had been spent on the M.T.B. but that Renfrew had been unable to take part.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. Colquhoun stated that, with regard to the purchase of drums, two firms were involved, that of Henderson and that of Laurie. It had been arranged that Mr. MacPherson should visit Laurie’s to view the drums and, if satisfactory, Mr. Colquhoun would also visit and approve. The Drum Major of the other band and Mr. Colquhoun would do likewise with those drums at Henderson's. In regard to the engraving of the drums, Mr. Colquhoun said that the manufacturers had advised against it as it would spoil the finish and may affect the drum, so it was agreed that the inscription should be painted instead, the bass drum being painted in large letters and the tenor and side drums in small letters.

Furniture and Effects in H.Q.

Mr. Pearson had now completed the inventory and was awaiting valuation.

Financial Report.

\*The Hon. Treasurer submitted the following balances:-

In Bank. £1047.15: 5.

In hand £7: 9: 7.

Defence Bonds £500:0:0.

\*Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts for payment were submitted and approved:-

Gas and Electricity £4: 2: 2.

Fraser Bros. £1: 0: 0.

McAllister and Fyffe £5: 5: 0.

Also approved were payments of £5 as annual contribution for loan of M.T.B, £5 for 1947 Patrol Leaders Jamboree payable to the County, and £4 to the Hut Warden as previously agreed.

\*Mr. Sylvester intimated his intention to resign from the office of Honorary Treasurer at the end of December owing to increasing pressure of business. He stated that he was extremely sorry to do so, but that he had no alternative under the circumstances and that he would continue to associate himself with the Movement.

Cup Report.

Miss Tulloch reported that training had commenced and that it had been arranged to hold a dance at a cost of 2/- per head. She stated that toys were now being collected for the annual toy parade.

Scout Dance.

Mr. Finnie reported that the Town Hall was booked every Friday for January and that it was not advisable to take the Saloon on a Friday, so he had arranged for the booking on Wednesday, 26th January in the Saloon. The booking fee of £1 was authorised. It was decided to charge 3/6 per ticket and those eligible to attend were Scouters, Lay Members, Rover Scouts, and Senior Scouts, 17 and over and their partners. It was agreed that males should attend in uniform and that females need not.

Scout Report.

Visits to troops had been carried out by Messrs. Pearson, Lyle and Ewart.

It was reported that Scouters and their wives had had an enjoyable and interesting evening at Mr. Swan's invitation to the function held in the Lorne on the 25th November.

“40 Years of Scouting”.

In connection with this County rally, a committee had now been formed on which Mr. Pearson and Mr. MacElwee were to represent Greenock.

International Fund.

It was intimated that the Day of Work would be held on 18th December and it was stressed that the aim was that each Scout should earn 1/- only.

Jamboree Fund.

The DC reported that at the Commissioners meeting, it had been ~~decided~~ recommended to dispose of a balance of £31: 10 /- in the Jamboree Fund by paying to each boy £1 of the £3: 5/- per head allocated and the remainder going back to the Day of Work Fund. The meeting approved.

*Resignation*

It was intimated that Mr. Slater had resigned and that his resignation made a vacancy on the County Executive as well as on the District Executive. It was agreed to elect Mr. Brown to the County Executive and Mr. A. C. Nichol of the B.P. Guild of Old Scouts to the District Executive.

*Hut*

The DC stated that Christmas parties could be held in the Hut to take advantage of the Catering Licence attached to it.

Lets.

Mr. Finnie agreed to allocate the lets during December and January.

*Training Course*

The DC intimated that a one-day course would be held on Sunday 12 December at Renfrew.

Clothing Coupons.

Permission was granted to the DC for disposal of a small quantity of coupons. It was agreed not to apply for a further supply.

Competitions Committee.

The committee had held a meeting and had decided to resign. The resignation was accepted and the DC paid tribute to the valuable work the committee had done in the past and stated that the old committee had agreed to hand over office to the new one. The Secretary was instructed to express the meetings thanks in writing to Mr. H. Bolton. It was decided that Mr. Harvey should take entries for the first competition.

Woodsmoke.

The disposal of surplus copies of Woodsmoke was discussed and it was decided to sell each copy at a price of one penny. This would be included in the newsletter.

Applications for Warrants.

The following application for warrant was submitted and tabled:

Charles Whyte 11th Renfrewshire,

and the following were held over:

Jean Barclay 73rd Renfrewshire

V.J. Clark 70th Renfrewshire.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive was arranged for 20th December 1948.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Colquoun, the Acting Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock & District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 20th December 1948 at 7.30.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. E. McCreadie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

The Minute of the meeting held on Monday 29th November was read and approved.

Furniture and Effects in Headquarters.

The list of furniture and effects in H.Q. was submitted by Mr. Pearson and the Chairman expressed the Meeting’s thanks to him for his work in this connection. It was agreed that the DC and the Chairman should estimate upon the values. In connection with the insurance, the Chairman stated that as the Guardian Insurance Company had the insurances of the Hut and Everton, they should also be given this item. This was agreed to.

“40 years of Scouting.”

Mr. Pearson reported that at the meeting of the Committee which had been formed, the suggested date for the Rally was 22nd May. The Chief Scout had been asked to attend but was not free to do so. The rally would take the form of, firstly, a pageant and, secondly, sideshows. The script for the pageant was to be written by Mr. McQuirter, and Paisley Group Committees would organise the side shows. Each District was to decide what it wished to do and it was suggested that Greenock’s part should include a gym team. The Sea Scouts would do a show on the Loch. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Scout Masters to decide on these arrangements and to submit its recommendations to the Executive. The meeting would also discuss the open-air show and the Competitions Committee.

Lay Members.

Mr. Ewart proposed the appointment as a Lay Member of

Mr. David Hendry, 47 Royal St, ~~Greenock~~ Gourock.

The appointment was approved and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Hendry to this effect.

Cub Report.

The DC stated that a training class had been held, and, in connection with the toy parade, that at least 400 toys had been collected. The toys would be ~~collected~~ delivered on Christmas Eve after which a party would be held in the Hut. A proportion of the toys were in need of extensive repair and the DC stated that a class would be formed to repair these throughout the year to have them ready for next Christmas.

Day of Work.

The DC reported that this was well under way.

Appointment of Honorary Treasurer.

It was agreed to leave this matter in the hands of Mr. Ewart.

Typing and Duplicating

The DC stated that Mrs. Robertson had resigned but that he had found someone who would undertake the typing and duplicating and whose name would be reported. The Secretary was instructed to express the Association's thanks to Mrs. Robertson.

Application for Warrant.

The following application for warrant was submitted and approved:-

Janet Rennie McNeil, ACM, 86th Renfrewshire.

Town and Country Planning.

The Chairman stated that it would not be necessary to claim in respect of the Hut and Everton.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday 24th January.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock & District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 24th January, 1949.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. MacElwee; Mr. A. Nichol; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. S. Colquhoun; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Colin Finnie; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Secretary.

*Apologies*

Apologies for absence on behalf of Mr. MaCready and Mr. Ewart were tendered.

Toy Parade.

The DC reported that the toys which had been collected were delivered on Christmas Eve and that he had since received several letters of appreciation. After the distribution, supper was had in the Hut.

*Typing and Duplicating*

The DC intimated that Miss Margaret McLean had now taken over the typing and duplicating in place of Mrs. Robertson and was carrying out her duties very satisfactorily.

Pipe Band Report.

\*Mr. Colquhoun reported that all the necessary equipment had now been bought. One band had been fitted out with John Gray drums and the other with Premier drums. As regards identification, he stated that engraved plates fixed to the drums were not satisfactory and it was decided to paint the names in a floral design. The question of the custody of the drums was discussed and it was decided to allow the boys to keep them at home. The parents of such boys were to be asked to contact the Chairman who would draw up a form of indemnity for them to sign in respect of the drums.

\*Mr. Pearson stated that a drum and a stick but stored in the loft and it was agreed that Mr. MacPherson should examine them and report their condition.

Applications for Warrants.

\*The DC intimated that Carol Healy, ASM, 73rd Renfrewshire was transferring to 11th Renfrewshire. Also that Miss Paterson and Miss Kanes of the 8th Renfrewshire Pack had intimated their intentions to resign.

\*The following applications were submitted and approved:-

Moira June MacKenzie, CM, 6th Renfrewshire

Jordan Elizabeth McLean, ACM 6th Renfrewshire.

and the following application was tabled:-

Arthur J.B. Ferguson, ASM, 39th Renfrewshire.

Day of Work.

The DC reported that a sum of £25: 16: 6 had been banked for the International Fund and a further £1: 3: 6 had been received making a total of £27 which he considered satisfactory.

Everton.

\*The purchase of timber to repair floorboards was authorised. Mr. Whyte reported that extra piping for roans had been ordered.

\*The Secretary was instructed to apply for a Sanitary Permit for the camping season.

\*Mr. Whyte proposed that stress should be laid on the fact that Everton was out of bounds during the off camping season and he stated that he had observed the rule being broken. He stated that such trespassing was a nuisance to gamekeepers and a danger to the boys concerned. It was agreed to draw attention to this rule at the end of each camping season. \*The DC submitted a request from Ian B. Rodger for the accommodation at Everton of 56 Scouters consisting of seven patrols for the week end 20th- 23rd May, but, after discussion, it was decided that this number was too great and would mean denying the local Scouters the use of the ground for that week end.

Hut.

An application from Finnart First Aid Post Table Tennis Club for the use of the Hut for one night per week was submitted and rejected.

Scout Dance.

Mr Finnie reported that 120 tickets had been sold and the meeting authorised the Treasurer to meet any deficit.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for 28th February 1949.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock & District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson St., Greenock on Monday, 28th February 1949.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. A. Nichol; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. MacElwee; Hon. Secretary.

The Minute of meeting held on 24th January was read and approved.

Scout Dance.

Mr. Finnie reported that the dance which was held on 26th January was very successful and that a deficit of £1: 10/- remained to be paid. The meeting thanked the Dance Committee for their work in this connection.

Scout Report.

The DC reported on the meeting of the Scout masters.

\*Competitions.

It was recommended that the same competitions be held this year with the addition of a Football League. Several volunteers had come forward to take charge of the various items. The meeting approved.

\*Coupons:

It was agreed to issue clothing coupons to groups as at last census with certain modifications due to change in number.

International Fund.

A total of £28: 1/- had been collected, which the DC stated compared favourably with other districts.

*Camping Visits*

The DC stressed the need for officers to visit Everton during the camping season.

Empire Youth Sunday.

The DC stated that previous attendances had been disappointing. The meeting was not enthusiastic about this as too many church parades interfered with camping arrangements, so it was agreed after discussion that the DC should consult the Boys Brigade before taking definite action.

M.T.B.

The DC stated that the M.T.B. Committee had arranged to slip the M.T.B. either at Lamonts or at Renfrew for cleaning, painting and necessary repairs. The boat would return to the Great Harbour to a different mooring. The Committee had decided not to moor the boat at Cardwell Bay or in any open water.

*Intimation*

The DC made a final intimation for the application of the Long Service Decoration.

Cub Conference.

He reported that a Cub Conference would be held in Glasgow on the 12th and 13th March at a cost of 21/- per head. Permission was given to make a grant from the Training Allocation of the Three-Year Plan Fund to enable one Cub Master from each Pack to attend.

Newsletter.

The DC stressed the necessity of all Assistant Scout Masters reading the newsletters.

*Pre-Warrant Training Course*

He intimated that the Scouters’ Pre-Warrant Training Course would be held at Neilston on the 12th March.

*Camping*

In connection with camping, he stated that reports had been received that persons camping not in uniform frequently left dirty sites and requested that all Scouters should be clearly distinguished as such when camping.

*Newsletters*

He intimated that David Graham of the Greenock Telegraph had agreed to publish certain extracts from the newsletters of a non-advertising nature.

*County Flag*

He stated that the 23rd and ~~25~~~~th~~5th Troops had entered for the County Flag Competition.

*Outside Shows*

The DC emphasised that the Association should restart outside shows and the meeting agreed.

Sea Scout Report.

The DC intimated that he would temporarily suspend the operations of the 75th Troop.

Financial Report.

Mr. Ewart stated that he had not got yet found anyone to fill the post of Treasurer and the meeting authorised the Chairman to make an appointment before the next meeting.

Furniture and Effects in H.Q.

The inventory was now to hand and it was agreed to fix the value at £250.

Everton.

It was decided to open Everton from the week end 8th - 11th April.

Swimming Club.

The DC intimated that the Swimming Club would restart on the 1st April and that a joint gala would be held on the second Friday in November. It was suggested that Greenock hold its trophies on another evening.

*Notice of Deceased*

The DC reported with regret the death of Cub Master Miss Ann Sinclair, 7th Pack, early in the year. He stated that he had written to her parents and had received a reply.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for 28th March 1949 at 7.30.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock & District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday, 28th March 1949.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. A. Nichol; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. J. MacElwee; Miss Jean Tulloch (DCM); Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman intimated the appointment of Mr. J. Drummond as Honorary Treasurer and welcomed him to the Movement.

Empire Youth Sunday:

The DC stated that he had been in consultation with the Boys Brigade in this connection and that they had expressed feelings similar to those of the meeting. It was then arranged that a representative of the of the ~~Boys Brigade~~ Youth Panel should be invited to attend a Scouters meeting on Monday 4th April.

Furniture and Effects in H.Q.

The Chairman reported that they had now been insured for £250 and, with the sum insured for the Hut of £600, the total insured was £850.

Scout Report.

The DC stated that Mr. Denny Henderson, S.H.Q. Field Commissioner, had visited 4 troops during the three days 23rd, 24th and 25th March, and that he would again visit the District on the 2nd May when he wished to meet Cubmasters and Scoutmasters.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon reported that the M.T.B. had not yet been slipped.

Financial Report.

\*The DC and the Chairman submitted a statement of their intramissions since January showing a total of accounts paid as £26.2.10 and the meeting approved.

\*Mr. Drummond submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Electricity Board £2. 17.10.

County for M.T.B. £5

Messrs. Henderson Ltd. £77.6.6.

Messrs. Lawrie Ltd. £116.19.0

These were approved.

\*The meeting also authorised payments due to Hut Warden of £3, and Miss McLean of £3. In connection with the expenses incurred in sending Cubmasters to the Cub Conference, a sum of £15: 15/- had been advanced by the DC. Miss Tulloch corroborated this and the meeting authorised the Treasurer to refund this amount to the DC.

\*With regard to the appointment of Honorary Treasurer, the meeting authorised the deletion of Mr. Sylvester 's name from the Association's banking accounts and the substitution of Mr. Drummond’s. The Secretary was instructed to ratify the Association’s bankers accordingly.

\*The Treasurer was instructed to close the Pipe Band Account and transfer the balance of £61.4.7 to the current account at the Commercial Bank, West Station. Also to transfer to the same account, the sum of £250 from the Extension Fund Current Account in order to meet cheques issued to Messrs. Lawrie Ltd. and Messrs. Henderson Ltd. for drums and to provide for current expenditure.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch, reporting on the competition for the Art Trophies, stated that all entries were of a very high standard and difficult to judge, but awards were made as follows:

1st for Models. William Bain, 70th Renfrewshire.

1st for Drawing, Thomas Shields, 16th Renfrewshire.

Pipe Band Report.

It was requested that additional school accommodation be obtained for practices on one night per week, a Tuesday or a Thursday, and the Secretary was instructed to apply accordingly.

*School Lets*

The DC submitted 2 letters from the County of Renfrew Education Committee in connection with the Grant Equivalent Value of School Accommodation used by Greenock District and the Secretary was also instructed to express thanks to the Education Committee.

Reunion.

It was reported that 20 Scouters from Greenock would attend the Scouters Reunion to be held at Renfrew on Saturday, 2nd April.

St. Georges Day Parade.

The DC reported that I.H.Q. had recommended that the St. George’s Day Parade take place on 24th April and the meeting granted authority for arrangements to be made. Mr. MacElwee and Miss Tulloch were requested to arrange the Church.

*Dance*

It was intimated that a dance was to be run by Inverkip for the Greenock District on Friday, 8th April.

It was arranged to hold the Annual General Meeting at H.Q. on Wednesday, 11th May, and the next meeting of the Executive on 25th April.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 25th April 1949.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. C. McCready; Mr. A. Nichol; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. E. Salmon; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. D. Thomson; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

*Empire Youth Movement*

Mr. MacKinlay from the Youth Panel was introduced and he outlined the origin and aims of the Empire Youth Movement. He said that much more progress had been made in the Empire than at home and in regard to Empire Youth Sunday, he said that response had not always been wholehearted because of too many other parades and that such a parade would not be truly representative of youth organisations unless both Scouts and Boys Brigade were adequately represented.

The DC replied that, in fairness to the boys, something should be done to inspire them and suggested leaving the matter over for a year so that the necessary preparations could be made. Mr. MacKinlay agreed that little propaganda had been issued in this connection and stated that he would put forward the feeling of the meeting to his Panel.

The Chairman thanked Mr. MacKinlay for attending the meeting and giving his report.

The Minute of meeting held on 28th March 1949 was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon stated that a programme for the Sea Scouts had been arranged for the Scout Rally.

Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to invite a representative of the Greenock Telegraph to the Annual General Meeting in addition to all members and office bearers.

County Ambulance Competition.

It was decided to enter the 59th for this competition.

*Invitation*

It was suggested and agreed to invite Port Glasgow to attend the meeting with Mr. D. Henderson.

Hut.

A letter from Miss Francis was submitted in which she stated that the cost of cleaning and cleaning materials would amount to £25, leaving £45 to cover heating and lighting used by her. This was approved. It was agreed also to let her have the use of the Hut for next winter on the same terms. She further stated that the roof above the cloakroom required repairing and it was decided to have the necessary repairs carried out.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nichol intimated that the Guild had so far had little response from Old Scouts and he stated that a meeting would be held at H.Q. on Monday 9th May with the object of inspiring some enthusiasm. The expense of advertising the meeting in the Telegraph was authorised.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that Everton was in a particularly bad state owing to the rain, and after discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Camp Committee that the ground be closed for the month of May to allow it to recover.

**Minute of Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Wednesday, 11th May 1949.**

The Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 1948 was read over and approved on the motion of Mr. D. Thomson, seconded by Mr. J.A. Campbell.

The District Commissioners Report.

\*Census.

Cubs Scouts Scouters Total

514 533 94 1141

This represented a total increase for the year of 10.

\*Cubs.

The number of Cubs in the District, compared with the previous year, was very encouraging.

\*Scouts.

The DC stated that there were far too few 1st Class Scouts and that the aim should be that all Scouts obtain their 1st Class badges. In regard to the various competitions, he said that thanks was due to Mr. Bolton and others for their organising and that it was hoped to hold the Victory Trophy next year. He said that the 59th Group had entered for the Ambulance Competition and, in spite of handicaps, had been placed third, which was a very creditable performance.

\*Sea Scouts.

The record of the Sea Scouts for last year was not encouraging. The M.T.B. did not come up to expectation in spite of the tremendous amount of work spent in her by the boys. Much thanks was due to Mr. Salmon in this respect. One cause of the failure to utilise the boat was its inaccessibility in the Great Harbour and it was not sufficiently seaworthy to be moored in an open anchorage.

A visit to the Clan Davidson by six Scouts was a great success. He intimated that Deep Sea Scouting had now been re-organised.

\*Rovers.

Their record for the year had been very good.

\*Sea Rovers.

The Sea Rovers had been a valuable asset to the Association and had done much good work.

\*Commissioners.

The DC thanked the three Commissioners Mr. Finnie, Mr. Ewart and Mr. Pearson and intimated the appointment of Miss Tulloch as ADC for Cubs.

\*Lay Members.

He thanked Mr. Ewart for the work he had done with regard to Lay Members and appealed for new ones.

\*Everton.

This subject had produced many problems but helpers were never lacking when repairs had to be done. It was hoped in future to have many new camping sites but owing to the present state of the ground, a long term policy may have to be adopted. He thanked Mr. Morrison and Mr. Lang for their valuable services in this respect and reported that, in all, 577 camping nights had been spent last year.

\*Swimming.

He intimated that facilities at Port Glasgow Baths were available to the Association for two hours, one night per week and that thanks was due to the staff of the Baths for their assistance. The Secretary was instructed to thank the Staff of the Baths on behalf of the Association.

\*Parades.

The following parades had been held:

St. George’s Day Parade.

Temperance Rally.

Cub Toy Parade.

\*Badges.

The following badges had been issued:

Cubs 313. Scouts 386. Total 699.

\*Training.

Good progress had been made with training and events worthy of mention were, the Cub Council, a Pre-Warrant Training Course, a week end Training Course for Cub Masters, and the visit of Mr. D. Henderson, Field Commissioner. It was hoped in future to hold a Cadet Training Course organised by Mr. Ewart.

\*Appeals.

The District's response to the International Fund Appeal was the highest in the County and a sum of £28: 1/- was collected. The I.H.Q. Bob-a-Job figure was £41: 13/-and both were very commendable.

\*Social Events.

A dance had been held in the Town Hall Saloon and a Scouters Social in the Lorne, and both had been very successful.

\*Pipe Bands.

A great deal of work and time had been spent with the Pipe Bands but the results would be slow to materialise and much patience was required.

\*William Millar Scholarships.

Five scholarships were granted last year.

\*Events.

The following events had been held:

H.Q. Conference at Loch Lomond.

Cub Masters National Conference at Glasgow. 15 representatives from the District attended the conference.

The County Reunion at Renfrew. The County Reunion would be held next year in Greenock.

\*Football.

A match between the Scouters and the Scouts had been arranged.

\*Dutch Camp.

This camp had been very successful and was of great benefit to the boys.

\*The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

This Society had thanked the District for the very good work done in connection with the collection boxes.

\*Kindred Organisations.

Our relations with the kindred organisations continue to be good.

\*BP Guild of Old Scouts.

The initial efforts on behalf of the Old Scouts had not been very successful but much work was being done by Mr. A.C. Nichol. A meeting was held on the 9th May 1949 and it was hoped to have 100 members before the next report.

The DC concluded by saying that the staffing position showed encouraging signs and thanked all Scouters, members, lay members and administrators for their efforts during the year.

Financial Report.

Copies of the financial report were distributed among those present and it was reported that the Funds of the Association were in a healthy state.

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Adoption of Reports.

The reports of the District Commissioner and the Honorary Treasurer were adopted on the motion of Mr. G. Thomson, seconded by Mr. J.A. Campbell.

Office Bearers for 1949/50.

The following officials, delegates and lay members were unanimously elected.

President Colonel D. Paterson D.S.O.

Vice Presidents The Provost.

D. Crawford Black.

Rev. J.M. Hamilton.

D.C. Webster.

Dr. Brownlie.

Dr. Milne.

Chief Constable.

Chairman. Ian Brown.

Honorary Secretary J.T. Nicol.

Honorary Treasurer J. Drummond.

Honorary Badge Secretary J. Lang

Camp Skipper J Lang

District Scout Master J.M. MacElwee

District Cub Master Miss Nessie Moggie

Honorary Legal Adviser Colonel D. Paterson DSO

Honorary Auditors Messrs. J.M. Kerr and Lindsay C.A.

Representatives to

County Scout Council. J.T. Nicol, J. Drummond, J. Lang.

Representatives to

S.H.Q. Council. Miss A. Connie, C. Whyte, J.T. Nicol, J. Drummond.

Lay Members. H. Slater, Mrs Ewart, Mrs Whyte, C. McCready, D. MacAlindon, J.D. Henderson, Mrs. J.D. Henderson, W. Goldie, D.D. McKechnie, S. Colquhoun, H.R. Bolton, Ian Brown, W.D.C. McIvor, Miss A.C. Campbell, W. Stratton, Mrs J.M. MacElwee, J. Allan, J. Hall, J Fraser, D.Q. Sylvester, J. Love, H. Ferguson, Mrs Canning, E.T. Muir, D. Scott, A.C. Nichol, J.T. Nicol, J. Drummond.

Executive Committee.

Scouters: R. Morrison, J.A. Campbell, C. Whyte, E Salmon.

Lay Members: J. Allan, C. McCready, S. Colquhoun, A.C. Nichol.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Association to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. J.M. Kerr and Lindsay.

The Chairman thanked the DC on behalf of the Association for the tremendous amount of work done and time spent by him during the year.

The DC thanked the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the numerous workers and organisers who had helped the Association last year.

Mr. Finnie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair and, thereafter, tea was served.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson St., Greenock, on Monday, 30th May, 1949.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. A.C. Nichol; Mr. J.A. Campbell; Mr. G. Allan; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. McCreadie; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

*Apology*

An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. Ewart was tendered.

*Welcome*

The Chairman welcomed the new Committee members.

Hut.

It was reported that the necessary repairs to the roof above the cloakroom had now been satisfactorily carried out at an estimated expenditure of £12.

Everton.

Mr. Lang reported that Everton had been closed for the month of May and that the ground was now in a better condition. Mr. Finnie stated that the outside of the Hut and latrine required painting and proposed that this be done in the autumn. This was approved and the purchase of five gallons of green paint was authorised.

Scout Report.

Mr. Campbell reported that a Cadets course was now under way. It was a six weeks course and was being attended by 16 Scouts. The second meeting had been held and, so far, it had proved very beneficial and successful. The DC suggested that the programme of training be submitted and also a report from each examiner and a report on each boy. The Chairman added that it was desirable that the Executive should keep in close contact with these boys.

Sea Scout Report.

\*Mr. Salmon reported on the unsatisfactory state of affairs concerning the M.T.B. and stated that it was doubtful if it could continue. The DC confirmed and added that there was not sufficient local interest. It was then agreed to convey these views to the M.T.B. Committee through our representatives.

\*The DC stated that he had been approached by a gentleman who wished to purchase the two lifeboats which had been given to the Association by the British Tanker Company. In view few of the fact that the M.T.B. may have to be returned, the possibility of fitting an engine to one of these boats was discussed and, before any action would be taken, it was decided to refer the matter to the Chairman, DC, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Salmon, who would decide on the necessary steps to be taken and report to the Executive.

Financial Report.

\*The Chairman thanked Mr. Drummond and Mr. Finnie for their good work in preparing the statement of accounts for the end of the year.

\*The Honorary Treasurer submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Storer £1: 15 /-

I.H.Q. £2: 10 /-

Rent £3: 0: 0.

Rates £1: 9 /-.

Electricity £2: 5: 2.

P.B. Wright 4/6.

\*The Secretary was instructed to advise troops of sums due in respect of registration and insurance.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nichol reported that a successful meeting had been held on the 9th May and that a committee of nine members had been formed. Another meeting would be held on 6th June to discuss social activities for next season.

Cub Report.

\*The DC stated that he had attended the dedication of the flag of the 70th Pack and had been very much impressed by the ceremony and the service. He said that great credit was due to the Group.

\*The Cub Council meeting and camp was visited by Mr. Finnie who reported satisfactory.

\*It was intimated that a Cub Picnic would be held at Inverkip on Saturday 4th June.

\*Miss Tulloch reported that there had been a big entry for the Challenge Flag and that competition had been very keen. She also reported that Mrs. Dodds, SHQ Commissioner, had visited the District.

Pipe Band Report.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. McPherson to arrange a suitable night for drumming practice. Mr. McCready reported that piping practices were progressing satisfactorily and that the equipment was proving first class.

Fire Shield Competition.

Mr. Allan reported that the 7th Troop had won this competition and said that their hose work had been particularly good. Five teams had taken part and only seconds had separated the finishing times.

Swimming.

The DC asked for an entry of as many teams as possible for the Victory Trophy.

Accommodation in Schools.

It was reported that the usual applications had been made for school accommodation.

William Millar Scholarships.

The DC intimated that all applications for these scholarships should be in by 15th June.

National Bob-a-Job.

It was reported that the District had collected a total of £43: 7: 10.

National Ambulance Competition.

The District would be represented by the 59th Troop in this competition to be held in Edinburgh on 11th June.

Scout Rally.

Mr. Pearson reported that 7,000 programmes for the rally had been received and were to be sold at 6d per copy on a basis of five per boy, but it was decided that the District could not cope with such a number. It was then agreed that a small number only should be issued for sale at one to each Scout.

Much discussion took place on the method of transport and it was finally agreed that spectators should find their own way to the ground and that Mr. MacElwee would arrange special buses for those taking part.

Everton.

It was stressed that all troops camping at Everton should provide their own first aid kits.

*Resignation*

The resignation of Miss F. Whyte as Cubmaster of 11th Renfrewshire was intimated and an appreciation of her services was placed on record.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 20th June. As Mr. Brown would be unable to attend this meeting, it was decided to ask Mr. Webster to be Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 20th June, 1949.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. A.C. Nichol; Mr. J.A. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. Ian Pearson; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

In the absence of Mr. Brown, Mr. A.C. Nichol acted Chairman.

The Minute of meeting held on 30th May was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

The question of the M.T.B. was again discussed and it was agreed to recommend to the appropriate Committee that Renfrewshire should withdraw from participation in the M.T.B. In this respect, authority was granted to the DC to make any necessary recommendations he thought fit at County meetings.

Rover Report.

It was intimated that the 45th Renfrewshire had formed a Rover Crew.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch reported that 147 Cubs had attended the picnic which had been a great success and was enjoyed by all. The 22nd Pack had won the Sports Trophy and much thanks was due to Mrs. Muir for providing the field and supplying the milk.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nichol reported that the programme for next season had now been drawn up and would be submitted at the General Meeting on 19th September. This would include an opening social, a Burns night and a quiz. He added that the membership was increasing slowly but surely.

Financial Report.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Guardian Insurance for Fire £3: 3: 0

Guardian Insurance for Fire £3: 3: 9.

Peter Henderson Ltd. £7: 4: 0.

SMT Hire of Bus for Rally £5: 0: 0.

McNeil, Engraving Shield £1: 5: 0.

SHQ £0: 15: 5.

\*In regard of the account of Peter Henderson, the Treasurer was instructed to obtain confirmation from Mr. Colquhoun before paying.

\*It was intimated that a scheme for subscriptions from the parents of boys had been formed and would be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive.

\*The Treasurer was authorised to the sum of £2:0: 6d being the proceeds of the sale of programmes for the Paisley Rally.

\*Authority was granted to the Chairman and Treasurer to pay accounts during the summer season and submit them at the next meeting of the Executive.

Scout Rally.

It was reported that the rally was held in glorious weather and items worthy of mention were the Pageant and Sea Scout Show. It was thought, however, that the Rally was too big for Paisley alone to handle and was disappointing from the parents’ point of view.

National Ambulance Competition.

The 59th Renfrewshire represented the County in this competition and was awarded third place out of seven teams, Edinburgh being first. This was unanimously considered a very creditable performance.

*Letter*

A letter of thanks from Mr. D. Thomson was read in connection with his present from the District on the occasion of his wedding.

Everton.

A report from the Scouters meeting on additional locker accommodation at Everton was discussed but the drawback to this was the shortage of wood. The Secretary was then instructed to obtain a report from the Camp Warden at the end of the season of lockers which are not being used regularly and the possibility of fitting new ones.

*Permission*

Permission was granted to the DC’s troop to use two sets of pipes during their summer camp in Ireland.

The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 26th September.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday, 26th September 1949.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J.A. Campbell; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. G. Allan; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting, but, owing to another engagement, had to leave later when Mr. A.C. Nicol took the Chair.

*Protected Scout Badges*

The DC began his report by intimating that protected Scout badges would not be issued direct from the Scout Shop but through the Badge Secretary only.

Jamboree Refund.

With reference to the Jamboree refund to boys who attended the Jamboree, the DC stated that the original plan had not yet been carried out and it was decided to implement the agreement by refunding £1 to each boy as soon as possible.

*School lets*

He intimated that the usual school accommodation had again been granted.

Fire Badge.

He stated that the Firemaster had agreed to take a class on fire-fighting and it was decided to approach Mr. Canning to organise this.

County Reunion.

The DC intimated that the County Reunion would be held at Barrhead on 12th November and that it was hoped to hold it in Greenock next year.

Everton.

The DC stated that he had visited Everton to view the prospect of fitting additional lockers and that at one place it was possible by removing two lockers to fit five new ones at an approximate cost of £12. The meeting approved.

Pipe Band.

The DC reported that he had been present at the Pipe Band practice at Holmscroft Street and was very much impressed by the standard and enthusiasm of the boys. He paid tribute also to the many helpers who had been present.

The Minute of meeting held on 20th June was then read and approved.

Sea Scouts Report.

As Renfrewshire was proposing to abandon its support of the M.T.B., the Sea Scouts were concentrating on their two lifeboats. One of these lifeboats had now been disposed of and work had started on the other. They also hoped to acquire another dinghy.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. A.C. Nicol reported that two meetings had been held this session and submitted the following programme for the winter:

Opening Social - 6th October.

Cine Show - 14th November.

Burns Night - 16th January.

Quiz Night - 13th March.

The membership now stood at 46 and he hoped to have 100 members at the end of the present session.

Applications for Warrants.

The following application was submitted and tabled:

George P. Stronach, SM, 6th Renfrewshire

and the following warrant was returned for cancellation:

Arthur R. Gregson, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

The DC intimated that Miss Moira McKenzie, ACM, 6th Renfrewshire had resigned and her place would be taken by Miss McLean. He paid tribute to the good work Miss McKenzie had done for the Association.

Hut.

\*A letter was submitted from Miss Francis who wished to know if the Hut conformed with Police Fire Regulations and if the fire extinguishers were in working order. The meeting thought that the Hut was safe as regards Scouting activities but was unable to define the Association's liability to Miss Francis in this respect, and it was agreed to refer the matter to Mr. Brown for his guidance. It was decided to have the fire extinguishers overhauled.

\*An application from Mr. MacElwee for the use of the Hut for Pipe Band practices on Thursday evenings was approved.

Financial Reports.

The Honorary Treasurer submitted the following accounts which had been paid during the summer.

Postages- Lay members £0.10/-.

Typing, etc. £3.0.0.

SMT for buses (rally) £14.0.0.

Storer - receipt book £2.12.0.

Hut Warden (June, July and August) £7.0.0.

S.H.Q. £0.4.3.

Scout Shop £0.4.6.

T. Black and Sons £1.14.0.

Gourock Ropework Co. £3.8.6.

J. Mitchell and Son. £0.4.5.

The meeting approved.

Lay Members.

The following were proposed as lay members and approved:

J. Mitchell, 13 Moorfield Road, Gourock.

Mrs. R. L. Alpine, 3 Victoria Road, Gourock.

J. H. Blackwood, Moorfield Road, Gourock.

*Badges*

Mr. Campbell reported a considerable delay in the supplying of badges. It was explained that this in no way reflected on the Badge Secretary who had great difficulty in obtaining badges and it was agreed to refer this matter to the DC.

*Card Tables*

Mr. Allan requested the loan of 10 card tables for the Union Street Church Men’s Association on the evening of 27th September. This was granted at the usual charge of 6d per table.

Swimming Gala.

\*The Gala was held at Port Glasgow on 19th September and the following were placed:

Cub Novice - James Lyons, 6th Renfrewshire.

Scout Novice - Neil McAnernay, 54th Renfrewshire.

Scout Championship - Michael English, 54th Renfrewshire.

\*A letter was read from Mr. H.R. Bolton, Chairman of the Competitions Committee, who praised the efforts of the competitors and organisers and, in particular, Mr. George Arlow for his convenership of the competition. The DC intimated that the Port Glasgow Swimming Gala would be held on 11th November and Greenock and Port Glasgow boys would compete.

The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 24th October.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson St., Greenock on Monday, 24th October, 1949.**

Present

Mr. K. Caldwell, County Commissioner; J. McWhirter, Assistant County Commissioner for Training; Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. C. Whyte; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*The Chairman welcomed Mr. Caldwell and Mr. McWhirter to the meeting.

\*The Minute of meeting held on 26th September was read and approved.

Scout Report.

Mr. Finnie reported that Camp Certificates so far returned were all clear.

Sea Scout Report.

The DC stated that the M.T.B. Committee had recommended that those districts bordering on the Clyde should cease to participate in the M.T.B. and it had been arranged that the boat would be handed back to the Admiralty on 31st October. All gear on board belonging to districts would be returned. Plans to form a fleet in the District were afoot and details would be reported later.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. A.C. Nicol reported that a very successful social had been held on 6th October and a good profit had been made.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Hut Warden, September £2.0.0.

Gas Account £2.17.8.

Miss McLean, Duplicating £3.0.0.

Miss McLean, Postages £1.0.0.

Miss McLean, Expenses £1.0.0.

Renny & Co. £0.5.0.

Roneo*?* Ltd. £0.14.0.

These were approved.

Hut.

The question of fitting an additional exit from the Hut was again discussed and the Chairman said that, though no legal responsibility attached to the Association in respect of ~~the~~ Miss Francis’s School, the matter should be considered from a moral point of view. He recommended that the door be fitted at the kitchen end of the Hut and Mr. Morrison proposed making an exit through a window by modifying the frame. It was ultimately decided to call in a tradesman who would decide which was the most practical method of fitting the exit. It was reminded that Miss Francis had agreed to bear a share of the cost and a maximum of £5 was authorised for the job.

Badges.

Mr. Morrison stated that he had looked into the matter of the supply of badges and had interviewed the Quartermaster at I.H.Q. in London, who had informed him that there should be no unreasonable delay in supplying badges. He had explained that it took a maximum of six weeks to replace those which were out of stock. Major Caldwell explained that the Glasgow shop supplied the Glasgow Districts in preference to others. It was then decided that the Association should deal direct with Edinburgh and, if satisfaction was not to be had there, the matter was to be reported to the Executive, when it would be taken up with I.H.Q.

Fireman's Badge Instructional Class.

The DC intimated that the original plan for this class had had to be abandoned, but that efforts were being made to find a suitable instructor.

Uniform.

The question of alterations to the uniform was discussed and Major Caldwell was asked what steps had been taken in this respect, but he explained that the circular was on its way to districts with all details of this question and it was decided to leave the matter until the next meeting.

*Training in the County*

Mr. McWhirter was called upon to give a report on training in the County and he stated that the reasons for training were to interpret the various handbooks and to promote keenness and esprit de corps in the movement. He said that training made good Scouters better and suggested ideas to boys to enable them to plan programmes in their own districts. No system of training could make a bad scout a good one and it was not meant to give him a personality, but to foster keenness and initiative. The responsibility of the Local Association in this respect was to finance, equip and facilitate such training and every Scouter who applies for a warrant should be told the necessity of training. The County Pre-Warrant Training Course consisted of the explanation of the principles, the elaboration of these principles, and a visit to a good troop to see the results of training. Mr. McWhirter was asked if any courses were open to over 15’s and he replied that there were none at present but he was prepared to organise one.

*DCs Comments*

The DC gave a report and stated that one of the biggest jobs facing the District was that of trying to encourage older boys to take over the responsibility of running troops. This was being attempted by employing lay members to do jobs which were not directly concerned with the running of troops so that Scoutmasters would be left free to devote their time and energy for the benefit of their individual troops. The DC was glad to report that this objective would soon be attained.

He went on that all members had asked and had agreed to wear the uniform and it was up to everyone to see that this was properly done. The man in the street can only judge the movement as a whole by what he saw of the boys in the street and so he should be given only the best possible impression.

*The County Commissioner*

The C.C. stated that the County was doing all it could to assist the Districts by providing training facilities and that we were fortunate in having the services of Mr. McWhirter in this respect. He agreed with the DC that every assistance should be sought from the lay members to carry out the administrative jobs in the Local Association.

*Closing Remarks*

\*The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 28th November, 1949.

\* The Chairman thanked Major Caldwell and Mr. McWhirter and said that it was a great pleasure to have them with us.

\*A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chair.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday, 28th November, 1949.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. G. Allan; Mr. J. McCreadie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

*Apologies*

Apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J. Lang and A.C. Nicol were tendered.

Sea Scout Report.

In connection with the dissolution of the M.T.B. Committee, it was suggested that Captain Davidson and Mr. ~~Blackhead~~ Crawford Black should be co-opted on to the local Sea Scout Committee.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

\*It was intimated that a Burns Supper would be held in Shepperd’s Hall on Monday, 16th January and the price of the tickets would be 6/-. Mr. John S Thomson had agreed to make good any deficit on the running of the supper.

\*The cine show which was held in the Hut on 14th November was reported to have been very successful.

Financial Report.

The following accounts were submitted for payment and were approved:-

Electricity £2. 0.9.

Butter Water Rates £9.12.3.

Rones Ltd. £1.3.4.

County Emblems £1. 4.0.

Half a dozen P.O.R. £0.18.0.

Gas Board £2.2.1.

McNeills £0.3.0.

With regard to the purchase of 12 copies of P.O.R., it was decided that those members of the Executive Committee not already in possession of a copy should be given one free.

Applications for Warrants.

The following application for warrant was submitted and tabled:-

Joseph Evan Rayment, ASM, 6th Renfrewshire.

Applications for Lay Membership:

The following applications for Lay Membership under the Parent’s scheme were submitted and approved:-

R.J. Walker; Mrs. A.J. Walker; I.D. McLean; D.W. Bett; Mrs. M.M. Bett; A.D. Neilsen; Mrs. N. Neilsen; Mr. W.M. Blair; Mrs. M.W. Blair; Mrs. C.J. Smeeton; R.P. Smeeton; Mrs. M. McGregor; J.D. Henderson; Mrs. M.E. Henderson.

Hut.

It was agreed that the best way to fit an emergency exit was to modify the window frame and this would be done as soon as possible.

Hut Warden

It was reported that there was now little or no supervision over the Hut Warden and it was concluded that his duties were very ill defined. The DC proposed and it was agreed to form a committee to compile a list of duties of the Hut Warden, to consider painting and any other relevant items concerning the Hut. The committee would consist of Messrs. Pearson, Ewart and Drummond, and would make any necessary recommendations it thought fit to the Executive.

Insurance of Trophies.

The Chairman stated that the original valuation of the trophies could not be located and in order to have them insured, a revaluation would have to be made. It was decided that the Secretary should contact Mr. H. Bolton and find out if he had the valuation before proceeding.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch reported that the Annual Toy Parade would be held on Monday, 12 December and that the Cub Dance would take place on 15th December.

Youth Meeting.

The DC intimated that he had been invited to attend a meeting convened by the Director of Education on the 17th December in Paisley to discuss youth activities.

*Trophy Flag*

It was intimated that a Trophy Flag belonging to the 5th Troop had been found in the Hut. ~~A a request from the 5th Troop was submitted that the Trophy Flag won by them be handed back and this was granted.~~

Competitions Committee.

As the members of this committee had previously resigned, it was decided to form a new one consisting of Mr. H. Bolton, two Scouters and three lay members. The matter was left in the hands of the DC and Mr. Ewart, who would report at the next Executive Meeting.

Hike Sites Scheme Committee.

It was decided to dissolve this committee as all the hikes had now been laid out.

Dutch Troop.

The DC stated that he had had word from the Dutch Troop who were prepared to visit us in 1950. It was discussed whether the Association could afford it as the previous visit had cost £150 and it was decided to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

*Final comments*

\*The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Tuesday, 27th December, 194*9*, and it was agreed that a social be held after this meeting.

\*A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chair.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Tuesday, 27th December, 1949.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. J.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nicol reported that, so far, 48 tickets had been sold for the Burns Supper to be held on 16th January and that it was hoped to sell between 60 and 70.

Financial Report.

The following accounts were submitted for payment and were approved.

Hut Warden £2.10.0.

Bulbs £0.6.10.

Henderson Ltd. £11.8.8.

The balance in the Bank was £799.12.6. The Treasurer reported that he had received a cheque for £2.13.1 from Mr. DC Gibb being a rebate on programmes sold in the District in connection with the Paisley Rally in the proportion of 1½d per programme to the respective groups and 1d to the District. It was decided to credit the Association’s account with the total amount.

Hut

With reference to the additional exit, the Chairman had interviewed a tradesman who had inspected the Hut and reported that the windows were too heavy to fit hinges and that this would be inconvenient as a fire escape as children would have to be lifted out through the open window. The matter was discussed further and Mr. Allan moved that a door should be fitted. Mr. Campbell seconded the movement and Mr Finnie, seconded by Mr. McCready, moved that a door be not fitted. On a vote being taken, 8 for and 2 against, it was agreed that a door be fitted.

*‘Going Home’*

The death of Mrs. Tulloch was reported with regret and the Secretary intimated that he had written to express the Association's sympathy and had received acknowledgment.

Insurance of Trophies.

The valuation of the trophies was submitted and it was agreed that they should be insured for £200 and that any new trophies subsequently coming to hand should be added.

Insurance of Pipe Band Equipment.

As purchases of this equipment had recently been made, it was decided that this, too, should be insured and the matter would be taken up when the value of the equipment was ascertained.

Competitions.

It was reported that Mr. Bolton was again prepared to act in this respect.

Visit of Dutch Troop.

As the cost of the previous visit of the Dutch troop had amounted to £150, it was suggested that this could be reduced to £100 and the DC thought that, if the scale of entertainment was not so lavish, it may not even amount to £100. He continued that the second visit in 1950 would create a precedent and the visit would almost certainly have to be repeated every two years. After discussion, it was decided to leave the matter over till the next Executive meeting.

*Trophy Flag*

It was agreed that the Trophy Flag belonging to the 5th Troop should be left in the custody of the Local Association.

Empire Youth Sunday.

The DC intimated that the Empire Youth Sunday had been fixed for 21st May, 1950.

Applications for Warrant.

The following applications for Warrant were submitted:-

James McKerrigan, SM, 10th Renfrewshire.

Miss E.M.B. Nelson CM, 70th Renfrewshire.

Captain G.P. Stronach, SM, 6th Renfrewshire.

All were held over for submission at the next Executive Meeting.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 30th January, 1950.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 30th January 1950.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. C. McCready; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; and Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. E. Salmon was tendered.

\*The Minute of meeting held on 27th December was read and approved.

Hut.

The question of fitting an additional exit was again discussed. It was agreed that this should take the form of a trap door underneath the window on the north side of the Hut at the end furthest from the existing door and that the tradesman be instructed to commence as soon as possible.

*William Shearer*

The DC intimated with regret the death of Mr. William Shearer and paid tribute to the fine work done by him in the past. The DC stated that he had sent a wreath and the Secretary was instructed to convey the Association's sympathy to his widow. The meeting stood in silence in his memory.

Scout Report.

It was intimated that a meeting of Scoutmasters would be held on Monday, 6th February.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

It was intimated that a quiz would be held on 13th March.

Financial Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £752.12.8. He intimated that a sum of £10-10/- had been donated by Messrs. Scotts Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd. which he had acknowledged.

\*The following accounts were submitted for payment and were approved:-

Bulbs £0.7.8.

Orr Pollock £1.2.9.

Mr. Morrison £4.10.0.

McNeil’s £0.5.0.

Electricity £4.15.10.

Gas £6.0.4.

Badge Order Forms £1.9.3.

Scout Store £0.3.4.

Calor Gas Equipment £4.0.0.

The item for 3/4d represented blank cards, which, it was decided, should be issued for proficiency in piping and drumming. With regard to the Calor Gas equipment, it was intimated that this equipment was purchased for the Association by Mr. Salmon and an appreciation of Mr. Salmon's services in many similar instances was placed on record.

\*It was intimated that Mr. R.S. Murray’s Trustees had decided to make a further allocation of £500 British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock to the Association on condition that this sum will remain funded and the income only applied for the work of the Association. The DC said that this gift was due largely to the efforts of our Chairman and expressed the Association's appreciation.

Hut Warden.

The Chairman stated that the Association were not very well served with the present Hut Warden and suggested that his services should be dispensed with and a more suitable person employed. The meeting agreed and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Morrison to that effect. Mr. Ewart stated that he knew of a man who would be suitable and it was decided to offer him the job. If he accepted, he would be given a trial for three months. Payment would be made at the rate of £4 per month for the eight months in the year that the Hut is used, and his duties would be

1. Keeping the surrounding ground tidy.

2. Doing odd jobs of repair.

3. Reporting to Mr. Ewart on damage.

4. Visit the Hut two or three times per week.

Applications for Warrants.

The following applications for warrant were again submitted:-

Miss E. M.B. Nelson, CM, 70th Renfrewshire.

James McKerrigan, SM, 10th Renfrewshire.

Captain G.P. S Stronach, SM, 6th Renfrewshire.

Miss Nelson's application was tabled as from the first submission on 27th December and the other two were held over until the necessary courses had been taken.

Insurance of Pipe Band equipment.

The value of the Pipe Band equipment was ascertained as £300 and it was agreed to insure it for that figure.

Visit of Dutch Troop.

The DC stated and it was approved that it was not possible to entertain the Dutch Troop this year.

Cub Report.

It was reported that the Annual Toy Parade had been held at Christmas time and that 400 toys had been distributed. This had been better than previous years and there had been more new toys than before.

Scout Dance.

It was decided to hold the dance until the same arrangements as last year and Miss Jean Tulloch and Mr. MacElwee and the Secretary were requested to make the arrangements.

Everton.

The purchase of wood to fit additional lockers was authorised and it was agreed that the Hut should have a coat of flat green paint. The purchase of a further 5 gallons of paint was also authorised for this.

*DC’s Intimations.*

\*The DC intimated the resignation of Mr. J. Plunkett from 85th Renfrewshire and the Secretary was instructed to write and expressed the Association's appreciation of his services.

\*The DC also reported the intention of the 86th Renfrewshire to start a Scout Troop.

\*He said that a Rover Crew would be starting in the Lady Alice School and details would be reported later.

\*He intimated that Pre-Warrant Courses would be held in Greenock in February and March under Mr. McWhirter.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for 27th February.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 27th February 1950.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

Scout Report.

\*The DC reported on a meeting of Scouters in charge of troops to review the progress made under the Three-Year Plan. The first consideration in the District had been at the standard of the Scouters, as the standard shown by them reflected in the Scouts.

\*With regard to Everton, the question of allocating camp sites had been brought up at the meeting and the DC asked the Executive to allow the Camp Warden to allocate the sites. The DC was accordingly asked to invite applications for sites in the next newsletter and the allocation would be made at the next Scouters meeting.

\*It was reported that three new lockers had been fitted at Everton and it was decided to allocate these in the same way.

\*As regards camping at Everton, it was stressed that all Scouts must be in uniform, all parties must have a named person in charge and must have some evidence of a programme.

Rover Report.

The DC submitted for record purposes a Rover Sub-Committee Minute Book which he had received from the Rev. A.E Philp.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr A.C. Nicol submitted the programme for a Quiz Night to be held on Monday, 13th March in the Hut.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. J. Ewart reported that he had visited the R.C. Pipe Band and had been very satisfied with the progress being made.

Financial Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £734.2.8 and he submitted the following accounts paid:-

Mr. Salmon £4

Miss McLean £3

Mr. Morrison £2-10/-

Mr. Swan £10.

\*A donation of £1 had been received from Sir Guy Shaw Stewart.

\*The DC submitted a pass book showing a balance of £4.4.11 in name of 86 Renfrewshire. As the troop had been suspended during the war, it was handed over to the Treasurer to be given to the existing Cub Pack.

\*The DC made application on behalf of the Cub Council for the purchase at an estimated cost of £10 of cooking gear. This was approved and it was agreed to charge it to the training section of the Three-Year Plan.

Hut Warden.

Mr. Ewart reported that he had arranged with the new Hut Warden to take up his duties and proposed keeping a log book for the report of his visits to the Hut.

Scout Dance.

The Secretary reported that it was impossible to book the Saloon for a suitable night in March, but a Wednesday night in April could be fixed and the date would be reported later.

Applications for Warrants.

\*The following applications were submitted and held over until the relative courses had been taken:-

G.P. Stronach, SM, 6th Renfrewshire

J.E. Rayment, ASM, 6th Renfrewshire

\*The following resignations were submitted and accepted:-

Miss N. Smith, CM, 1st Renfrewshire.

Miss B. Connell, CM, 10th Renfrewshire.

Insurance of Trophies.

The Chairman reported that this was now complete.

Insurance of Pipe Band Equipment.

The Chairman intimated that the Pipe Band equipment would be insured for £300 against fire or theft and would be covered in boys homes. The premium would be £2/3.

Annual Census.

It was intimated that the census would be held as at 31st March.

*Training Courses*

The DC reported that the preliminary training courses under Mr. McWhirter had had to be abandoned owing to lack of numbers.

Warrants Sub-Committee.

It was decided that’ in accordance with the booklet “Local Associations”, a Warrants Sub-Committee should be formed of lay members to interview all applicants for warrant. The following were appointed to the Committee:-

The Chairman, A.C. Nicol, C. McCready.

Miss Jean Tulloch would be co-opted when the Committee interviewed applications from Cub Packs.

Pre-warrant Training Course.

The DC intimated that the course would finish up with a weekend camp in May and it was agreed that the expenses of trainees should be paid.

International Committee Meeting.

Mr. Salmon reported that the Jamborette would be held at Blair Atholl from 26th July to 4th August and that Greenock had been asked to send two 1st Class Scouts. The DC agreed to ask for volunteers in his newsletter. Greenock was also asked to provide hospitality to the boys, and Scouters would be invited to offer. Pen pals and parcels for D.P. Scouts were also asked for and the Cubs would be invited to assist.

Hut.

Mr. Ewart reported that work would commence soon on the additional exit. With regard to the painting of the inside of the Hut, it was agreed that Mr. Ewart should obtain an estimate for the work.

Saint George’s Day Parade

This would take place on 23rd April.

Empire Youth Sunday.

There would be no parade held but the Empire Youth Sunday would be observed. The DC, Mr. MacElwee and Miss Tulloch would arrange the church and Mr. Ewart and Mr. MacElwee the Pipe Band.

The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 27th March, 1950.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 27th March 1950.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. J. McCready; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of meeting held on 27th February was read and approved.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer intimated the total balances in Bank as £718.2.2.

\*The following accounts were submitted for payment:-

Guardian Assurance £1.18.3.

Gas Account £4.19.0.

Hector Russell £2.1.8.

McAlister and Fyfe £1.0.6.

Fraser Bros. £0.11.3.

RG Laurie Ltd. £4.17.9.

Miss Caldwell 85th Renf. £4.4.11.

Frank King £3.0.0.

Scout Store £0.6.0.

\*A sum of £1-10 /- had been received for a let of the Hut.

Hut - Additional Exit.

It was reported that this work was now in hand.

Hut - Painting.

Mr. Ewart reported that the quotation for painting was not yet to hand.

Hut - Lighting.

A quotation from William McGregor and Co. for fitting 3 fluorescent light fitments for £23-5-6 was submitted. As the estimated cost of these was £7-10/- each, it was agreed to accept the offer. Mr. Ewart would discuss with Mr. McGregor the best method of fitting them.

*Railings and Sign Board*

It was agreed that the matter of painting the railings should be left over meantime. Mr. MacElwee was requested to examine the sign board with a view to re-erecting it.

Applications for Warrant.

The following application was submitted and approved:-

Miss E.M.B. Nelson, CM, 70th Renfrewshire.

Insurance of Pipe Band Equipment.

The Chairman reported that this was now being carried out.

Scout Dance.

The Secretary intimated that the dance would be held on 12 April.

Bob-a-Job Week.

The DC intimated that this would be held from 10th to 15th April and said that it had now become recognised as the principle means of raising funds. 1/- per head of the amount raised would be earmarked for S.H.Q. and I.H.Q., but, this year 1/1 per head would be allocated for this purpose with any excess amount being distributed locally to the benefit of individual troops.

Sea Scout Report.

\*The DC intimated that I.H.Q had purchased 50 dinghies for resale to the movement at a cost of £122 to £130 each.

\*He reported that the disposal of the gear on board the M.T.B. was proceeding satisfactorily.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

It was reported that Mr. A.C. Nicol had been removed to hospital for an operation and the Secretary was requested to convey to him the best wishes of the Association.

Everton.

\*It was reported that the Hut had now been painted and was looking very smart.

\*The ground would be open for the season on the weekend from 8th to 10th April.

\*Mr. Lang submitted an application, which he had received verbally from a Glasgow Troop to camp at Everton for the weekend commencing 7th April. The question of outside troops camping at Everton was discussed and it was pointed out that the agreement with the Laird of Everton allowed the Association to use the ground for training purposes and although the Association were willing to extend the facilities to outside troops, nothing should be done to jeopardise our tenancy. It was agreed, however, that all applications from outside the District should be made early and through the proper channels.

Wood Badge Course.

The DC reported that Miss E.M.B. Nelson, 70th Renfrewshire and Miss A.B. Aitken, 39th Renfrewshire and completed most of the Wood Badge course.

*DC’s Intimations*

\*The DC intimated that a recent meeting of Youth Organisations with the Education Authority had clarified the position between them, and that the Education Authority had come to respect the separate entity of Youth Organisations using school accommodation.

\*The DC also intimated that the County Commissioner would be visiting troops in the District during April.

Empire Youth Sunday.

It was intimated that this would be held in the Mid Kirk on 21st May and that there would be no parade.

Appeal for D.P. Scouts.

The DC reported that this appeal met with overwhelming response.

St. George’s Day Parade.

This would be held on 23rd April and the service would be in Wellpark Church. Miss Tulloch and Mr. MacElwee would make the final arrangements.

William Shearer Trophy.

The DC stated that he had received from the 32nd Troop an offer to the Association of a trophy to be known as the William Shearer Trophy in memory of the late William Shearer. It was agreed to accept the honour and suggestions as to its dedication were invited.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. McCready submitted a request for the purchase of Pipe Band Equipment consisting of six sets of Pipes and a set of Drums. Approval was delayed pending a report from Mr. Ewart.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 24th April 1950.

James J Swan,

Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 24th April, 1950.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. J. McCready; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Colin Finnie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. Ian Brown was tendered and the DC took the Chair.

\*The Minute of meeting held on 27th March was read and approved.

Scout Dance.

The Secretary reported an estimated loss of £8 on the Dance and the DC thanked the Dance Committee for the way they had carried out their duties.

Empire Youth Sunday.

The DC reported that the Association had been allotted 110 seats in the Church and a full attendance was aimed at.

St. George’s Day Parade.

The following numbers had attended:-

Scouts Protestant. 151: Catholic 68.

Cubs Protestant. 160: Catholic 33.

William Shearer Trophy.

The DC said that he had accepted the offer of this Trophy and was awaiting further developments.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. Salmon reported that work on one boat had been started but that there was much more to be done. The other boat had been sold and the proceeds of £7 was to be earmarked for the maintenance and improvement of the remaining boat.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. McCready submitted an account of income and expenditure over the past three years of the Catholic Pipe Band. Permission was granted for the purchase of drums for this band and Mr. McCready submitted a proposal to include kilts in the equipment to be purchased. He estimated that this would require £20 in excess of the grant. After discussion, it was agreed that a Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Treasurer and Mr. J. Ewart should review the financial position of both bands. The DC pointed out that the equipment would be properly taken care of under Mr. McCready but it was agreed that if he should at any time relinquish his present position, regulations for the care of the equipment would be drawn up.

Everton.

It was reported that a total of 41 Scouts had camped on the first weekend and that the system of camp sites was operating satisfactorily. New camping regulations had been drawn up and were being issued to all concerned. Everton will be closed from 20th to 21st May.

Annual General Meeting.

This would be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Lorne. The County Commissioner would attend and present Long Service Decorations. The Secretary was instructed to put a notice in the “Telegraph” at least seven days before the meeting. The Executive Committee would meet at 7 pm.

Hut Exit.

Mr. Ewart reported that this work would commence when time and labour were available.

Hut Lighting.

This had now been satisfactorily carried out.

Hut Painting.

An estimate for this was submitted from Messrs. R.S.&W. Parker for £78 and it was decided to obtain other estimates before taking action.

Annual Census.

The Annual Census as at 31st March showed a group total of 997 all ranks. The DC stated that this was less than last year but showed a truer position.

Bob-a-Job

The Treasurer reported that, so far, approximately £103 had been collected.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Co-operative £9.16.6.

Kirkwood £13.12.6.

Hut Warden £4.0.0.

Miss McLean £3.0.0.

Electricity £1.7.2.

Gas £1.11.0.

Corporation Parks Dept. £1.2.6.

*ADC for Wolf Cubs*

The DC reported that a social in Headquarters on 21st April, Miss Jean Tulloch officially took over as ADC for Wolf Cubs and was presented with a hat plume.

Pre-warrant Training Course for Scoutmasters.

The DC reported that so far 12 entries had been received and that a further four could be accepted.

School Lets.

The DC intimated that the problem of interruptions of School Lets had been taken up by the County and had gone as far as S.H.Q.

Lay Member.

Nomination of the Rev. E M Eggo, the Manse, Victoria Road, Gourock, as a Lay member was submitted and approved.

Pioneering Competition.

Authority was granted to purchase under the Three-Year Plan 40 fathoms of rope and 6 stays for the Pioneering Competition.

Sign Board.

Mr. MacElwee reported that the sign board could be repaired and re-erected. It was agreed to do this.

Applications for Warrants.

The following application was submitted and approved:-

James McKerrigan. SM, 10th Renfrewshire

and the following were tabled:-

Miss .M. McCall, ACM, 5th Renfrewshire.

Miss M.W. MacElwee, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire.

**Minute of Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held in the “Lorne” on Tuesday, 23rd May 1950.**

*Apologies*

Apologies for absence on behalf of the following were tendered:-

Colonel D. Patterson, DSO; D.S. Webster; Dr. W.A. Milne; Provost Boyd; Rev. J.M. Hamilton; J.W. Chadwin; Rev. H.C.M. Eggo; A.C .Nicol; D. Crawford black; and Dr. Brownlie.

*Resignation*

The resignation of Rev. J.M. Hamilton as Vice President was intimated.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 11th May 1949 was read and approved on the motion of Mr. I. Menzies, seconded by Miss Jean Tulloch.

The District Commissioner’s Report.

\*Census.

The figures as at 31st March were:-

Cubs. Scouts. Scouters. Total.

426. 480. 91. 997.

This showed an apparent decrease of 144 but, owing to a reorganisation of S.H.Q., two registrations had been mislaid and actual figures this year compared favourably with those of last year.

Commissioners.

\*The Association had recorded with regret the death of ADC William Shearer.

\*Miss Jean Tulloch had been appointed ADC for Cubs.

\*Tribute was paid to the grand work carried out by ADCs Colin Finnie, Arthur Lyle, James Ewart, and Ian Pearson.

Cubs.

The dedication of the 70th Pack Colours had taken place and the usual competitions were held. Over 400 toys had been distributed at the Annual Toy Parade. The Association was very fortunate in having the services of ADC Miss Jean Tulloch who had done much work during the year.

Scouts.

The usual competitions were held. Special commendation was due to the 59th Troop for taking third place in the National Ambulance Competition.

Sea Scouts.

The M.T.B. had been handed back to the Admiralty as it was not fulfilling its intended function. There was a great deal of interest in Sea Scouting among the boys of 15½ and over in the District and it was hoped to encourage this by the formulation of fresh plans. A boat had been acquired but the greatest need was a leader for the boys. In connection with the new scheme, invaluable assistance was being given by Captain Davidson, Mr. D. Crawford Black, and Mr. D.S. Webster.

Rovers.

The ranks of the Rovers were being depleted owing to the boys being called up for National Service.

Training.

The following courses were held:-

Cadet Scouters Course

Pre-warrant Course for SMs.

Preliminary Course for CMs.

Wood Badge Course. (6 CMs had taken part and so far two had completed the

course.)

CMs Weekend Course.

Lay Members.

The number of lay members continued to increase as did their interest in the Association, and great credit for this was due to ADC James Ewart.

Everton.

Work at Everton had been carried on throughout the winter and improvements had been made in drainage, locker accommodation and the Hut. The Association had to thank Mr. R. Morrison and Mr. J. Lang and the work party for their efforts in this respect.

Camping.

Seven troops had camped outside the area and good reports had been received in each case. Five troops from outside the area had camped at Everton.

Swimming.

The co-operation with Port Glasgow District had been maintained and the activities in this respect had been very successful.

Parades.

In addition to the Christmas Toy Parade, St. George’s Day Parade and Empire Youth Sunday Parade, regular Church Parades had been held by individual Packs and Troops to their respective Churches. Thanks was due to DSM G. Thomson and DSM J. MacElwee for the work done by them in connection with the necessary arrangements..

Badges.

Great difficulty in obtaining badges had been experienced but the following had been issued:-

Scouts- 214. Cubs- 110.

Bob-a-Job.

To date, a total of £152: 10: 3 had been earned, of which sum £57: 0: 1d was due to I.H.Q.

Pipe Bands.

The three Pipe Bands in the District had made rapid progress and were very well organised. The *progress* made was due largely to the efforts of Mr. C. McCready, Pipe Major A. Mackay, Mr. D. Scott, Pipe Major D. Balloch and ADC J. Ewart. The Commissioners had made regular visits to practices.

William Millar Scholarships.

Twelve applications for scholarships had been received this year as opposed to five last year.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

The Guild had had a very successful season and the programme had included a Whist Drive and Dance, a Cine Show, a Burns Night, and a Quiz Night. The number of members at 31st March was 48 and new members were continually being enrolled. Many members were taking an active interest in the Association. Tribute was paid to Mr. Mr A.C. Nicol, Secretary of the Guild, who was at present in hospital.

Social Functions.

The Annual Dance had been held in April and nearly 100 had attended. It was hoped to do even better next year.

Long Service Decorations.

Ten decorations were awarded this year.

Football Match.

A football match had been held at Inverkip between Scouts and Scouters and it had been very successful.

County Reunion.

The County Reunion had been held at Barrhead and it was hoped to have it in Greenock next year.

40 Years Rally.

A contingent from the District had taken part in the Rally which had been held at Paisley.

County Commissioner.

The C.C. had visited troops in the District and had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Hut.

Many improvements had been required in the Hut and most of them had been carried out. Thanks was due to the Hut Warden, Mr. Ogg.

Accommodation in Schools.

Much difficulty had been experienced in this respect and, as the Association was not the only organisation involved, frequent interruptions have been made in the Lets. The matter had been taken up at County level with the Education Authority. The Local Education Authority had done much to help and this was greatly appreciated.

Kindred Organisations.

Relations continued to be good and the theme was not competition but teamwork.

*Conclusions*

The DC concluded by paying tribute to the work done by Mr. Ian Brown, the Chairman, and praised the efforts of the Secretary, Treasurer, Scouters, Lay Members and all organisers who had so willingly helped the Association during the year.

Financial Report.

Copies of the financial report were distributed amongst those present.

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Adoption of Reports.

\*The reports of the District Commissioner and the Honorary Treasurer were adopted on the motion of Mr. J.A. Campbell, seconded by Mr. E.W. Salmon.

\*The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Honorary Auditors for the work they had done in connection with the Annual Accounts.

The County Commissioner.

\*The County Commissioner was welcomed to the meeting and he presented the following Long Service Decorations:-

Miss J. Tulloch; Colin Finnie; I. McNeil; J. King; D. Thompson; E. Salmon; and J.

Campbell.

\*The CC said it was a great pleasure for him to present the decorations and congratulated the District in having such a good team of ADCs. As camping was an important aspect of Scouting, he was very pleased with the camping reports of the District and he hoped that even better results would be obtained next year. He praised the Greenock Branch of the BP Guild of Old Scouts for their lead in the County. The problem of accommodation in schools was one which, he said, was hard to overcome but the Education Committee was trying to help local troops who did not have their own huts. Local Authorities could help in providing the accommodation needed. In other districts, two thirds of the troops had a place of their own by taking over condemned property which was earmarked for demolition. He urged the Local Association to look out for such property and suggested that lay members might help in this respect. In conclusion, he asked for the cooperation of all Scouters and Lay Members in setting a good example to the boys so that the high standard of Scouting may be attained.

Office Bearers for 1950/51.

The following officials, delegates and Lay Members were unanimously elected:-

President; Colonel David Paterson. DSO.

Vice Presidents. The Provost.

D. Crawford Black.

D.S. Webster.

Dr. Brownlie.

Dr. W.A. Milne.

J.A. Chadwin.

Chief Constable.

Chairman. Ian Brown.

Honorary Secretary. J.T. Nicol.

Honorary Treasurer. J. Drummond.

Honorary Badge Secretary. J. Lang.

Camp Warden. J. Lang.

Camp Skipper. R. Morrison.

District Scoutmaster. J.M. MacElwee.

District Cubmaster. Miss N. Moggie.

Honorary Legal Advisor. Col. D. Paterson. DSO.

Honorary Auditors. Messrs. J.M. Kerr & Lindsay C.A.

Representatives to

County Scout Council. J.T. Nicol, J. Drummond, J. Lang.

Representatives to SHQ Council. Miss A. Connie; C . Whyte; J.T. Nicol; J. Drummond.

Lay Members. H. Slater; Mrs. Ewart; Mrs. Whyte; C. McCready; D. MacAlindon; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Henderson; W. Goldie; D.D. McKechnie; S. Colquhoun; H.R. Bolton; Ian Brown; W. McIvor; Miss A.C. Campbell; W. Stratton; Mrs. MacElwee; J. Allan; J. Hall: J. Fraser; D. Sylvester; J. Love; H. Ferguson; Mrs Canning; E.T. Muir; D. Scott; A. Nicol; J. Nicol; J. Drummond.

Executive Committee.

Scouters: C. Whyte; E. Salmon; J. Campbell; J Canning.

Lay Members: C. McCready; A. Nicol; J. Allan; D. Scott.

*Closing Remarks*

\*Mr. J Ewart thanked the DC, the Chairman and Messrs. Mackay for providing an unusual and very successful Annual General Meeting, and also thanked the C.C. for attending. He paid tribute to the work done by the DC, Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

\*The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 5th June.**

Present

Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. D. Scott; Mr. J. Allan; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

Sea Scout Report.

It was reported that about 20 boys were interested in the new scheme for Sea Scouting and a lay committee had been formed to advise on type of training, etc required. The chief difficulty was in finding a suitable person to run the scheme.

Pipe Band Report.

Mr. Scott requested that meetings be recommenced in the Hut but, owing to the proposed painting, this was held over.

Financial Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £739: 6: 8.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

McKelvie 13/6. Bus Driver 5/-.

Maps 18/-. Newsletter £1: 17: 5.

Bus Driver 10/-. Catering 14/2.

Miss McLean £2: 0: 0. Scout Store £1: 7/-.

A.G.M. Expenses 19/-. Dance Deficit £7: 17: 6.

Mr. McCready £18: 0: 0.

Everton.

It was reported that the ground was looking very well but that numbers were rather small.

Hut Exit.

This item was still awaiting the necessary time and labour.

Hut Painting.

The question of painting the inside of the Hut was again discussed and, on a vote being taken, it was unanimously decided that Messrs. Parker's estimate of £79 be accepted. As the gear at present stored at the end of the Hut would be out of keeping with its surroundings and would have to be dealt with first, it was agreed that a Committee consisting of the DC, Mr. MacElwee and Mr. Morrison should handle this matter.

Reunion.

The DC intimated that Greenock had been invited to act as hosts this year at the Scouter's Annual Reunion to be held in November and it was decided to accept the invitation. A Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. MacElwee, and the ADCs, except Mr. Finnie, was formed to make the necessary arrangements.

Lets.

An application was submitted from Miss Francis for the use of the Hut for next winter on the usual basis and this was granted.

*Resignation*

The DC intimated the resignation of Miss McLean and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to her. It was agreed to appoint Miss Sandelands as her successor on the same terms.

Bob-a-Job.

The DC reported that the results in the District were very good, with the exception of two. The total sum collected was £153: 10: 3 and this was disposed of as follows.

S.H.Q. £54:0: 1.

Returned to Troops £92: 5: 3.

On Hand £7: 4: 11.

The DC was requested to write to the 8th and the 38th Groups asking for reasons why no submissions had been made.

William Shearer Trophy.

Suggestions as to the dedication of this Trophy were invited and it was decided to recommend that it would be awarded for the Signalling Competition and, as an alternative suggestion, to Pioneering.

National Ambulance Competition.

It was intimated that this would be held on 10th June and that the 59th Troop would compete.

Shannon Cup.

Mr. Canning reported that only two entries had been received for this cup and that one team was not complete. It was decided to recommend to the Competitions Committee that they allow six members to a team and to award the cup to the winning team.

Lay Members.

Mrs. J.A.B. Campbell was proposed and elected as a Lay Member.

Pioneering Competition.

It was agreed to allocate the sum of £5 for the purchase of gear for the competition.

R.C. Pipe Band.

It was intimated that the Pipe Band would camp for 14 days and that it was intended to take the equipment to the camp. This was permitted on the understanding that those in charge would accept full responsibility and that the equipment would be insured during the period. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. McCready accordingly.

Everton.

It was intimated that Everton would be open to visitors on the first Sunday in August.

Cub Picnic.

This would be held on 10th June.

*Final Business*

\*The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 25th September, 1950.

\*The Chairman was granted permission to authorise payment of any necessary accounts until the next meeting of the Executive.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 25th September 1950.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. D. Scott; Mr. E.W. Salmon; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. G. Allan; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J. McCready; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. J. Ewart was tendered.

\*The Minute of Meeting held on 5th June 1950 was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

The DC reported that the second of the two lifeboats had now been sold for £5 and the proceeds handed to the Honorary Treasurer. With regard to the scheme for Senior Scouts, he said that the boys who had previously been enthusiastic were not now interested and, as a result, the vommittee set up had had to be disbanded.

Pipe Band Report.

\*Mr. Scott reported that there were sufficient drummers in his band, but that more pipers were needed. Practices had started in August and progress was satisfactory. It was hoped to have six pipers by the end of the year.

\*Mr. McCready reported that he was awaiting delivery of four sets of pipes but that, otherwise, the band was ready for the road. He also said that the camp held at Oban had been very successful and that a good impression had been made.

\*With regard to the question of the purchase of kilts, the Chairman said that the committee formed had not yet met but that he would arrange for a meeting soon.

\*Mr. McCready submitted a request that the band should parade on Armistice Sunday to accompany a parade of Ex Servicemen to the Cenotaph. This was agreed and the question of future parades for outside bodies was held over.

Financial Report.

\*The Honorary Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £603: 12: 7.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

M. & M. Stevenson £3: 18 /-

Pre Warrant Course £1: 14 /-.

Cub Picnic £1: 7: 11.

Gas Board £5: 11: 6.

Mackays £7: 12 /-.

Sign Board £1: 0: 0.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £1: 8: 6.

Ardentinny Hotel £3: 3: 0.

Miss Sandelands £2: 0: 0.

J. McKelvie and Sons £1: 10: 0.

Fraser Bros. £3: 0: 1.

Storer £1: 17: 6.

Guardian Assurance £7: 16: 6.

McNeils £1: 3: 0.

Electricity £2: 1: 3.

Gas £0: 5: 1.

Hendry and Co £1: 2: 0.

Black and Sons £2: 0: 0.

RG Lawrie Ltd. £1: 8: 6.

\*The DC pointed out that in connection with the improvements in the Hut, Mr. Ogg had done a great deal of work at a time when he would normally have been idle and suggested that some payment be made to him an appreciation of this additional work. It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £5 be paid to him. In this connection also, it was similarly agreed that a sum of £5 be paid to Billy Bowie for the construction of the lockers at the end of the Hut.

\*The Secretary was instructed to write to those troops which had not yet paid their locker and other fees, requesting payment.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nicol reported that the Annual General Meeting had been held in May and that a balance of £6: 1: 6. Had been carried over. The winter activities were being planned and a Whist Drive and Dance would be held on 17th October. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Nicol on the organisation.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that bad weather had caused poor attendances.

Hut Exit.

This had now been satisfactorily completed.

Hut Painting *and other aspects*.

\*The inside of the Hut had now been painted and the Chairman thanked the sub-committee. The outside of the Hut was being done by work parties and the DC asked for more assistance to complete the job. The purchase of further supplies of paint was authorised.

\*A new gas stove was required for the kitchen and the Corporation had offered a reconditioned one at a price of £6. It was agreed to accept this offer and Mr. Ogg would arrange for the fitting.

\*It was proposed and agreed that the Den and the kitchen would not be included in the normal Lets of the Hut.

Scouters Annual Reunion.

The DC reported that the Reunion would be held in Finnart School on Saturday 21st October from 3 to 10 p.m. The use of the school had been given free of charge and a firm of caterers would provide the tea. It was agreed to make a charge of 2/6d per head to defray the costs of the tea. The DC called for ideas for the programme and asked for a large attendance.

Applications for Warrant:

The following applications were submitted and approved:-

Miss M.W. MacElwee, ACM, 5th Renfrewshire.

Miss M.M. McCall, ACM, 5th Renfrewshire

and the following were tabled:-

A.S. Laird, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire.

D.H. Galbraith, ASM, 32nd Renfrewshire.

County Scout Council.

Mr. Finnie reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

School Accommodation.

The Secretary submitted 2 letters from the County Education Authority showing the total Grant Equivalent Value of School Accommodation used in the District as £108: 7: 4 and he was instructed to write a letter of thanks.

Warrant Training Courses.

Mr. Whyte stated that it was unfair that the minimum age for boys taking these courses was 18 and suggested that this should be lowered to 17 in order that the boys may obtain their warrants before leaving to do National Service. The DC promised to take the matter up at County level.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. Nicol reported that a meeting of delegates would be held in London and that the local branch had decided not to send a representative.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 30th October.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 30th October 1950.**

*Preliminaries*

\*Apologies for absence on behalf of Mr. J. Campbell and the Honorary Treasurer were tendered.

\*The Minute of Meeting held on 25th September was read and approved.

Cub Report.

The DC reported that the first of two Pre-Warrant Training Courses for Cubmasters had been held.

Pipe Band Report.

\*Mr. McCready said that the arrangements for the Armistice Parade were not yet complete. \*The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee and said that a total sum of £291 had been spent on both bands. Mr. McCready estimated the cost of purchasing kilts at £5 per kilt making a total estimate of £80. With regard to the hiring of the bands, it was discussed whether to charge a fee or ask for a donation. It was finally agreed to remit it to the Sub-Committee to ascertain whether the Association could afford the additional expense of purchasing kilts.

Financial Report.

\*In the absence of Mr, Drummond, the Secretary submitted the Financial Report showin*g* the total amount of balances in Bank as £522: 19: 11.

\*Income for the month was:-

J. Lang for Everton Camp Fund £1: 15: 9.

Sale of Piano to Loraines £5: 8/-

\*Receipts in connection with the County Reunion totalled £24: 5 /- and payments to date £3: 2: 6. The proceeds of the sale of books at the Reunion amounted to £9: 1: 10.

\*The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment:-

McAlister and Fyfe £1: 15 /-.

McAlister and Fyfe £14: 17 /-

Scout Store £2: 10 /-.

Local Rates £9: 11: 8.

Payment of accounts arising from the County Reunion was authorised.

\*A letter was submitted from Messrs. Fyfe and Murray calling for indemnities from the Association to cover the two allocations of £500 each from the Trustees of the late Mr. R.S. Murray. This was agreed to and the Chairman would draw up the necessary documents.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

\*Mr. A.C. Nicol reported that the Whist Drive had been very successful and that the next meeting of the Guild would be held on 5th December.

\*He said that his Committee had reversed its previous decision not to send a representative to the London Conference and that he had gone as the delegate. He reported favourably on the Conference and had recommended that a Scottish Council be set up.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that work had commenced on part of the draining but that the job would take some time to complete.

Hut.

The outside painting had now been satisfactorily completed and two coats had been applied. The kitchen and den would be cleared and painted in due course. The meeting thanked the DC and the work parties for their efforts in this respect.

Annual Scouters Reunion.

The DC reported on the Reunion and said that the attendance of 268 was a record for the previous ten years. The Chairman said that its success was a credit to the Association and congratulated the DC, Miss Tulloch and all who contributed to it. Mr. Finnie also congratulated the Chairman.

Swimming Trophies.

These had been run at Port Glasgow Baths and the results would be indicated in due course.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive was arranged for Monday, 27th November 1950.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 27th November 1950.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. C. McCready; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*Apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J. Ewart and J. Campbell were tendered.

\*The Minute of Meeting held on 30th October was read and approved.

Pipe Band Report.

\*The Chairman, reporting on the findings of the Financial Sub-Committee, did not recommend that kilts be purchased from Association funds and he said that the Pipe Bands were not the most important branches of Scouting. Mr. Finnie concurred and it was pointed out that as they were Association Bands, the wearing of different tartans could be expected. A uniform green scarf had already been supplied. The DC recommended that the income from the Bands be applied to the purchase of kilts, so it was decided that an account be opened in the name of the Association for each Band and the accounts to be operated by the same officials who operate the other Association Accounts. The running costs, etc of each Band, including the purchase of kilts, would be charged to these accounts on application approved by the Executive Committee and the income from each Band would be credited to the relative account. Authority was given to the Bands to accept subscriptions from the boys to form funds to be administered by persons from the Bands, who will submit Balance Sheets annually to the Association.

\*A cheque for £10: 10/- was handed over to the Treasurer as a donation from the Greenock Ex Servicemens' Club in appreciation of the turn out of the Pipe Band, which accompanied the parade on Armistice Sunday. In the accompanying letter, the Club praised the way the band paraded.

\*The DC reported that one Pipe Band had been officially taken over at Finnart School and that the other would be taken over at the Annual Toy Parade.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £513: 5: 3 and submitted the following accounts, which were passed for payment:-

Gas Department 6/-.

T. Ogg for Bulbs 5/9.

Reunion Expenses £3: 17: 3.

Gas Board £5: 0: 0.

Scout Store £8: 10 : 9.

Gas Board £4: 5: 5.

L.S. Daw 12 /-.

J. Robertson 3/6.

Scout Store £2: 8 /-.

W. McGregor 15/7.

McNeil’s 12 /-.

MacAlister and Fyfe £1: 15 /-.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that work on the drainage had been held up by the weather.

Applications for Warrant.

The following application was submitted and tabled:-

Archibald M. Kerr, ARL, 81st Renfrewshire.

Swimming Trophies.

The results of the Swimming Competitions held at Port Glasgow Baths were intimated as follows:-

Cup Championship, Alex Strachan. 86th.

Scout Novice Race. James Farrell. 54th.

Scout Championship. Michael English. 54th.

Lay Members.

The DC intimated the appointment of Mr. A.C. Nicol as Secretary for Lay Members.

William Shearer Trophy.

The DC reported that the 32nd Troop would hand over the Trophy at a ceremony to be held on 10th January 1951 and that himself and the Chairman had been invited to attend. Mrs. Shearer would be present to unveil a portrait of the late William Shearer and to accept the Long Service Decoration awarded posthumously to him.

*Books*

The DC reported that he had received from Mr. Frank Olly three crates of books, which, he said, would be of great value to the Association. It was decided that a Committee consisting of the DC and Messrs. Morrison and Canning should arrange for the distribution of these books and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Olly.

*Dance*

The DC submitted a letter from the Girl Guides Association asking if arrangements could be made to organise a joint dance with Rangers and Rovers. This was agreed to.

Empire Youth Sunday.

This would be observed on 6th May 1951.

Cub Report.

The DC reported that the collection and repair of toys was proceeding and that the delivery and Carol Singing would take place on 23rd December. The Executive Committee were invited to the Christmas Party, which would be held in the Hut on that evening.

*Visitations*

The DC said that he had received from the Provost the names of 14 deserving old people and it was intended that each would be visited on Christmas Day by two Cubmasters who would deliver a suitable gift and spent about half an hour with each one.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 29th January, 1951.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 29th January, 1951.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. D. Scott; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Miss N. Moggie; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 27th November 1950 was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

The DC reported that he had been in contact with Mr. L. Vain, the Receiver of Wrecks, in connection with a lifeboat which had been found in the Great Harbour. Mr. Vain understood that it belonged to the Greenock Sea Scouts, but Mr. Campbell said that it was actually the property of the Watt School Sea Cadets who had now taken the matter up.

Rover Report.

The DC submitted an application from the 54th Group to form a Rover Crew.

Pipe Band Report.

The Treasurer submitted two accounts from Peter Henderson Ltd. amounting to £160 and dated October 1950 along with the letter from Mr. McCready apologising for the delay. The Chairman said that it was the first time this expenditure had come before the Executive and it was agreed, before paying the accounts, to form a committee to examine the finances with regard to the Pipe Bands. The committee would consist of the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Messrs. D. Scott and C. McCready and would meet in the Hut on Monday, 5th February at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed on application by Mr. Scott that one set of old pipes be repaired and used for practice at an approximate cost of £2:4/-.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer reported the total balances in Bank as £448: 1: 5 and submitted the following accounts for payment:-

T. Ogg £4. 0.0. A. Macintyre £1: 16 /-.

Orr Pollock and Co. £2: 0: 3. W. Kirkwood £17: 6: 2.

Co-operative £35: 7: 6. Co-operative £12: 12: 10.

Miss Sandelands £3: 0: 0. T. Ogg £4: 0: 0.

Electricity Board £2: 7: 3. County £3: 6: 0.

S.H.Q. £0: 8: 4. Miss Sandelands £1: 0: 0.

These were approved.

\*He reported that the deficit on the County Reunion amounted to £17. It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of the DC and Mr. C. Finnie be formed to assist the Treasurer and to advise on Financial Policy.

Everton

Mr. Morrison reported that the weather was holding up work.

Applications for Warrant.

The following applications were submitted and approved:-

Adam S. Laird, ASM, 5th Renfrewshire

Donald H. Galbraith, ASM, 32nd Renfrewshire

and the following was tabled:-

Agnes M. Crabbe, ACM, 7th Renfrewshire.

Youth Panels.

It was intimated that the D.C. had been nominated and accepted as a representative of Greenock and Port Glasgow Districts on the Local Youth Panel.

Cub Report.

The D.C. reported that a record total of about 500 toys had been collected and distributed at Christmas. The Carol singing had brought in about £5 and the Dance had been very successful. The gifts and visits to the old people had been very much needed and he gave several instances of actual visits.

Scout, Guide Dance.

No arrangements had yet been made for the dance.

Yukanhavit.

16 Scouters had taken part in the hike and the two remaining hikes would be held in March and April.

Hut.

Mr. Ogg had now completed the redecoration of the kitchen and would next tackle the den.

Competitions Committee.

That D.C. reported the resignation of Mr. H. Bolton as convener and that it was hoped to appoint a new convener to Scouters meeting to be held in February.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 26th February 1951.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday, 26th February, 1951.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Jean Tulloch; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*Apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J. Ewart and D. Scott were tendered.

\*The Minute of Meeting held on 29th January, 1951, was read and approved.

Scout Report.

The DC reported on a Scouters meeting held in February and said that it was proposed to appoint a convener for each competition. The Executive approved of the revised arrangements.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. J Campbell reported that he was looking for suitable accommodation for use of a tro*o*p he proposed starting and said that he might be able to rent the premises in Tarbet Street belonging to the 6th Renfrewshire Group. The D.C. said that Captain Stronach wished to sell the premises and, owing to their suitability for Sea Scouting, it was agreed that an effort should be made to keep them in Scouting. It was then decided that the Chairman, DC, and Mr. Campbell should investigate the position and report back to the Executive.

Rover Report.

The DC intimated that the Rover Moot would be held at Langbank in June, 1951.

Pipe Band Report.

\*The Chairman, reporting on the meeting of the sub-committee, said that a sum of £187: 7: 11 had been spent on the Protestant band and that £253: 12: 8 had been spent on the Catholic Band. It was agreed that the accounts for £160:9/8 of Peter Henderson Limited should be paid, but that any further proposed expense should first come before the Executive for approval.

\*In connection with equipment given out on loan, it was decided that Messrs. D. Scott and C. McCready be given the sole right to grant the loan of equipment of their respective Bands on a written note from the DC.

\*It was reported that the band of the 5th Troop had played at the Youth Festival but that, owing to an error made by the Youth Panel, it had been announced as the Association Band. \*The DC submitted a request from Mr. D. Scott for authority to purchase another drum at a cost of £22 but this was held over.

\*Mr. McCready requested that he be allowed to make application for Parks Engagements during the summer and this was granted on the condition that all members of the Band would parade in uniform dress. It was agreed that balmorals be purchased for the members of the Band.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer reported the total amount of balances in Bank as £442: 19: 10 and he submitted the following accounts for payment:-

T. Rae Ltd. £1: 11: 6.

T. Ogg £4: 0: 0.

T. Ogg £0: 11: 4.

Fire, Accident and General Assurance £2 1: 7.

Gas Board £9: 15: 9.

A. Peterson £0:11: 9.

These were approved.

\*The DC submitted an analysis of accounts drawn up by the Finance Committee showing the following allocations under the Extension Fund:-

Corlic £250

Gryffe £200

Dunrod £150

Total £600.

The analysis was approved and it was agreed that any alteration to the allocations to Sectors be made at the Annual General Meeting if required. The Secretary was instructed to include in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting an item to this effect.

Hut.

The redecoration of the Hut was now complete and the Chairman remarked on the fine job Mr. Ogg had done on the kitchen and the den.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. A.C. Nicol reported that a Council of Old Scouts had been set up in Scotland and would meet in the near future. A bus trip to Auchengillan was being planned for the summer and he said that the total membership of the branch was now 60.

Everton.

\*It was intimated that Everton would open on the 13th April 1951.

\*Mr. Morrison, reporting on the conditions at Everton, said that past attendances did not fully justify the Association's tenancy at Everton and that steps should be taken to improve matters. It was not, he said, through lack of supervision, so he suggested that a novice camp scheme be inaugurated to encourage younger boys to take advantage of the facilities provided. The plan he proposed which show the boys what to do by example and those who proved themselves fit would be allowed to camp thereafter under the supervision of Senior Scouts. The Scoutmasters were in favour of this plan and the Executive agreed that it should be carried out.

Applications for Warrants.

The following applications were submitted and approved:-

Miss W.G.H. Wright, CM, 7th Renfrewshire.

Archibald M. Kerr, ARL, 81st Renfrewshire.

Victor J. Clark, SM, 70th Renfrewshire.

Association Dance.

It was intimated that the Dance would be held in Wellpark Church Hall on Thursday 5th April and that Guiders would be invited. It was agreed that the wearing of uniform should be optional.

Bob-a-Job

The purchase of publicity material for the Bob-a-Job week was authorised. It was agreed that money earned in excess of the required 1/- per head be handed back to the respective Groups.

*Neckerchief Application*

An application from the 16th Renfrewshire Group to alter their neckerchiefs from tartan to emerald green was approved.

*Typing Duties*

The D.C. intimated that Miss E. Pollock would, in future, undertake the typing duties in place of Miss Sandelands, who had resigned on her marriage, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Miss Sandelands.

Civil Defence.

The D.C. submitted a letter from the Chief Scout in which it was stated that the Home Secretary considered that the duty of all Scouters was primarily to Scouting and that the question of Civil Defence should take second place only.

Annual General Meeting.

This was arranged for Monday, 14th May, 1951, in the Lorne.

Group Accounts.

The D.C. requested that all Group accounts be submitted to the Association at 31st March.

1951 Jamboree.

It was intimated that Mr. Colin Finnie would be in charge of the Renfrewshire party attending the Jamboree to be held in Austria.

*Repairs*

Repairs to the Scout Badge to be hung on the wall of the Hut were authorised.

The Late Mr R. S. Murray's Trust.

With reference to two allocations of £500 each made from this Trust, the D.C. submitted an indemnity which the Trustees required to be signed. The Chairman explained the significance of the deed and it was agreed that it should be signed on behalf of the Association.

Scouting Methods.

It was proposed to re-issue this publication and a Committee consisting of Miss Tulloch, Mr. Morrison, the Treasurer and the Secretary was set up to deal with the matter.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 26th March, 1951.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 26th March, 1951.**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Jean Tulloch; Miss N. Moggie; Hon. Treasurer; & Hon. Secretary.

Mr Robert Reid, A.C.C. (Training) Aberdeen also attended.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 26th February was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

\*The D.C. reported on the meeting of the sub-committee which had been formed to enquire into the acquisition of suitable headquarters for a new Troop of Sea Scouts in Gourock. The sub-committee had decided that the Tarbet Street premises were ideal for the purpose and that the estimated upkeep would be reasonable. The Executive then agreed that the price asked for the premises should be ascertained and submitted at the next meeting.

\*Mr. Campbell reported that arrangements were being made for a party od Sea Scouts to visit the “Discovery” in London and that it had been intended to ask Greenock and Inverkip to send one patrol each. This, he said, would not be possible as there was no Sea Scout Troop in Greenock, but he nominated one suitable boy, Walter Chalmers, of the 23rd Renfrewshire, to represent Greenock and it was agreed that Mr. Morrison should be consulted for any further nominations.

Pipe Band Report.

The D.C. reported that, in consultation with the Chairman, he had authorised Mr. Scott to purchase a drum at a cost of £22. The meeting approved.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer reported the total amount of balances in Bank as £279: 17: 11, and he submitted the following accounts for payment:-

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £2: 4: 8. A. Crawford and Sons £0: 6: 6.

John Pansonby £1: 2: 0. Co-operative Socy £1: 3: 0.

J. Lamont and Co. £3: 2: 6. Typist’s Postages £1: 0: 0.

T. Ogg £4: 0: 0. Bob-a-Job Expenses £0: 11: 7.

Kitchen Utensils £1: 6: 0. Maps £1: 5: 0.

These were approved.

\*In connection with the courses being run by Mr. Reid, expenses amounting to £5 or thereby, were authorised.

Scouters Dance.

The D.C. reported that the Dance had been very successful and it was hoped to make it an annual function.

Hut.

\*The D.C. paid tribute to the fine work the Cubmasters had done on the kitchen during the recent re-decorations.

\*The question of laying linoleum on the kitchen floor was discussed and the DC said that he would obtain an estimate for this. Mr. MacElwee gave the area to be covered as 10 square yards.

Appointment of Interim Secretary.

It was intimated that the Secretary would be absent from the end of April to the end of September and it was agreed that Mr. Robert ~~Morrison~~ Paterson be appointed Interim Secretary during this period.

Applications for Warrant.

The following application was submitted and approved:-

Mrs C.M. Squires, CM, 33rd Renfrewshire,

and the following were tabled:-

Denis S. George, SM, 6th Renfrewshire.

Brian J. Hodgson, ASM, 70th Renfrewshire.

Miss Morag Anderson, ACM 6th Renfrewshire.

Charles Whyte, Jnr., ASM, 11th Renfrewshire.

St. George’s Day Parade.

The D.C. intimated that this would be held on 22nd April 1951 and that Cubs and Scouts would turn out. It was agreed that the arrangements be left in the hands of the DC and Mr Colin Finnie.

Annual Census.

The D.C. ~~reported~~ made an appeal to those present to have the Group Census returns submitted timeously.

Bob-a-Job.

The D.C. reported that, at a meeting of the County Executive Ccommittee, it was decided that all money in excess of 1/- per head be remitted back to Districts.

Re-issue of Woodsmoke.

The D.C. intimated that it was hoped to have the new issue ready by September or October.

Sports Meeting

A Sports Meeting at Paisley would be held on Saturday 26th May and Greenock had been asked to supply a relay team of 4 boys. This matter was left to the DC and Mr. MacElwee.

Annual Group Accounts.

Mr. Finnie was again authorised to receive these.

Festival of Britain.

The D.C. reported that the Corporation had consulted him in regard to participation in a pageant to be held in the Town Hall during the week from 1st to 6th April October. The meeting authorised him to appoint organisers and the matter would come before the Executive on the next meeting.

*Other Business*

Mr. J. Campbell raised the question of unauthorised persons collecting money by wrongfully using the Association's name, but it was agreed that little could be done now but that precautions would be considered before the Bob-a-Job Week next year.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 23rd April, 1951.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 23rd April, 1951 at 7.30 p.m..**

Present

Mr. Ian Brown (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell;. Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. ~~J.~~ C. McCready; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R.E. Paterson

Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. Drummond (Hon. Treasurer); & Mr. John T. Nicol (Secretary).

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 26th March was read and approved.

Sea Scout Report.

In connection with an enquiry as to the cost of the premises at Tarbet Street Gourock, Captain Stronach there would give no figure, but wanted an offer submitted to him. £25/30 had recently been spent on repairs. It was decided to ask Mr. McKellar to survey the premises and have his report submitted to next Executive meeting.

Rover Report.

The Moot would be held at Langbank and it was expected that 200 / 300 Rovers would take part.

Pipe Band Report.

Great satisfaction was expressed as to the keeness and ability of the members, and it was thought that if balmorals were provided for the members, it would complete a most becoming uniform. It was decided to seek quotations as to the expense involved in this.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer reported the total amount of Bank Balances as £264.15.3 and he submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Scottish Scout Shop 13/10.

Typing £2.0.0.

South West of Scotland Electricity Account £3.7.7.

Thomas Ogg £4.0.0.

These were approved, as also were expenses in connection with Scout exercises.

BP Guild of Old Scouts.

Mr. A.C. Nicol reported that a Scottish Council had now been set up.

Everton.

Permission for a bag of cement was given, and it was agreed that, in future, opening at Spring week end should be confined to older Scouts. General camping to start from first weekend in May.

Applications for Warrant

The following were approved:-

Miss Crabb, ACM

Walter Paul, ASM

and the following for ASM were tabled:-

David W. Gray, John Roder, W.W. Ross.

Association Dance.

Catering Bill amounting to £15.5/- for this dance held on 5th April was passed for payment and, though a small loss had emerged on the dance, it proved a successful and happy function. The church authorities were thanked for the use of the hall.

Hut Kitchen Floor Covering.

The D.C. intimated that no charge was being imposed for the laying of this.

Bob-a-Job.

The final figure was £243. 5. 10 and the Treasurer was authorised to hand back the necessary proportion to those contributing.

*Miscellaneous*

\*The D.C. intimated that the Scottish Conference would be held at Ayr in June.

\*In connection with the local St. George’s Day Parades, a grand total of 623 Cubs and Scouts had taken part.

\*An Empire Sunday Youth Service would be held in Mid Kirk on 6th May.

Scout Notes in “Telegraph”.

The D.C. intimated that the practice of printing Scout Notes in the “Telegraph” would be resumed, and it was agreed that they be first passed through the DC and Mr. David Graham.

*Chairman*

The Chairman intimated that he would be relinquishing his office at the Annual General Meeting. It was agreed to nominate Captain Davidson for the Chair. The DC paid tribute to the fine work done by Mr. Brown and thanked him for his valuable services. Mr. Brown suitably replied.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday 14th May at 7.15 p.m. in the “Lorne” rooms.

Colin Finnie, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held in the “Lorne” on Monday, 14th May, 1951 at 8 p.m.**

Apologies

Apologies for absence on behalf of the following were tendered:-

Colonel D. Paterson, D.S.O., Provost Boyd, K. Caldwell, James Ewart and David Thomson.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 23rd May 1950 was read and approved on the motion of Mr. J. Allan, seconded by Mr. James MacElwee.

The District Commissioners Report.

\*Census.

The figures as at 31st March were:-

Cubs Scouts Scouters Total

447 473 92 1012

Not included in these figures was the return from the new Group St. Joseph’s whose registration as the 9th had just come through. If their figures were taken, there would be an overall increase from last year's figures of 57.

\*Cubs and Scouts.

Great keeness had been shown throughout the year. Special praise was due the 59th Troop of Scouts for taking part in the National Ambulance Competition in Edinburgh where they had received most favourable commendation.

\*Everton.

The camp site had been greatly improved and a tremendous debt of gratitude was due the work party for all their efforts.

\*The Rovers.

It was most encouraging that the numbers here were now on the upgrade.

\*Swimming.

Satisfying use had been made of the Port Glasgow Baths, and the facilities made available to the boys by the authorities there was deeply appreciated.

\*Parades.

Cubs. Special parades in connection with Xmas toys and St. George’s Day had been made and by the Scouts on St. George’s Day and Empire Youth Sunday.

\*Badges.

A grand total of 526 Scout and 187 Cub had been won.

\*Bob-a-Job.

This year's total was £243.5.10 compared with £153.10.3 in 1950. This represented a sum of almost 5/- per head. 6th Troop had the splendid total of £50.

\*Trophy.

Intimation of the “Shearer” Trophy was made.

\*Pipe Bands.

All continued to flourish and in the various Parades had been most helpful.

\*William Millar scholarships.

15 applications had been received.

\*Social Functions.

Included C.M.'s Xmas Dance, Annual Social *????*, Rovers/Rangers Dance.

\*Events.

Included Xmas Carol Singing and, not only were toys distributed, but gifts and visits had been made to lonely Old Folks.

\*Jamboree.

This year was being held in Austria and we were being represented by one boy and Mr. Finnie.

\*Adventurers course in the form of Slogger Night, Dawn Climb, and Under Canvas in Wet Conditions had been held.

*\*Everton*

Mr. Morrison at Everton had instituted a class for Novices at camp.

\**Conclusion*

In conclusion, the D.C. thanked all who had in any way helped the Association during the year.

Financial Report.

\*The Treasurer distributed copies amongst those present and these were adopted.

\*The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Honorary Auditors for their work in connection with the Annual Accounts.

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Resignation of Chairman.

Mr Finnie said that, on account of pressure of work, Mr. Ian Brown could no longer carry on and he paid glowing tribute to the excellent work that Mr. Brown had done. Captain George Davidson was unanimously elected Chairman in his place.

Office Bearers for 1951/52.

The following officials, delegates and lay members were unanimously elected:-

President Colonel David Paterson D.S.O.

Vice Presidents. The Provost;

D. Crawford Black;

D.S. Webster;

Dr. William M. Brownlie MA, PhD, Rector GHS;

Dr. W.A.Milne;

J.A. Chadwin;

Chief Constable;

Rev. D.H. Stewart.

Chairman Captain George Davidson.

Honorary Secretary J.T. Nicol.

Honorary Treasurer J. Drummond.

Badge Secretary J. Lang.

Camp Warden J. Lang.

Camp Skipper R. Morrison.

District Scoutmaster J.M. MacElwee.

District Cubmaster Miss Connie.

Hon. Legal Adviser Colonel D. Paterson D.S.O.

Hon. Auditors Messrs. J.M. Kerr & Lindsay C.A.

Representatives to

County Scout Council. J.T. Nicol; J. Drummond; R. Morrison.

Representatives

to SHQ Council. Miss Connie; C. Whyte; J.T. Nicol; J. Drummond.

Lay Members. H. Slater; Mrs. Ewart; Mrs Whyte; C. McCready; D. Macalinden; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Henderson; W. Goldie; D.D. McKechnie; S. Colquhoun; H.R. Bolton; I. Brown; W. McIvor; Miss A.C. Campbell; W. Stratton; Mrs. MacElwee; J. Allan; J. Hall; J. Fraser; D. Sylvester; J Love; H. Ferguson; Mrs Canning; E.T. Muir; D. Scott; A. Nicol; J. Nicol; J. Drummond.

Executive Committee.

Scouters: C. Whyte; E. Salmon; J. Campbell; J. Canning.

Lay Members:- C. McCready; A. Nicol; J. Allan; D. Scott.

Mr. Arthur Lyle moved a comprehensive vote of thanks and the meeting terminated.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday, 28th May, 1951 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Colin Finnie (Acting Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. A. Lyle; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; Miss Jean Tulloch; Mr. J. Drummond (Hon. Treasurer); & Mr. R.E. Paterson (Interim Secretary).

*Preliminaries*

\*An apology for absence was intimated from the Chairman - Captain George Davidson - and Mr. Colin Finnie conducted the meeting.

\*The Minute of Meeting held on 23rd April 1951 was read and approved.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer reported the total amount of Bank Balances as £175.9.4 and he submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Scottish Gas Board £6.8.6.

R.S. Lawrie Ltd. £24.0.3.

Mackays Ltd. for Annual Meeting £4.17/-.

J.A. Simpson and Co. £0.7.6.

McNeils 4/6.

Halden McQuaker and Co. (Insurance) £6.0.0.

These were approved.

Sea Scout Report.

Mr. McKellar's report on the premises at Tarbet St, Gourock was not yet forthcoming.

Pipe Band Report.

In connection with the equipment of balmorals, Mr. Ewart submitted a quotation from *G*ordon, Glasgow as of 22/6 each or 50 at 19/6 each. Other quotations were to be sought and handed to Mr. Ewart.

It was felt that this would be a most heavy item of expenditure and it was decided to pass it to the representatives of the Bands and see if a proportion of the cost would be borne by the members themselves and the balance made up from the Association funds.

It was proposed by Mr. Ewart and seconded by Mr. Swan that a finance committee consisting of the Chairman, District Commissioner, Treasurer, and Mr. Ewart meet and go into the matter thoroughly and ascertain if any scheme or alteration of existing plans could be made to help in this proposed expenditure.

Everton.

\*36 Novices had passed the preliminary training, and a record number, ~~450 visitors~~ 400 Scouts representative of all the Troops had made visits to the camp. It was decided that a recognition of appreciation of the work done by the Camp Skipper and all his loyal co-workers be recorded in the Minute Book.

\*Two hot water bottles were to be purchased and the first aid kit box be kept fully stocked.

*Comments from DC*

\*The District Commissioner intimated the dates of various competitions and appealed for all who could attend to come along and support the efforts, more particularly at the Swimming Gala postponed till September.

\*He mentioned that the Corporation had approached him to see what effort the boys could do in connection with the Festival Week 29th September - 6th October 1951. Various suggestions, such as Team Dancing *and* Torchlight Procession were made and it was left to the District Commissioner to co opt members in a committee to help in any show the boys might put on.

*Application by Beltrees School*

An application by the Principal of Beltree Private School, for use of the Scout Hall for another year's session was submitted and the Secretary was instructed to write and grant her application. At the same time, it was left to the Finance Committee to go into ways and means, particularly in connection with the use of gas and light in this Let and see if her previous donation of £45 adequately covered the expenses involved in her use of the Scout Hall.

*Other Business*

\*The Secretary intimated that he had received from Messrs. Fyfe and Murray certificate for £500 British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978-1988 registered in the names of the office bearers of Greenock ~~and~~ District Boy Scouts Association - being allocation of this amount from R.S. Murray’s Trust.

\*A grant of £3 was authorised to the local boy to help in his expenses in connection with the Jamboree in Austria.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Scout Executive Committee was arranged for Monday 18th June 1951 in the Scout Headquarters.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held in Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on 18th June, 1951 at 7.30 p.m.**

Sederunt

Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); and Mr. James. Drummond (Hon. Treasurer).

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were intimated from ADCs Ian Pearson and J. Ewart, and from the Honorary Interim Secretary R.E. Paterson and ADC Colin Finnie.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with two minor alterations.

Finance.

\*The Honorary Treasurer submitted the financial statement and stated that as the result of an oversight, the Bank Balance had been incorrectly given in his last report. The present Bank Balance was £233-16-5.

\*Authority for payment of the following accounts was given:-

Mr. Ogg, Hut warden £4-0-0.

Orr Pollock and Co. (Printing Annual B/S) £1-5/-.

I.H.Q. (Pendant for Everton and Novices Course Certificates £1-19/-.

Postages £1-0-0.

Typists Expenses £3-0-0.

\*Income £1-16/- Everton Camp Fees.

\*Authority was given to the Chairman and DC acting jointly on behalf of the Executive Committee to deal with normal financial matters until the next meeting of the Committee.

Sea Scouts.

It was reported that no further progress had been made in regard to the Tarbet Street property.

Pipe Bands.

Since there was no further report from the sub-committee appointed to deal with the purchase of Balmorals, it was resolved to remit to the Chairman and DC the necessary authority to purchase Barmorals (maximum number 50) if the Band Secretar*ies* gave the necessary undertaking to recover 50% of the cost of each Balmoral from the recipients. It was noted that Band funds (raised by the efforts of the Bands) would be applied to reimburse the Association for its share of the expenditure. This motion was approved unanimously and was put by ADC Arthur Lyle.

Everton.

\*Mr. Morrison reported the seasonal falling off in numbers following the record number of attendances due to the Novices Camping Course which had resulted in 450 camping nights. \*The water supply was giving a little anxiety although the return to normal weather was ensuring a more ample supply of water.

Competitions.

The D.C. reported that the 70th Renfrewshire Troop had won the new William Shearer Signalling Trophy and the 32nd Troop had won the Shannon Cup competition.

Festival.

It was noted that active preparations for the local Festival of Britain celebrations would not be made until after the annual summer holidays.

Warrants.

\*Applications for warrants were tabled from Miss Anita McCulloch as ACM 70th Renfrewshire and Douglas Parish as ASM of 70th Renfrewshire.

\*The following permanent warrants had been received from I.H.Q.

Walter Paul, ASM, 54th (No. B 44888)

Donald H. Galbraith, ASM, 32nd (No. B 42089)

Victor J. Clark, SM, 70th Renfrewshire (No.B 42505).

Archibald Kerr, RSL, 81st Renfrewshire.

Mrs C. Squires, CM, 33rd Renfrewshire.

Miss Nan Crabbe, ACM, 7th Renfrewshire

Cub Picnic.

The Cup Picnic was held on Saturday 26th May to the Guides camping ground at Inverkip and the Beaven Sports Trophy had been won by 85th Pack.

New Chairman.

The DC then rose to formally introduce Captain George Davidson to his new office as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Swan assured him of the loyal support of the members and wished him success and enjoyment in carrying out his official duties. Captain Davidson suitably replied.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the committee was fixed for Monday 24th September 1951 at 7.30 p.m.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts’ Association held in Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock on Monday 24th September, 1951 at 7.30 p.m.**

Sederunt

Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J C. McCready; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. R.E. Paterson (Interim Secretary) and Mr. James. Drummond (Hon. Treasurer).

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 1951 were read and approved.

Finance.

The Honorary Treasurer submitted the Financial Statement and reported the total amount of Bank Balances as £229-15/-.

Authority for payment of the following accounts was given:-

R. Crawford and Sons £1.9.10.

Scottish Scout Shop 16/-

I. Gordon and Sons £33.5/- (Balmorals).

The Honorary Treasurer added that there was not sufficient funds in the Current Account to pay the above accounts and that it would be necessary to transfer funds from other accounts to feed this account. It was thought the Finance Committee could help in this matter.

Warrants.

The following applications for warrants were submitted and approved:-

David Thompson, SSM 9th Renfrewshire.

A.K. Lawson, SM 33rd

Brian J. Hodgson, ASM 70th

Joseph E. Rayment, ASM 6th

Miss Morag Anderson, ACM 6th

and were tabled from

Miss M.W. Gray as ACM 7th Renfrewshire

and Joseph Woods as ASM 9th.

It was regretted that Miss C.C. Williamson had been obliged by doctor’s orders to resign as CM of the 52nd Renfrewshire Group and the Secretary was instructed to write her and express the Association's thanks for her services.

Everton.

Roughly 1000 campers had made use of the camp for season from May to Autumn holiday and it was felt that this was a most satisfactory total and reflected the highest praise on the camp authorities.

The DC.

The D.C. mentioned activities planned by the Scouts in connection with the Festival activities sponsored by the Municipal Authorities.

In the pageant, boys would take part:-

1. On the stage itself.

2. Backstage. Scene changes etc.

3. Front stage. Programme selling etc.

and the Bonfire was a Scout effort entirely their own. The three Pipe Bands would take part.

The Executive Committee recommended that for this show

1. First aid equipment should be on hand.

2. A Lost Boy Department be set up.

Correspondence.

\*At Port Glasgow on Monday 15th October at the Public Baths, swimming competitions would be held and the DC appealed to those members of the Executive Committee who could go to do so, and show the Bath authorities how much the Association appreciated all their efforts on behalf of the boys.

\*A letter was read from the Greenock District Rifle Club stating that as from 5th November 1951 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m., facilities would be given to the boys to practice rifle shooting, the stipulation being that a Warrant Officer be in attendance and that ammunition be purchased from the Rifle Club.

It was agreed to accept the offer and it was felt that, for the present, the offer be confined to boys 14 years upwards.

Mr. Nicol said that an invitation had been extended to the BP Guild of Old Scouts to visit the Club on 2nd November at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Nicol kindly agreed to act as liaison officer to the Rifle Club and the Scout Association and he was empowered to enter into any agreement with the Rifle Club that would safeguard both sides and maintain relations on a friendly basis.

\*A letter from the 45th Rover Scout Crew applying for use of the Hut on Thursday evenings commencing 12th September was read and permission granted on the usual terms.

Pipe Band Insurance.

It was agreed to revise the items forming the equipment and ascertain if adequate insurance cover was available. This matter to be further raised when a complete inventory was to hand. Mr. Scott had sent particulars for the Protestant Pipe Band.

Linoleum.

The Committee took the chance to see the new linoleum on the kitchen floor and it was greatly admired.

The Secretary was instructed to write

1. to C.J.K. Nielsen, Messrs. Rowan and Rodin Ltd., 95 Bothwell Street, Glasgow for supplying and
2. to Sco Taylor, 54 Grant Street, Greenock for laying this

and to them both best thanks were due you.

To Mr. Neilson, a token payment of 10/- was to be made.

Next Meeting.

The date for next meeting was fixed for Monday 22nd October at 7.30 p.m.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday 22nd October, 1951.**

Present

Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. D. Scott; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Hon Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 24th September was read and approved.

Scout Report (Festival of Britain).

The D.C. reported that the various activities which the Association had taken part in during the Festival had been very successful and the public had been much impressed by the Parade and the Bonfire. Credit for the success was specially due to ADC Ian Pearson and the many helpers and to the Corporation Officials for their willing cooperation. One of the Pipe Bands had participated and had added to the success of the Parade. The Corporation had asked for an account for the torches used in the Parade and this was being sent.

Pipe Band Report

\*Insurance of Equipment.

Mr. Scott had submitted the inventory of equipment of one Pipe Band but that of the other was not yet to hand and the question of increasing the insurance cover was held over until this was submitted.

\*Balmorals.

In connection with the balmorals which had been purchased, efforts had been made to dye the red toories blue but had proved unsuccessful. There had been a misunderstanding about sizes when they were purchased. Mr. Ewart agreed to take the matter up with Messrs. T. Gordon and Sons to see if some new arrangement could be made.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer reported the total amount of Balances in Bank as £202:-: 5d, and submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Linoleum 10/-.

Fraser Bros. can /-.

McNeils £1: 10/-.

Electricity Board 9/4d.

Typists Expenses £3.

Postages £1.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that Everton was now closed but that some boys had been coming through the ground, so it was decided to reissue the Everton Circular.

Swimming Competitions.

The D.C. intimated that the competitions had been held in Port Glasgow Baths on Monday, 15th October and, in addition to the usual items, a Cubmaster Novelty Race and a Scouters Race had been held. There had been a good attendance and the Staff of the Baths had been very helpful. The Port Glasgow Club had presented prizes to the winners of the Trophies and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Club for their assistance.

Hut.

The D.C. paid tribute to all the willing helpers who had assisted in the improvements to the Hut and especially to Wm. Foley of the 16th Renfrewshire for painting the sign boards.

Rifle Practice.

It was reported that 18 names had so far been put forward for rifle practice and the necessary arrangements were left to the sub-committee.

Mr. Scott issued an invitation to the members of the Executive to join the B.P. Guild in their visit to the Greeenock and District Rifle Club on 2nd of November at 7.30.

Citizens Code.

It was agreed to issue a copy of this to each Group.

*Thanks Badge*

In connection with the retiral of Miss C.C. Williamson as Cubmaster of the 52nd Renfrewshire, it was unanimously decided that she be presented with a Thanks Badge for the valuable services she had rendered to the Movement and for the fact that she was obliged to resign against her own wishes. The presentation would be made at the next Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that, in future, such an award to deserving cases should be considered.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 26th November, 1951.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on Monday 26th November, 1951.**

Present

Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Hon Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

*Minute*

The Minute of Meeting held on 22nd October was read and approved.

Pipe Band Report.

\*Balmorals

In connection with the Balmorals, Mr. J. Ewart reported that he had contacted Messrs. Gordon who would gladly replace for different sizes any balmorals which were unworn and would also replace red toories with blue ones on unworn balmorals, free of charge. The charge for replacing toories on worn barmorals would be 1/- each. It was agreed that Messrs. McCready and Scott be left to make their own arrangements for the respective bands and report back to the Executive.

*\*Performances*

Mr. McCready submitted a letter from the Corporation along with a cheque for £5 in connection with a public appearance of the R.C. Pipe Band at the Lyle Park on 11th July.

*\*Visits*

The D.C. reported that both bands had been visited and a very good impression had been made. He said that the R.C. Pipe Band had organised Highland Dancing and he paid tribute to the instructors of the bands who had put in so much time and work for the Association.

Scout Report (Festival of Britain).

In connection with the Festival of Britain, the DC said that the Corporation had refunded the outlay on torches and had thanked the Association for the part it had played.

County Reunion.

The D.C. reported that the Reunion had followed the usual pattern and had been well attended.

Financial Report.

The Finance Sub-committee had met on 6th November and submitted the following recommendations.

The Greenock District Boy Scouts Association.

Meeting of Finance Sub-committee

6th November, 1951.

Present: Captain George Davidson, Chairman.

John Nicol.

Colin Finnie.

James J Swan.

After an examination of, and discussion on, current accounts, it was decided to recommend to the Local Executive Committee the following:-

1. That expenditure on Pipe Band equipment should be transferred to the Extension Fund, if and when a specially convened meeting of Scouters agreed to this proposal.

2. That advice should be taken from Colonel Paterson as to the possibility of “freeing” of the first R.S. Murray bequest of £500. It was considered that funds should not be specially ear-marked in the Balance Sheet for this purpose.

3. That an application should be made to the Margaret Street Property Trustees for a sum of £100 or more.

4. That Colonel Paterson be requested to consider the advisability of appointing another Trustee, or Trustees, of the Margaret Street Property Trust.

5. That, since the Headquarters revenue account expenditure is barely met by current income, and since general expenses are not being met out of revenue, a considerable drain on Capital is inevitable, and it is the opinion of the Sub-committee that some regular source of income should be considered, either in the form of annual Scouting events or by an alternative means.

6. With reference to expenditure on Pipe Bands, the Sub-committee, find that the financial position of the Association cannot permit of further expenditure from Association funds, and they therefore recommend that when the expenditure on the band which has spent least reaches the total of the band which has spent most, no further sums should be authorised at the present time. It is further suggested that future expenditure, whether of a revenue or capital nature, should be met by the bands themselves.

7. In order that the Executive Committee may have the most effective control over expenditure, it is recommended that all expenditure must be authorised by the Executive Committee in advance with special powers given to the Chairman’s Sub-committee to pass payment of emergency or standard expenses.

The recommendations were discussed and dealt with as follows:-

1. It was resolved to place the proposal before a specially convened meeting of Scouters.

2. It was resolved to take advice from Colonel Paterson in respect of freeing of the first R.S. Murray bequest of £500. The DC submitted a letter from Messrs. Fyfe and Murray confirming that these sums need not be earmarked and separately shown in the accounts of the Association.

3. It was resolved and the Secretary instructed to make application to the Margaret Street Property Trustees for a sum of £100.

4. It was resolved to request Colonel Paterson to consider the advisability of appointing 2 new Trustees of the Margaret Street Property Trust.

5. It was resolved to form a sub-committee of five persons consisting of Scouters and Lay Members for the express purpose of considering Ways and Means of raising £100 during the next year. The sub-committee would meet and submit its findings to the Executive Committee. The following were elected:-

Messrs J. Ewart, Chairman, A.C. Nicol, R. Morrison, C. Whyte, and C. McCready.

6. It was resolved that, when the expenditure on the band which had spent least reaches the total of the band which had spent most, no further sums should meantime be authorised.

7. It was resolved that all future expenditure must be authorised by the Executive Committee in advance and the Chairman’s Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, DC and Secretary was given special power to pass payment of emergency on standard expenses.

*S.H.Q. Circulars*

With reference to the scheme of distribution of circulars from S.H.Q. direct to Groups which had been on trial for the past year an account £7: 8: 5 was submitted detailing the expenses involved for this District. The account was approved for payment. The Executive considered it a good scheme on the whole, but costly, and it was decided to recommend that the cost in future should be included in the Bob-a-Job.

County Emblems.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the County Secretary in which it was stated that the new County Emblems would cost 5d or 6d each and it was necessary for the County to place an order for 4000 which would involve a considerable outlay for County funds to bear alone. It was requested that each District should guarantee an immediate purchase of 3/4 of their membership. This would mean that Greenock would have to take at least 760 costing around £19. The matter was given considerable thought and the Secretary was finally instructed to inform the County Secretary that the Association would take up and guarantee payment of the required amount and that he should convey the feeling of the Executive in the letter.

*Financial Report*

The Treasurer reported the total amount of balances in Bank as £192: 16: 11 and submitted the following accounts for payment:-

Cost of Fireworks £1.

Fraser Bros. 15/-.

Thomas Ogg £4.

Postages £1.

Gas Board £4: 18: 10.

J. Menzies £1: 6/-.

R.G. Lawrie £3: 4: 8.

These were approved.

Visit to Rifle Club.

It was reported that the visit paid to the Greenock and District Rifle Club had been very successful and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Club for their hospitality.

Applications for Warrant.

The following applications were submitted and approved:-

David W. Gray. ASM. 32nd Renfrewshire.

William W. Ross. ASM. 32nd Renfrewshire.

Miss Margaret W. Gray. ACM. 7th Renfrewshire.

Charles Whyte. ASM. 11th Renfrewshire.

and the following were tabled:-

Miss Joyce E. Munn. ACM. 6th Renfrewshire.

John W. Wright. SM. 33rd Renfrewshire.

The D.C. reported that he had been approached by J. Rayment of the 6th Renfrewshire, whose application had been tabled some time previously pending his taking the qualifying course, to enquire if his application could be approved without his taking the course. The Executive decided that it could not deviate from the rules laid down and the DC was requested to inform the applicant that he would have to take the course before his application could be approved.

Thanks Badge.

In connection with the presentation of a Thanks Badge to Miss C.C. Williamson, it was decided to make the presentation at the Christmas Toy Parade.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was arranged for Monday, 28th January 1952, but the Chairman's sub-committee was empowered to call a meeting before that date should it prove necessary.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on 25th February, 1952.**

*Present*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. E. Pearson; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. J. McCready; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Allan.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

7.35 p.m. Appointment of Secretary.

The meeting opened when the DC requested approval for the appointment of Mr. A.M. Kerr as Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. J.T. Nicol. This was given. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Nicol in appreciation of his valued service, and that the delay be noted in the minutes, three months having elapsed since the last meeting. The Chairman agreed to write to the County Secretary requesting approval for Mr. Kerr 's appointment under Rule 142 of P.O.R. as Mr. Kerr was a Warranted Scouter.

8.00 p.m. Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were then read and approved.

Association Balance Sheet.

The D.C. reported the agreement of the Scouters of the District to the Executive’s proposal regarding the inclusion of the Pipe Band assets under the head “Equipment and Headquarters” in the Association's Balance Sheet in the following terms:

Resolution.

“That this meeting, representative of all Scouters in the District, and formerly called in accordance with established custom, hereby approves of the following proposal which was remitted to this meeting by the Executive Committee of the Local Association, namely:-

That the item “Equipment and Headquarters £600” appearing in the Schedule of the Three-Year Plan Fund Allocation in Section XII of the Three-Year Plan Booklet published by the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association on 30th September, 1947, shall be deemed to include, and largely to consist of expenditure on District Pipe Bands Equipment”.

Passed 21/1/52

Cub Council.

The DC reported a request from the Cub Council for a money grant of ten shillings for each Cubmaster attending the Cubmasters Conference in Edinburgh, also a request for a grant of five pounds for the purchase of cooking equipment. Both of these were granted.

Headquarters.

A letter for Mr. L.S. Daw was submitted advising the replacement of one of the fire extinguishers in H.Q. Mr. Pearson offered to give an extinguisher for our use. This offer was accepted and Mr. Pearson was thanked for the gift.

Ways and Means Committee.

The recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee appointed at the November meeting were submitted and were as follows:

Ways and Means Sub-committee.

Meeting, 2nd December, 1951.

Members:

Messrs. Ewart (Chairman), Whyte, Morrison, McCready and A.C. Nicol.

Remit.

To consider Ways and Means of increasing Association's income to meet rising expenditure.

Conclusions.

The Committee agreed that they should consider basic proposals for raising funds and not concern themselves with details of execution and that their proposals should be of a long term nature.

Proposals agreed and Estimated Income.

1. The extension of the Lay Membership scheme to bring *an* annual income of £10.

2. The extension of the Bob-a-Job scheme to allow the Association to obtain 1/6 for every job (1/- for Headquarters and 6d for Local Association). All in excess of 1/6 per job to be returned to troops. Estimated to realise £50.

3. Monthly Saturday night Whist Drives during winter session to be held in Headquarters. Cost 2/- per person. Estimated to realise £35.

4. Concentrated and organised waste paper drive on commercial and industrial concerns, not house to house, with monthly collections. Estimated to realise £20.

5. Jumble Sale or Sale of Work to be held in Headquarters. *Estimated to realise £35*

*Estimated Total* £150

Re Proposal I.

Mr. Nicol agreed to attend the next Scouters meeting and explained the need for Lay Members, especially from the parents of the Scouts.

Proposal II

Proposal II was barred by the I.H.Q. requirement of 2/- from every job during the Bob-a-Job week.

Proposal III.

After much discussion, it was resolved that a series of monthly Whist Drives be held in the H.Q. on Saturday nights commencing in October, and that each section of the Association be responsible in rotation for their organisation, the first to be run by the Executive. Mr. Morrison agreed to be responsible for the first of these.

Proposal IV.

It was agreed that the Scouts would be asked to provide help for the collection of waste paper. The DC undertook the organisation on the understanding that this be without prejudice to any such effort on the part of his own Troop.

Proposal V.

Proposal V to hold a Jumble Sale was agreed to, and a sub committee, consisting of Mr. McCready, Mr. Canning, and Mr. Morrison, was appointed to be responsible for this, the sale to be held in October or November.

9.45 p.m. Warrants.

The following warrant applications were tabled:

Miss E.J. Boyd, 6th.

W.D. Parish, 39th.

D. McIntyre, 85th.

J. McEwan, 45th.

J.W. Wright, 33rd.

The following warrant applications were approved:

Miss W.G.H. Wright, 7th.

A.J.B. Ferguson, 39th and

K. Mitchell, 85th.

The following applications were read, but held in suspense to await the applicants’ attendance at an approved training course.

Miss J.E. Munn, 6th. A.M. Cowie, 39th.

Regarding personnel, the Honorary Secretary requested approval for expenditure for the compiling of a card index, and this was given.

10.00 p.m. Rover Scouts.

The D.C. again asked that the Rover Crews of the District report their opinions on the proposed new Rover plan.

Greenock Social Service Association.

The Chairman agreed to attend the public meeting of the Association and to report back at the next meeting of the Executive.

Football.

Mr. Whyte reported that he had made arrangements for the Greenock v Port Glasgow football match, and was now awaiting word from Port Glasgow regarding a date.

Presentation to Miss Duncan.

The D.C. announced the County's suggestion of a subscription list for a presentation to Miss Duncan. Further information would be received from them.

Pipe Band.

The DC exhibited a specimen of the hat badge to be used by the Pipe Bands. The Secretary was instructed to inform Pipe Band Secretaries that this could now be obtained through the Badge Secretary, price 1/5d, and that the badge must be worn on Pipe Band occasions only.

Mr. McCready submitted accounts for payment and it was agreed to remit these to the Finance Committee for approval.

Finance.

\*The Honorary Treasurer intimated the following Bank Balances and Income and Expenditure since the last meeting.

Bank Balances as at this date:

Greenock Provident Bank: £21-9/-, £100.

Greenock Provident Bank Pipe Band Account £15-15-3.

Commercial Bank Savings Accounts: £28-2/-.

National Bank, Current Account: £1-5-9.

Total £167-2/-.

\*Income.

Donations Girl Guides for use of Hall £- 10/-.

45th Rovers. For use of Hall. £1

45th Scouts. For use of Hall. £1-12-.

\*Donations:

Scotts Shipbuilding and Engineering Company Ltd. £10-10/-.

Sir Guy Shaw Stewart £1.

45th Scouts for use of Hall £1-12-6.

Total £16-4-6.

\*Expenditure.

J. Menzies (Pipe Reeds) £1-6/-.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £3-4-8.

Renfrew Scout Council (Circulars) £7-8-5.

Thomas Ogg (November) £4.

Mrs Pollock: Postages £1

Typing £3.

Thomas Ogg (December) £4

South West Scotland Electricity Board £3-8-8.

T. Comrie (Keys) £1-3/-.

Thomas Ogg (January) £4.

Orr Pollock and Co. £- 18/9.

Local Rates £11-3-11.

Mrs. Pollock Postages £1.

Scottish Gas Board £7-7-5 and £0- 3/2.

Insurance £2-1-7.

Total £55-5-7.

The expenditure was approved.

10.20 Everton.

Mr. Morrison was granted permission to purchase thinners and red lead for use at Everton. It was agreed that Everton be opened for camping on 18th April, but that no first campers be permitted to attend on that weekend.

Census.

The Honorary Secretary intimated that Census Forms would be issued soon, and requested that they be returned on 31st March to H.Q. Bob-a-Job Cards etc would be issued at that time also. Should any Scouter require these earlier, direct application should be made to him.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 7th April.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A.C. Nicol.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on 7th April 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs);

Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. McCready; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Secretary.

*Chairman*

The meeting opened at eight p.m., when, in the absence of Captain Davidson, Mr. A.C. Nicol was elected Chairman.

Business Arising from the Minutes.

\*The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

\*The DC announced that Miss Tulloch was to collect contributions for the presentation to Miss Duncan.

\*A letter from Mr. Scott was read requesting clarification of the Executive’s ruling on the badges for Pipe Bands. It was agreed to inform him that there was no need to remove the badges from the balmorals at any time.

\*Mr. Whyte gave the result of the Greenock- Port Glasgow football match as 1-9 and said that the game was much better than the result suggested; he promised better results for the future. It was agreed to record the Executive’s thanks to Mr. Whyte for his work in this connection.

\*Mr. Morrison announced that the painting at Everton had been completed and was thanked on completion of this task.

Warrants

A warrant application from Miss M. Roger as ACM of the 6th Renfrewshire Group was tabled.

8.55 Everton.

An application for the use of Everton Hut during the week commencing 8th, 26th inst by the Rovers of the 45th Group was considered; and after much discussion was granted, subject to the following conditions:

a) Circumstances must govern the consideration of all such requests.

b) The camp must be left in a condition satisfactory to the Camp Skipper.

c) The Scouter in charge must accept full responsibility for all gear in the Hut.

d) The facilities were to be used by a Rover Crew only.

Mr. Morrison reported an application for the use of the camping ground for a week during the Greenock Fair Holiday by a Troop who had previously made a visit there. It was decided to intimate to them that circumstances at that time would not permit the granting of the application.

9.15.

Captain Davidson took the chair with apologies for the delay in his arrival.

Bye Laws.

The DC reminded the Committee that the last set of Bye-Laws had been drawn up in 1938 and that some revision might be necessary. It was remitted to the Chairman's sub-committee to consider these and to report back.

Annual Returns.

The DC gave a reminder that property and finance returns from Groups should be in the hands of Mr. Finnie by 28th April.

Bob-a-Job Week.

It was announced that Bob-a-Job returns were to be handed in on 28th inst. The DC requested permission to advertise the Week in the “Greenock Telegraph” at a cost of £2-10/-. This was granted.

*Intimations*

The following intimations were made by the DC.

1. Sector Commissioners would make composite returns of Troops’ school accommodation requirements for the coming session.

2. A course in athletics was to be run by the Education Authority. This was highly recommended and details could be obtained from the DC.

3. A confidential list of unsuitable campsites in the UK had been received and could be consulted on application to the Secretary.

4. The various District Competitions were now under *way*.

5. The Art Trophy Winners were as follows

Models: 1. J. Brown (7) 70th. 2. A. Mollet (11) 6th. 3. M.M. McCoig (11) 52nd.

Art: 1. A. Mollet (11) 6th. 2. A. Robb (9) 7th. 3. K. Cook (8) 6th.

6. The Scouters’ Dance had been a success, socially and financially.

St. George’s Day.

The date suggested for the Saint George's Day Parade- 27th April- was approved.

Jamborette.

Two applications received for places at the Jamborette at Blair Atholl were granted.

Rovers and ~~Guiders~~ Rangers Dance.

The DC handed the sum of £2 to the Secretary, being the profit of the joint Rovers and Rangers Dance. It was agreed to donate this to a Home for crippled Scouts and the Secretary was instructed to enquire into this. It was agreed to send an acknowledgement of thanks to the organisers of the Dance.

Registration.

Application for the registration of a Group to be called 38th Renfrewshire, and sponsored by St. John’s Church, Greenock, was read and it was agreed that this should go forward.

Finance.

\*It was intimated that the Bank Balances were as follows:

National Bank Current Account £8- 10-11.

Commercial Bank *Sus.* Account £28-2/-.

Greenock Provident Bank £6-9/- and £100.

Roman Catholic Pipe Band Account £26-5-3.

Total £169-7-2.

\*The following accounts had been paid since the last meeting:

Thomas Ogg £4.

Electricity £4-4-10.

L.S. Daw Fire Appliances 14/-

D. Dow, McNeil and Murdoch, Jewellers 4/6 and 4/6.

Total £9-7-10.

\*A donation of £10-10/- to the Pipe Band had been received from Greenock ex-Servicemen’s Club.

\*The following accounts were submitted for approval, and were passed.

Pipe Bands:

R.G. Lawrie 2/6 and £2-17-6.

J.K. Menzies £1-8/-.

Peter Henderson £10-4-9.

Everton:

Macalister and Fyfe 6/-.

Scout Year.

A proposal by SHQ to change the date of the Scout Financial Year to 30th September was remitted to the Chairman's sub-committee for consideration and report.

9.40 Miniature Rifle Shooting.

The DC intimated that he had received one entry for the Duke of Connaught’s Shield. It was agreed that the Secretary write to the local Rifle Club and express the Association’s thanks for the facilities so kindly provided to Scouts of the District.

Novices Course.

It was announced that a Novices Camping Course would be provided at Everton on the weekends of 3rd/4th and 24th/25th May.

Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 28th April 1952.

The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m. with votes of thanks to both Chairmen.

G. Davidson.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on 28th April 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. Ian Pearson; Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); and Mr. C. Whyte.

There was an apology for absence from Mr. J.A.B. Campbell.

In attendance, the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The meeting opened at eight p.m. when the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes.

I. The Secretary intimated that the Trefoil School for Crippled Children had been suggested by SHQ as a suitable recipient of the £2 received for charity from the joint Rover/Ranger Dance and it was agreed to dispose of the money in this way.

II. The recommendation, that the new Scout Year should end on 30th September and that the next year should be one of eighteen months, by the Chairman's sub-committee was agreed to.

III. The Chairman then read the Bye-Laws as presently constituted and put forward the proposals of his Sub-committee for their amendment.

After protracted discussion, it was agreed that:

1. Paragraphs one and two should remain as printed.

2. Paragraph 3 sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) to remain as already laid down.

2. Sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 3 should be amended to read “Public notice of all meetings and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be given at least seven clear days beforehand.

3. Paragraph 4 (1) should remain as printed.

4. Paragraph 4 (2) should read:

“The number of other members under rule 143(ii) shall be eleven, to include four Warranted Scouters, the Badge Secretary, the Camp Skipper, a representative of the B-P Guild, one Lay Member representing each of the two District Pipe Bands, and two other Lay Members.”

5. Paragraphs 4(3), 4(4), 5 and 6 should remain as already laid down.

8.55.

IV. The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for 26th May with 19th May as an alternative at 8 p.m., to take place in the “Lorne”, West Blackhall St., the Executive to meet one half hour earlier.

V. The Chairman reported that Greenock Social Service Association had held a successful meeting.

Cub Report.

Miss Tulloch reported a good meeting of the Cub Council, also that there had been an excellent turn out of Cubs on the St. George’s Day Parade, there being 80 on the morning parade and 198 in the afternoon.

Scout Report.

\*The District Scoutmaster reported that 15 Scouters and 180 Scouts had attended the Parade, which, along with the 5th Troop Band and the Association Band, also Commissioners, made a total attendance of 219.

117 Scouts and Cubs had paraded at Gourock and the grand total parading on that day was 704.

The DC expressed the thanks due to the Scouters responsible.

Mr. Finnie intimated that a collection of £3-2-6 had been taken at the 52nd Group’s Parade on St. George’s Day, and offered this sum for disposable disposal to a suitable charity. It was agreed that this should be sent to the Trefoil School. The DC undertook to send a letter of thanks to the Rev. D.H. Stewart.

Rover Report. Nothing to report.

Everton.

\*Mr. Morrison informed the meeting that the swimming pool had been repaired and lime-washed. He also reminded the meeting of the great demand for locker accommodation and said that at least two lockers were not being fully used. It was decided that the Chairman’s Sub-committee should deal with the matter and that applications for vacant lockers should be requested in Scout Notes.

\*The attendance at the first weekend's camp had been 83.

\*Mr. Morrison was given authority to replenish the first aid box.

9.25 Headquarters. Nothing to report.

Warrants.

The following warrant applications were approved:

Donald McIntyre, ASM, 85th.

Miss E.J. Boyd, ACM, 6th.

John McEwan, ASM, 45th.

John W. Wright, SM, 33rd.

Intimations.

The DC made the following intimations:

\*Two vacancies for the Jamobette had been filled, but Pipers were still required.

\*A Cub from Battersea had shown his keenness by joining up again on his arrival in Greenock.

\*County Badges were available from the Badge Secretary and were to be worn on the right breast pocket. The final date for the change from the old badge was fixed at 31st December 1952.

\*Returns of Scout property were to be made by 30th April.

\*The collection for Dr. Barnardo's Home amounted to £

9.45

Sea Scouts.

The Secretary intimated an application for a charge certificate for Mr. Donald McIntyre, ASM, and Mr. K.A. Mitchell, SM of 85th Renfrewshire Group. The Chairman and Mr. Pearson were appointed to take the duties of Sea Scout Committee in this matter.

Finance.

Permission was given to the Treasurer to remit 2/- per head of the Bob-a-Job receipts to SHQ.

Other Business.

Mr. A.C. Nicol was given permission to visit Everton on 28th inst with a bus party of B.P. Guild members, arrangements to be made with Mr. Morrison.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman at 10 p.m.

G. Davidson.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Lorne, West Blackhall Street, Greenock on 26th May 1952.**

There were present: Captain Davidson, Chairman; Mr. J.J. Swan, District Commissioner; Miss J. Tulloch; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Canning; Mr. Ewart; Mr. Finnie: Mr. Nicol; Mr. Morrison; Mr. MacElwee; and Mr. Pearson.

In attendance, the Treasurer and Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Lorne, Greenock on 26th May, 1952.**

*Apologies*

Apologies for absence had been received from Colonel Paterson D.S.O.; Sir Guy Shaw Stewart; Provost Boyd; K.L. Caldwell, County Commissioner; Robert Urquhurt, County Secretary; J. Lowe, DC Port Glasgow; Dr. Milne; Mr. Chadwin; D.M. Campbell, Secretary, Boys Brigade; Mrs. Brown, Girl Guides, who was represented by Miss Ferguson; and Mr. D. Thomson, GSM of 9th Group.

*Preliminaries*

\*The Minutes of the AGM of 14th May 1951 were read and approved on the motion of Mr. J. Campbell, seconded by Mr. C. Finnie.

\*The Chairman welcomed those present and spoke of the enthusiasm of the Executive Committee and of the hard work of Mr. Swan. He outlined the outstanding events of the year and said that the welfare of the boys was ever in the forefront of the District's activities. He then called upon Mr. Swan to give his report on the Association's work.

*District Commissioner’s Report*

*\*Census*

The DC gave first the results of the latest census which were:

Cubs: 504. Scouts and Rovers: 504. Scouters 111. Total 1119.

All branches of the movement had increased their numbers and the total increase was 107.

His assistants, Colin Finnie, Arthur Lyle, James Ewart, Ian Pearson, and Miss Tulloch, had been ably backed by DSM James McElwee and DCM Miss Connie.

*\*Cubs, Scouts and Rovers*

Cubs and Scouts had shown the usual keen-ness in competitions. The Cubs had had an outing to Inverkip and Cub Council meetings during the year had improved the standard of Cub work.

The County Commissioners for Scouts and Cubs had visited the District and had been favourably impressed with the progress made.

Inverkip Sea Scouts had now acquired a new boat and this promised new Scouting adventure in this sphere.

Rover Crews were slowly but surely getting under way and their motto of service was there guiding star.

*\*Training Courses*

County and District Training Courses for Scouters had proved invaluable, and as attendance was now a pre-requisite for the granting of a warrant, these ensured a raising of the standard of Scouting in the future.

*\*Everton and Campng*

Everton camping ground had broken all attendance records and praise was due to Mr. Morrison and Mr. Lang along with their work parties for the sterling work done there. The Novices Camping Course had been very successful, and Troop Camps had taken place as far afield as Millport, Stonehaven and East Linton.

*\*Swimming and Rifle Shooting*

The Port Glasgow Association had co-operated most willingly in providing swimming facilities at Port Glasgow Baths and at Galas and Competitions. Thanks are due also to Greenock Miniature Rifle Club for facilities given to the Local Association.

\*Parades.

Parades during the year included those on St George’s Day and Empire Youth Sunday. The Cubs Christmas Toy Parade had produced 403 toys for distribution to local hospitals.

\*Bob-a-Job Week.

Impressed by the urgent call from I.H.Q. for greater efforts, the District had raised a total of £304.

\*Pipe Bands.

Under the able guidance of Mr. McCready and Mr. Scott, the Pipe Bands had continued to flourish.

\*William Miller Scholarships.

The William Miller Scholarships were still available for competition in the District.

*\*Events*

Notable events during the year had been the Festival Bonfire and Torchlight Procession, Christmas Carol singing, the Annual Dance, and the Cubmasters Christmas Dance.

\*BP Guild.

The B-P Guild continued from strength to strength thanks to the able leadership of Mr. A.C. Nicol.

*\*Other Organisations*

The assistance of the Education Authority was much appreciated in providing school accommodation for Scout meetings.

Happy relations with kindred organisations such as Girl Guides, Boys Brigade and the Youth Panel had continued to exist.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Swan for his expositions of the Association's activities and then called upon Mr. Drummond, the Honorary Treasurer to speak.

Finance.

Mr. Drummond then presented the Annual Financial Report to the meeting.

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BP Guild.

Mr. A.C. Nicol then gave a report on the activities of the BP Guild, which would be four years old in November of this year. He commended it to the notice of all former Scouts.

Adoption of Reports and Accounts.

On a motion by Miss Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Ewart, the DCs report, the Annual Accounts, and the report on the BP Guild were adopted unanimously.

Bye-Laws.

The proposed new Bye-Laws, agreed to by the Executive Committee on 28th April, were then adopted without dissent.

Office Bearers.

The following office bearers were then elected unanimously:

President Colonel D. Paterson DSO.

Vice Presidents The Provost of Greenock;

D. Crawford Black;

D.S. Webster;

Dr. Brownlie;

Dr W. A. Milne;

J.A. Chadwin;

The Chief Constable of Greenock;

Rev. D.H. Stewart.

Chairman Captain G. Davidson.

Honorary Secretary A.M. Kerr.

Honorary Treasurer J.C.B. Drummond

Badge Secretary J. Lang.

Camp Warden J. Lang.

Camp Skipper R. Morrison.

Deputy Camp Skipper C. Small.

District Scoutmaster J. McElwee.

District Cubmaster Miss A. Connie.

Hon. Legal Adviser Colonel D. Paterson.

Hon. Auditors Messrs. J.M. Kerr and Lindsay.

Lay Members H. Slater; Mrs Ewart; Mrs. Whyte; C. McCready; D. McAlinden; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Henderson; W. Goldie; D.D. McKechnie; S. Colquhoun; H.R. Bolton; Ian Brown; W.D.C. McIvor; Miss A.C. Campbell; W. Stratton; Mrs. McElwee; G. Allan; J. Hall; J. Fraser; D. Silvester; J. Love; H. Ferguson. Mrs Canning and E.G. Muir.

Executive Committee. J Lang; A.C. Nicol; Robert Morrison; J.A.B. Campbell; Chas.

Whyte; K.S. Mitchell; G. Allan; C. McCready; J. Canning; and D. Scott.

County Scout Council.

\*It was agreed that the next financial period would end on 30th September 1953 to conform to the County Scout Council's financial year.

\*The appointment of delegates to the County Scout Council was remitted to the Executive Committee.

Sea Scout Committee.

The following were appointed unanimously:

The Chairman, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Finnie.

Presentation.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Donald Balloch and Mr. Alex McKay to accept from the Association Thanks Badges in recognition of the invaluable work they had done in the training of the Pipe Bands.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr. Finnie then moved a vote of thanks to the Chair and the meeting ended.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Lorne, West Blacxkhall Street, Greenock, on 26th May 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Mr. J. Allan. Mr. J. Ewart; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Finance.

\*The D.C. proposed that, in view of the serious financial position, a sub-committee be appointed to consider the situation. This was agreed to, and the Chairman, Treasurer and Messrs. C. Finnie and J. Ewart were elected, and requested to report back.

\*Payment of the following accounts was approved:.

Gas Board £6-9-1.

Thomas Gordon £1-15/-.

R.G. Lawrie £1-15/- and £1-15/-.

James McKelvie £0-14/3.

Duplication Experts, Glasgow £1-5/-.

Scottish Scout Shop (Thanks Badges) £1-5/-.

Pipe Bands.

The DC intimated that Mr. D. Scott had tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Pipe Band, and, at Mr. Scott's request, the DC and Mr. Whyte were appointed to meet him on demitting office.

Warrants.

The following warrant application was approved:

Mr. W.D. Parrish, GSM, 39th.

The meeting closed at 10.25 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

G. Davidson.

**The Greenock District Boy Scouts Association.**

**Meeting of Sub-Committee appointed by the L.A. Executive Committee to consider the recommendation made by the Association's Auditors and other matters relating to finance. Headquarters, 2nd June, 1952.**

1. Lay Members.

It was decided to request Mr. Andrew Nicol to contact past Lay Members with a view to their renewing their subscription for the new Scout year 1/10/52 to 30/9/53.

2. Insurance Everton.

It was agreed to recommend increasing the value of the Hut to Everton to £800 subject to evaluation by the Insurance Company surveyor.

It was further agreed to recommend insuring the contents which are the property of the L.A. for £100 and to obtain a rate for insuring of troop gear at Everton with a view to taking total cover and reimbursing the Association by an additional levy from the Troops affected.

It was agreed to recommend increasing the locker rent from 2/6d per annum to 5/-per annum and to increase the camping fee from 1d to ~~2d~~3d per night.

3. Pipe Band Insurance.

It was agreed to increase the valuation of the property insured to £500.

4. Third Party and Property Owners Insurance.

It was agreed to consult Mr. Ian Brown regarding the advisability of covering these risks.

5. Inventory of LA Property.

It was agreed to recommend the appointment of a special committee to check the existing inventory and to make recommendations as appropriate.

6. It was agreed to recommend outdoor activities in the month of June, possibly taking the form of two outdoor shows and a Drum head Service, and also to recommend the running of a Gang Show about Christmas time.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scout Association’s Executive Committee held within the Headquarters, 24 Robertson Street, Greenock, on 23rd June 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Allan.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Warrants.

The meeting opened at 7.35 p.m. when an application for a warrant by Miss Maisie Roger, ACM, 6th Group was approved, and an application by Mr. R.E. McGloin as RSL of 54th Group was tabled.

The DC submitted a list of persons who had passed the recent Pre-Warrant Training Course, and intimated that E. Rayment had not completed the weekend of training. It was decided that a warrant should not be issued in his case.

Headquarters.

An application for Let of the Headquarters from Miss Francis was submitted and was granted subject to terms laid down by the Chairmans Sub-committee, which would also arrange for a let to Greenock Judo Club.

Pipe Bands.

The DC reported on a meeting he had had with Mr. Scott regarding the Protestant Pipe Band. Mr. Scott suggested:

1. That members of the Executive should help in recruiting for the Band.

2. That the boys be asked to pay 6d per week as members.

3. That the band should parade once monthly.

4. That Park engagements should be obtained. and

5. That the boys be requested to provide a Chanter each, either on joining or later.

These were agreed to.

In this connection, Mr. McCready reported that some members of his band had refused to pay for Balmorals owing to bad fitting. It was agreed that he should contact Mr. Ewart who had arranged the original purchase.

Property.

The D.C. reminded the meeting that inventories of all Association property were requested and it was agreed that Mr. Morrison and Mr. Lang, and Mr. Campbell and Mr. Whyte should prepare inventories for Everton and Robertson Street respectively.

Bye-Laws.

The comments and suggestions of the County Commissioner were remitted to the Chairman’s Sub-committee for consideration.

Scouts.

The DC reported that the 14 entrants for the Shannon Cup had shown a high standard of Scouting. The Cup was won by the 32nd Troop.

Finance.

\*Approval was given to the following accounts which had been paid since 31st March:

Mrs. Pollock for Postages £1

Macalister and Fyfe 6/-

J.K. Menzies £1-8/-

Thomas Ogg £4

Orr, Pollock and Co. £2-2/-

Trefoil School £3-2-6

Peter Henderson £10-4-9

Halden McQuaker and Co. £7

Ardgowan Estates £4-12-9

Renfrew County Scout Council (Emblems) £19

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £3

Allowance for Cub Conference £1-10/-

Mrs. Pollock for Postages £1

A.M. Kerr for Postages £1

Duplicating Experts £1-5/-

T. Gordon and Sons £1-15/-

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £7-7-6

Orr, Pollock and Co. £2-18-6 and £1-16/-

Scottish Gas Board £6-9-1

Thomas Ogg £4

James MacKelvie and Sons 14/3

Renfrew County Scout Council (Bob-a-Job) £111-18/-

Repayments to Troops (Bob-a-Job) £184-9-11

\*The Auditor's comments on the Balance Sheet were considered and it was agreed:

1. That Mr. Nicol request payment of subscriptions from Lay Members.

2. That property and contents should all be insured.

3. That Locker Rents be fixed at 5/- and camping fee 3d next year and

4. That Pipe Band Equipment be insured for £500.

9.50

The Chairman’s Sub-committee was given power to deal with all matters arising before the next meeting which was fixed for 22nd September 1952.

The meeting closed at 9.55.

A.C. Nicol.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scout Association’s held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street, Greenock, on 15th September 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. D. Scott; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

An apology for absence was received from Mr. McCready.

Mr. Nicol was appointed to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

*Lets*

The Secretary reported that the usual Let had been made to Miss Francis and that negotiations with the Judo Club had established no immediate need on their part for a Let of the Hall.

*Bye-Laws*

The Bye-Laws containing suggested amendments by the C.C. were approved. The effect of these amendments was to leave the model Bye-Laws as printed with the following additions:

1. a) Seven days notice to be given of Association and Executive Meetings.

b) Public notice to be given in addition.

2. The Executive to consist of twelve members.

3. A quorum to consist of seven members.

I*nventories*

The DC expressed thanks to those who had taken much time and trouble to complete inventories of Association property. The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. McCready to hasten his inventory.

Cubs. No Report.

Scouts.

\*The DC reported on the many services rendered by the Scouts during the NATO Fleet visit. The crew of the USS ship Roosevelt had provided generous hospitality to the Scouts during their visit to that ship. Special thanks were due to the ship’s Commander.

\*A donation had been received from the Police Recreation Club in connection with the Police International Football Match.

Rovers. No Report.

Pipe Bands.

\*A donation of £8-8/- had been received from the Dockers’ Club. A request for band services from the British Legion was granted and passed to Mr. Mackay.

\*Mr. Scott requested a renewal of Troop membership for some members of his band and the DC promised to arrange this.

\*Mr. Whyte reported a request by Mr. Mackay for a check of Pipe Band members at Troop meetings. It was agreed that no action be taken on the matter.

*Everton.*

Mr. Morrison announced that camping would end at Everton on 21st September.

H.Q.

The DC intimated that Association property had now been insured as follows:

HQ £1250

Everton £550

Trophies £225

Pipe Band £277-14

Property Owners Liability £1000

Finance.

\*The Treasurer announced that the following accounts had been paid since last meeting:

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £3.

Cub Conference Allowance £1-10/-.

Mrs. Young Postages £1.

A.M. Kerr Postages £1.

Duplicating Experts £1-5/-.

T. Gordon and Sons £1-15/-.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £7-7-6.

Orr, Pollock and Co. £2-18-6 and £1-16/-.

Gas £6-9-1.

Thomas Ogg £4.

J. McKelvie and Sons £- 14/3.

Renfrew County Scout Council (Bob-a-Job). £111- 18/-.

Repayment to Troops £184- 9-11.

Electricity £1-11-11.

D. Scott Postage and Carriage £0-11/6.

McNeils Ltd. £0-6/6.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £1-3-6.

Orr, Pollock and Co. £0-10/6.

Typists Expenses £3

Postages £1

MacKays Ltd. £5-18/-.

Gas £0-10/-.

\*Authority was given for payment of the following.

Fyfe and Murray for Insurance £4-13-9; £5-15-6 and £1-13-6.

\*Income was £8-8/-. Dockers club donation.

\*Bank Balances were

National Bank £7-8-8.

Provident Bank £78-19-9. And £6-9/-.

Commercial Bank £35-3-3.

Provident Bank Account Pipe Band £16- 0-6.

Warrants.

An application by R.E. McGloin for appointment as RSL of 54th Renfrewshire was remitted to the Warrants Sub-committee for consideration.

Award for Gallantry.

Recommendation of an award for gallantry to Duncan W.C.K. Murdoch was made. It was stated that he had jumped fully clothed into deep water to rescue a fishing companion from drowning.

Whist Drive.

The DC asked the Executive for co-operation in the Whist Drive to take place on 8th October. That following, run by the Cub Council, was to be on 8th or 15th November.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

A.C. Nicol

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street, on 27th October 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Peliminaries*

Mr. Nicol was appointed to the Chair in the absence of Captain Davidson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Warrants.

The application by Miss Morag Anderson for appointment as CM of 6th Group was approved.

Cubs and Rovers. No Report.

Scouts.

\*The DC announced the Scout Gala on 17th November at Port Glasgow and drew attention to the need for entries, also asking for full support from the District.

\*An entry from the 7th Troop for the County Ambulance Competition had not been made due to a slip at County level.

\*The County required a return of all heritable property held by Scout Groups to enable regularisation of deeds in accordance with POR. This matter was being investigated.

\*A letter offering commission on shoes collected for repair by Messrs. Greenlees and handed in by Scouts was read, and the Secretary was instructed to inform them that such activity was a contravention of our rules.

\*It was agreed that all Pipe Band equipment be insured for full value.

\*A letter intimating the gift of £500 in Savings Bonds by the Trustees of the late R.S. Murray was placed before the meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of acceptance and thanks.

8.10.

\*An offer by Mr. G.L. Cameron to play at two Scout Dances annually in return for the use of the Association’s amplifier was remitted for investigation by Messrs. Nicol and McElwee.

\*The DC intimated that a Scouter's Training Course would commence in our Headquarters on 22nd November, to run for two weekends. Mr. J.W. Ferguson would be in charge. Entries should be made by 12th November.

\*He also stated that the 45th Group had just lost second place in the shooting competition for the Duke of Connaught’s Shield due to the fact that one of their team was a few days over the age limit ~~of~~ on the day of the shoot.

\*The Committee expressed thanks to Mr. Morrison for running such a successful Whist Drive. The profit was £7-5/- and a late donation of 10/- was received.

8.30.

\*The DCs nomination of D. Chalmers and J. Canning for the Education Committee's Youth Leader Conference at Wiston on 22/23 November was approved. The cost would be 30/- per head.

8.35 Finance.

\*Mr. McCready handed over £10, being proceeds of Parks engagement by the RC Pipe Band.

\*The following accounts were passed for payment:

J. Stoner £1-19/-.

R.G. Lawrie 7/10d and £2-12-7.

J. Lang £1-5/- for Thanks Badges.

8.50 Mr. Morrison took the chair.

Pipe Band.

Mr. McCready submitted a letter received from the Parents’ Committee of the RC Pipe Band, intimating that they had appointed three Trustees for the kilts and other equipment donated by them. It was agreed that the Chairman, DC, Mr. Canning*, &* Mr. McCready should have a meeting with the committee to resolve the question of ownership of the various equipment, the meeting to take place on 10th November at 8.30 p.m. in the Headquarters. The Pipe Major should also be invited.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m. with a vote of thanks to both Chairman. The next meeting was fixed for 24th November.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street, on 24th November 1952.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. C. McCready Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Scout Gala.

The DC said that the Gala held in Port Glasgow had been very successful. Thanks were specially due to the staff of Port Glasgow Baths, and the Port Glasgow Association. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Port Glasgow.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Training Course.

An excellent training course had taken place in Headquarters, but the organiser, Mr. Ferguson, had been inconvenienced by last minute withdrawals.

Pipe Band.

The DC reported on the meeting held with the Parents Committee of the RC Pipe Band. He had advised the parents that in raising funds for the Band, the term “Boy Scouts” could not be used unless the money were placed in the hands of the Association, and that property handed over to the Band became the property of the Band for all time. On pointing out that one of the Trustees nominated by them was a minor, they had agreed that Mr. Mackay be appointed during his minority. He had agreed to request permission for the use of jerkins on parade, and that Mr. Mackay was to be advised of the date of Scout Week so that suitable preparations might be made.

Whiston Lodge.

The two Scouters who had attended the course at Whiston Lodge sent their thanks, and stated that their visit had been well worth while.

Hire of Amplifier.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Association’s portable amplifier be hired to Mr. G.L. Cameron, 77, Dempster Street, at a cost of £2-2/- per month inclusive of insurance, and payable in advance. Mr. Nicol, Mr. McElwee and the Secretary were to make the necessary arrangements.

Heritable Property.

The Secretary outlined the terms of the lease of the ground upon which the Headquarters stood, and it was remitted to the Chairman, DC, Mr. Finnie and the Secretary to make arrangements for a new lease if thought desirable. They were also to act in other like cases within the District.

Cubs.

The Cub Council’s request for use of the Headquarters on 5th and 12th December for a training course was granted, as was their request for 24th December for a Christmas Party which members of Executive were invited to attend.

Scouts.

The DC intimated a Scouters’ meeting on 1st December.

Rovers. No Report.

Finance

\*The Treasurer intimated total Bank Balances of £150-12-8.

\*The following accounts had been paid and were approved.

J. Lang £1-5/- (Thanks Badges).

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £3- 0-5.

Thomas Ogg £4.

E.I. Young (Typing) £2.

J. Storer and Sons £1-19/-.

Muir & Sons GW £1-5/-.

Scottish Gas Board £4-1-4.

Youth Conference Expenses £3.

\*Income was £19-14-2 made-up by

Donation (J. Allan: Whist Drive) 10/-

Everton Camp Fund per Mr. Lang £1-19-2

Corporation of Greenock Account Band £10

Locker Fee 2/6

Rebate of Income Tax 3% War Stock £7-2-6

\*It was agreed to pay the account from Highland Industries for £10-2-5 but they were to be informed that only on signed authority of Mr. Scott or Mr. McCready should any further goods be supplied by them.

\*The Cub masters requested that £7-10/- raised by their Whist Drive be used for Christmas toys, and assured the Executive that this sum would be repaid from the proceeds of a further Whist Drive.

\*The County had made the following observations on the Association's Accounts.

**The Boy Scouts Association.**

**Greenock District.**

Observations on Greenock L.A. published accounts for year to 31st March, 1952, made by Honorary Treasurer for the County Scout Council, November, 1952.

1. Bob-a-Job figures should show income and disposals and not merely the balance.
2. Pipe Band equipment should show additions and subtractions to agree with balance from previous year.
3. Auditors Certificate should state when securities have been verified together with bank balances.

7/12/52.

Wireless Gear.

It was agreed that wireless gear received as a gift should be handed over to the Watt School, as it could not be put to use.

The Meeting closed at 9.02 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the next meeting being fixed for 22nd December.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 22nd December 1952 at 7-30 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Business Arising from Minutes.

\*It was intimated that no payment had yet been received for the hire of the amplifier: it was agreed that, should the agreement not be fulfilled, its return should be requested.

\*The DC stated that it was hoped to return the Schedule of Property to the County as soon as outstanding details had been completed. He also intimated that seven Scouters had successfully completed the Cub Training Course.

\*Scouters had had a meeting to consider activities during Coronation Year and that a further meeting would consider this subject.

Cubs.

It was reported that 256 Cubs had attended the Toy Parade and that 259 Christmas toys had been packed and labelled. The Cubmasters had done excellent work in this connection and special thanks were due to them.

Warrants.

The application by J.E. Rayment for appointment as ASM of 6th Group was approved, as he had finally completed his training course.

Those of Miss J.E. Munn as ACM of 6th and V.J. Clark as GSM of 70th were also approved.

An application by D. B. King as SM of 6th Group was remitted to the warrant’s sub-committee.

Finance.

Income since last meeting was as follows:

Donations: Greenock ex Servicemens Club £10-10/-.

Sale of County Emblems £11.

Rent for Hall 45th Group £2

Rent for Hall 33rd Group 10/-.

Rent of Hall (Training Course) £2.

Expenditure was

Hector Russell £10-2-3.

Thomas Ogg £4.

J.K. Menzies 16/-.

The expenditure was approved.

\*The locker fee for this year was fixed at 5/-.

Pipe Bands.

The DC intimated that Mr. D. Scott had resigned his position with the Pipe Band. Mr. Baird was to be approached to take the position vacated. The Secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the Association to Mr. Scott for his services.

70th Group.

Approval was given to the award of a Thanks Badge to Mr. Hodgson for his services to 70th Group.

Margaret Street Property.

The DC intimated that it would be desirable to appoint another Trustee to the Margaret Street Property Trust, and he would therefore approach Colonel Paterson on this matter.

The DC requested that anyone having suitable photographs for the County's Youth Handbook should make them available for publication.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association Executive Committee held within the Headquarters on 26th January 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes were read and approved.

*Margaret Street Trust*

The DC stated that Colonel Paterson had been approached with a view to appointing another Trustee for the Margaret Street Property.

St. George’s Day Parade.

It was agreed that the DSM and ADC Finnie were to make arrangements for the St. George’s Day Parade.

Wood Badge.

The DC announced that more Wood Badges had been gained by local Scouters.

Scouters Council.

The following programme, suggested by the Scouters Council, was approved in principle for a Scout Week during local Coronation Celebrations:-

20th May: Sea Scout Display.

23rd May. Troop Camping in Battery Park.

24th Drumhead Service.

25th Good Turn Night.

26th Sports Night.

27th Evening Cruise.

30th Joint Service in Battery Park.

2nd June. Bonfire.

Trophy Winners.

The following were the Trophy Winners in 1952:

\*Scouts

Drummond Vase 7th. Signalling 70th.

Shannon Cup 32nd. Fire Shield 45th.

Football 70th Swimming Champion, I Strachan 86th.

Novice Swimming, S. Ward 5th.

\*Cubs

Art Trophies: Models 70th. Drawing 6th.

Challenge Flag 5th.

Football 45th.

\*Rovers.

Swimming 54th (N. McAnerney).

Competition Rules.

After some discussion, the changes in Competition Rules put forward by the Scouters’ Council were approved.

Finance.

\*Approval was given to the following expenditure:

Postages £1.

Typing £1.

T. Ogg £4.

McNeils (Engraving) 4/6d.

Local Rates £12-2-2.

Fyfe and Murray (Insurance) £1-5/-.

Electricity £2-14-7.

\*Income for the month was made-up of:

Cup Council Whist Drive £7-10/-.

Donation Messrs. Scotts Shipbuilding Co. £10-10/-.

G.L. Cameron. Amplifier Hire. £2-2/-.

\*It was agreed that County should be asked to retain 3d per head from Bob-a-Job Week to meet costs of circulars.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 23rd February 1953 at ~~7.30~~ 8 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. C. Whyte; Mr. J. Canning.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Founders Day.

The date for this parade was fixed for 26th April, the DSM and SM Thomson to make necessary arrangements.

Competition Rules.

It was agreed to print the Competition Rules as amended.

Coronation Week.

The DC reported continued progress in the arrangements for Coronation Week, it being agreed that the price of the Evening Cruise tickets be 4/6d and that the §steamer, the “Jeanie Deans” should call at Prince’s Pier.

Cubs.

The DC reported that the Cub Council had held a successful Training Class in Headquarters.

Rovers.

It was agreed that the Rovers be excused the running of a Whist Drive for the purpose of Fund Raising.

Pipe Bands.

The DC reported that for the purposes of Coronation Year, the 5th Pipe Band had agreed to merge with the Protestant Pipe Band, and it was agreed to accept responsibility for damage to equipment while they were on parade for the Association. It was also decided that green scarves be supplied to 5th Band to ensure uniformity.

Finance.

The Treasurer reported the following Income and Expenditure.

\*Income:

Scoutmasters Whist Drive £6.

Greenock Girls and Boys Club £375.

Hire of the Amplifier, G. Cameron: £2-2/-.

Rent of Hall 33rd Renfrewshire 10/-.

Donation Sir Guy Shaw Stewart £1.

\*The following expenditure was approved:

R.G. Lawrie. £1-11-1.

Thomas Ogg £4.

Pipe Band Insurance £2-1-7.

Scottish Gas Board £12-4-4.

It was decided that an account from R.G. Lawrie for £1-6-4 for a bagpipe bag supplied in replacement of a 41 sold by them should not be paid. The Treasurer was instructed to inform them of the decision.

Warrants.

The following application was tabled.

Mr. G. Kerr as ASM, 85th.

*Next Meeting*

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 30th March.

The meeting closed at 9.20 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A.C. Nicol.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 30th March 1953 at 7-45 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; at 8.05 Mr. R. Morrison; and at 8.35 Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Founders Day Parade.

Arrangements for this were now being completed.

Cubs.

The Art Trophy had been won by Alan Robb, 6th Group (Drawing) and Tom Darroch, 86th Group (Model).

Finance.

\*The following expenditure was approved:

Thomas Ogg £4.

M. Williams for Postages £1.

\*Income was £2-2/- for hire of the amplifier, and the Secretary was instructed to settle the balance with Mr. Cameron as the amplifier had now been returned.

\*Bank Balances were

Provident £279-0-11d and £106-16-6.

R.C. Pipe Band £35-6-9.

Commercial Bank £42-16-5.

& National Bank £66-12-11.

Total £530-13-6.

\*The Model Balance Sheet received from County was adopted for use.

\*Mr. Morrison was authorised to renew the tank for the lamp at Everton and to bring the camp first aid kit up to scale.

\*The Pipe Bands were to be instructed to purchase future requirements from Messrs. Henderson of Glasgow.

Pipe Bands.

It was intimated that the Junior Section of the R.C. Pipe Band had won a Cup in the Town Hall Competition. The Secretary was to send the Association's congratulations to Mr. Mackay.

Everton.

The opening date was fixed as 10th April, and for first campers, 24th April. Novice Campers Weekends were to be 15th and 22nd August. The camp would be closed on 22nd May for the use of 1st Glasgow Troop.

At Mr. Morrison's request, the Chairman and DC agreed to inspect the water supply over which there was some difficulty due to the local farm having started to draw from the burn above the camp.

Coronation Week.

\*Sea Scout Show.

It was agreed to meet the expenses of the Renfrew Group for their assistance with this. The outlays would be met from income received during the Week.

\*Battery Park.

Thomas Black and Sons had kindly agreed to supply new tentage for this display.

\*Site Display.

Preparations were going on well.

\*Arena Display.

Mr. Antram, a former Rover Scout, had offered his services in this connection and it was agreed that he should control co-ordination between Cubs, Scouts and Pipe Bands.

\*Drumhead Services.

Padres were being arranged for the Services.

\*Good Turn Night.

The DSM would take charge.

*\*Other Events*

Arrangements for the Sports Night, Bonfire and Evening Cruise were still being made. The Sub-committee would meet on 14th April and Scouters on 21st April when further information would be available.

Competitions.

The Drummond Vase Competition had been won by the 7th Group but, due to contraventions of rules, had been awarded to 70th. Thanks were due to Mr. Allan for the excellent arrangements.

Headquarters.

Authority was given for the painting of the flagpole.

Warrants.

The application by D.J.H. Harbison for appointment as ASM of 7th Group was tabled, and it was agreed to consider it again at the May meeting.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting was fixed for 4th May.

A.C. Nicol.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 4th May 1953 at 7-50 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. A.C. Nicol; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Founders Day Parade.

The DSM reported an attendance of 510 at the morning parade and 206 in the afternoon. 12 Troops had been represented and both Pipe Bands had turned out morning and afternoon. The DC said that congratulations were due to both Pipe Majors and the DSM.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that the farmer’s arrangements for the water supply were temporary until such time as a catchment area was made. The overflow from this would then be available for camp use, on condition that the outlet was stopped up when not in use. Thanks were due to Mr. Ken Mitchell for his help in this matter.

A request by Mr. Morrison that there should be a small parade to Inverkip Church later in the year, and with the Pipe Band in attendance, was granted.

Cubs.

The DC reported the best attendance to date at a Pre-Warrant Training Course; 20 had taken part.

Rovers.

There had been a Moot at Bishopton, of which no report was yet available.

Pipe Bands.

\*The DC agreed to meet Mr. Mackay regarding the supply of goods from Highland Industries Limited. In this connection, payment of an account was authorised.

\*Permission was granted for the Pipe Bands to parade with the Girl Guides on 17th inst. The DC mentioned the possibility of one of the Bands meeting the “Empress of Scotland” on her next call.

Everton.

\*Mr. Morrison reported that a new floor was required for the swimming pool, as there was a bad leakage.

\*There had been no report of loss of gear after the breaking-in of the Hut. Authority was given for repair of the damage caused.

\*Those camping last week-end had numbered 65. A new lamp had been purchased and was excellent in use.

Lay Membership.

Mr. Nicol reported excellent progress in enrolments.

School Accommodation.

The Education Committee intimated that accommodation granted was to the value of £75.

Coronation Week.

\*Corporation Parade.

The DC agreed to arrange *Cub?* representation for this. The Chairman, DC, and Pipe Band representatives were to attend a meeting in this connection on 15th May.

\*Sea Scout Display.

Expenditure of £5 for transport and £1 for catering was authorised.

\*Arena Show.

Tea was to be provided at the Association's expense. The Secretary was instructed to request the services of Mr. Archie McCulloch from the “Evening Citizen”.

\*Evening Cruise.

It was agreed that the Chairman’s sub-committee issue complimentary tickets, and that the boat should call at Tignabruaich for half an hour. It was also decided that the bar on board the ship be kept closed.

\*Bonfire.

It was agreed that Mrs. Boyd, wife of the Provost, be asked to light this and that a suitable presentation be made to her.

\*Corporation of Greenock.

A request for a decorated lorry to take part in the Corporation Procession was remitted to the Scouters.

\*Scouters Dance.

It was agreed to meet any loss not exceeding £5 on a Dance to be held after Scout Week.

Warrants.

Applications by D.W. Gray, SM, 32nd, and D.J.H. Herbison, ASM, 7th Group, were granted.

An application by Miss A.M. Crabbe, ACM, 7th, was tabled.

Finance.

*\*Bob-a-Job*

The Treasurer reported that £376-4-2 had been received to date and £110-4/- paid to County. The remainder was to be refunded to Groups less expenses of 2d per head. This was agreed.

*\*Defence Bonds*

Scrip for £500, 3% Defence Bonds had been received from Messrs Fyfe and Murray.

*\*Expenditure*

The following expenditure was authorised:

Railway Executive for Sleepers £2

Thomas Ogg £4.

Miss Williams (Typing) £3.

Electricity £3-19-11.

W. Crawford and Son £4-6-2.

R.G. Lawrie £1-6-3.

Postages £1.

Bob-a-Job £110-4/- (to County).

Scottish Scout Shop £- 18/4d.

Gratuities to Bus Drivers £- 10/-.

*Next Meeting*

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 8th June.

G Davidson, Chairman.

J. Lang Chairman.

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51 Kelly Street, Greenock,

May, 1953

Dear Scouter

**SCOUT WEEK**

As you are already aware, the contribution which we are making to the local Coronation celebrations will take the form of Scout Week activities, and in addition we have accepted responsibility for the bonfire on Coronation Night. I would particularly appeal to you to assist in making this effort worthy of the best traditions of the movement, by encouraging your boys to come out in force when called upon to do so and by setting them the example which your leadership inspires. May I also ask for your full cooperation in making Returns and by sending entries by the required dates? Tardiness in sending replies causes a great deal of extra work to those concerned with the smooth running of this venture, and I feel sure you will realize the full importance of this request. The events have already been given publicity in the Press1 and by Poster, but details are repeated here for your ready reference.

Yours sincerely,

**James J. Swan,** DC

**May 20 (Wednesday) 7.30 p.m - SEA SCOUT DISPLAY in Gourock Swimming Pond**.

Both district pipe bands will play. Admission is free.

**May 23 (Saturday) 2.30 p.m., Battery Park. DISPLAY OF CAMPCRAFT and an ARENA DISPLAY**

This includes items by both Pipe bands, Highland Dancing, PT Activities and Cub Display. There will also be a presentation to the 6th Renfrewshire group by Col. Darroch.

**7.30 p.m., Battery Park, CAMP FIRE.**

Cubs, Scouts and Scouters in uniform should be present at 7.15 p.m. It is recommended that groundsheets should be brought.

**May 24 (Sunday) Battery Park. DRUMHEAD SERVICES**

Protestant packs and troops will parade at the Academy Playing Fields, Newark Street at 1.45 p.m. for the service at 2.30 p.m. and after the service Cub Packs will leave the Battery Park at 3.15 p.m. and march via Eldon Street to Cardwell Bay, where they will be dismissed. Scouts will remain in the Park until the Roman Catholic service is over. Roman Catholic Packs and Troops will meet at the Academy Playing Fields at 2.45 p.m. for their service at 3.15 p.m.

At the close of this service at 4 p.m., Roman Catholic Packs will march via Eldon Street to Cardwell Bay where they will be dismissed. Protestant and Roman Catholic Scouts will form one parade and march via Eldon Street to the Esplanade where the parade will be dismissed.

Pack and Troop Flags should be carried.

**May 25 (Monday)** **GOOD TURN NIGHT**

Every Pack and Troop is expected to offer their services to their own Church where they are sponsored or affiliated and in other cases to join with a sponsored group or to embark on a specific Good Turn of their own choosing. No payment of any kind may be accepted for this activity and no publicity will be given to it. We are simply carrying out, in a special way, one part of our Promise. Please inform D.S.M. James McElwee, 29a Newton Street, Greenock (by P.C.) of your Good Turn Plan by 20th May and send to him a brief Report on your Task by 31st May.

**May** **27th (Wednesday) EVENING CRUISE**

Steamer leaves Princes Pier at 7 p.m. and Gourock Pier at 7.20 p.m. Tickets are 4/6 each and are being issued by Rover Alec Meek, 21 Nelson St., Greenock. It is important to note that all cash and unsold tickets must be returned to H.Q. on Monday, 18th May between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. **Returns of tickets will not be accepted after that date**.

**May 26th (Tuesday)** **FOOTBALL MATCH and SCOUT SPORTS at Cappielow Park**

7.00 p.m. Sports items

7.45 p.m. Football match; Clergy vs Press (First Half)

8.15 p.m. (Half-Time) Sports items

8.30 p.m. Football match (Second Half)

9.00 p.m. Sports items.

Competitors for the sports events should be at the park by 6.45 p.m.

District Pipe bands will play before the football match and at the interval.

**SPORTS PROGRAMME**

Item No. Event Age No per pack or troop

\*1 Cubs 50 yards 8-9 2

\*2 Cubs 80 yards 10-11 2

\*3 Scouts 100 yards 11-12 2

\*4 Scouts 100 yards 13-14 2

\*5 Scouts 220 yards 11-14 2

\*6 Scouts Sack race 11-14 1

7 Rovers 100 yards 2

8 Rovers 880 yards 2

\*9 Scouts Sack Race 11-14 2

\*10 Scouts Three-legged race 11-14 1 team of 2

11 Scouts Sack race 15-17.5 2

12 Scouts Three-legged race 15-17.5 1 team of 2

13 Scouts Obstacle Course 11-17.5 2

14 Scouts 100 yards 15-17.5 2

15 Scouts 220 yards 15-17.5 2

16 Scouts 440 yards 15-17.5 2

\*17 Scouts Relay (4x 110) 11-14 1 team of 4

18 Cubmasters 80 yards 2

19 Scoutmasters 100 yards 2

Entries, listing names and ages, must reach A.S.M. Mackay, 23 Kelly Street, Greenock, not later than the 19th May, and heats will be run off at the High school at 4:15 PM on Thursday 21st May for items marked\*

**June 2 (Tuesday) CORONATION BONFIRE, Lyle Hill**

The Lighting Ceremony will be performed at 10 p.m. by Mrs Boyd, wife of the Provost. District Pipe Bands will play before and after the ceremony. On this occasion there will not be a parade of Cubs or Scouts.

In view of the special character of this venture, Scouters are requested to ensure that all ranks are directed to pay particular attention to uniform, which should be worn at all the events, excepting the Good Turn Night and the Evening Cruise.

A Scouters Coronation Dance is being arranged to take place shortly after the end of the Coronation and details will be published in “Scout Notes”

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on 8th June 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. Whyte; also Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. C. McCready, who arrived after the start of the meeting.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Preliminaries*

\*In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Lang was appointed to the Chair.

\*The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Pipe Bands.

The DC reported his interview with Mr. Mackay regarding Highland Industries Ltd. Mr. McKay now understood that Messrs. Henderson of Glasgow would in future supply the needs of the Pipe Bands.

Coronation Week.

The Sea Scout Display had been very successful and expenses up to £10 were authorised for this event. The Battery Park Display had attracted large numbers of the public, the cost being about £4. The Evening Cruise had paid for itself, and the Sports Night had succeeded despite bad weather, £44-4/- being taken at the gate; the cost of programmes was met by sales. Special thanks were due to Messrs. Harvey and Mackay, also Dunkie Wright.

The Bonfire had reached new heights thanks to Mr. Pearson. During the Town Procession, the 32nd Troop had manned a lorry. The Pipe Bands deserved special mention for the hard work they had done throughout the whole period. The Dance had been much enjoyed by all who had attended.

Everton.

It was agreed that a training weekend for Pioneering be held at the same time as the Novices Course.

Finance.

\*It was agreed that accounts for Coronation Week expenses be submitted to the Chairman’s Sub-committee and thence to the next meeting.

\*Total receipts for Bob-a-Job Week were £381-11/-.

\*Donations have been received as follows:

Canadian Pacific Railway £5.

Baillie Davies £1-1/-.

Miss H. Francis £45.

\*The following payments were authorised:

T. Ogg £4.

Guardian Assurance Company 2/-.

J. Hendry and Co. 4/6.

Highland Industries £7-1/-.

Gas Board £7-6-3.

Orr Pollock and Co. £3-18-6 and £1-17-4.

Halden & McQuaker £6-17-6.

P. Henderson Ltd. £12-16-9.

The Scout Shop per

Orr, Pollock and Co. £6.

F.W. Woolworths 1/6d.

Boots Ltd. £7-16/-.

Western SMT £2.

T. Ogg £4.

Ardgowan Estates £4-14-6.

Cheque book 5/-.

Orr Pollock and Co. £2-2/-.

Bob-a-Job Repayment £262-15-10.

Warrants.

The following applications were tabled:

Mrs. M. Dick, ACM, 45th J.S. Murray, ASM, 11th.

Intimations.

The Cubs Sports would take place on 10th inst, the Cub Council Training Camp on 21st/22nd and the Scouters Training Course on 15/16th, a subsequent week-end to be arranged for a later date.

*Closing remarks*

The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the next meeting being fixed for 29th June.

G. Davidson.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street, Greenock on 29th June 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. McElwee; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Competitions.

The DC reported the following Competition winners.

Shannon Cup, 42nd Troop. Fire Shield, 5th Troop.

The 45th Troop had taken second place in the County Flag Competition.

Training.

21 Scouters had attended the CM's Training Camp at Inverkip. 7 attended the SM's Training Course and had received certificates.

DC's Absence.

The Chairman was authorised to act for the DC during his absence from ~~14~~~~th~~4th June to 18th July.

Finance.

The Chairman, DC, and Treasurer were authorised to deal with finance until next meeting.

The Chairman, DC, and Secretary as a sub-committee would deal with any other matters which arose before next meeting.

Pipe Bands.

Mr. McCready was given permission to repair four drumskins.

Fire Shield.

The thanks of the Committee were due to Column Officer Ferrie for his services at this competition, and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks.

Finance.

\*The following expenditure was approved:

The Scout Shop £6.

F.W. Woolworths 1/6.

Boots Ltd. £7-16/-.

Western SMT £2.

T. Ogg £4.

Ardgowan Estates £4-14/6.

Orr, Pollock and Co. £2-2/-.

McNeils £3-8-11.

McKays Ltd. £1-0-2d.

Scout Shop Glasgow. 13/7d.

Mrs. Campbell £1/5/-.

J. Campbell 6/8d.

M. Johnston 3/-.

K.L. Caldwell £1.

Scout Shop £1-7-6.

J. Anderson £3-14-10.

Orr Pollock and Co. £11-6d and £12-6-3.

Fraser Bros. £1-17-6 and £1-8-1.

Taxi Hire 19/-.

James McNeil, Renfrew £6.

Dance Deficit £7-1-4.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £1-1-10.

Western SMT £2-5/.

Charter of SS Caledonia £211-17/-.

Miss Williams £1.

Guardian Assurance Co. £1-13-6, £1-10/-, 5/-. £4-13- 9, £5-15-6.

J.J. Swan for Gratuities £2.

J. Ponsonby £1-3/-.

J.K. Menzies £1-10/- and 16/-.

Miss. Williams £3.

J. McGilvray £3-12/-.

\*Bank Balances were:

National £6-12-6.

Commercial £42-16-5.

Provident £106-16-6 and £279-0-11d

Pipe Band £20-9/-.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting was fixed for 28th September 1953.

J.M. MacElwee.

28- 9-53.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, 24, Robertson Street on 28th September 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J. Allan Mr. Mitchell; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. MacElwee; Mr. Ian Pearson; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer.

*Preliminaries*

Mr. MacElwee was elected to the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

*Kanderstag*

The DC reported on the Rover Moot at Kanderstag and on the completion of CM's and SM's Training Courses.

Finance.

\*Payment of the following accounts was approved:

L.S. Daw 6/6d.

S.W. Scotland Electricity Board £2-3-7.

Postages £1.

Greenock Central Coop Society £2-6-1.

Scottish Gas Board £0- 11/4d.

P. Crawford and Sons 9/9d.

Thomas Black and Son £2-5/-.

\*Bank Balances were:

National £7-14-5.

Commercial £54-3-11.

Provident Bank £279-0-11d. And £106-16-6.

RC Pipe Band £20-9/-.

\*The Pipe Band Accounts were passed and it was agreed that these be recorded under separate headings.

Meetings.

It was agreed that an evening for meetings more suitable to members be arranged.

Hall Let.

\*Application from 52nd Group for Let of the hall on Tuesday evening was approved subject to Executive requirements, but it was suggested that Monday evenings would be more suitable from the point of view of continuity.

\*An application by 33rd Group for the use of the Hall on Saturday afternoons from 3rd October to 12 December was granted, subject to Association requirements at a rental of 2/6d per week.

\*A request for permission to camp in the Hut from SM of 75th Fife Troop was refused.

Warrants.

The following applications were approved for:

Mrs. M. Dick ACM, 45th.

James F. Murray, ASM, 11th.

B.J. Hodgson, SM, 70th.

Miss M.W. McElwee, CM, 5th.

The following application was tabled:

Miss M.A. MacFarlane, ACM, 5th.

*Wood Badge*

The award of the Wood Badge to Miss W. Wright, 7th Group, and Mr. B.J. Hodgson, 70th Group was ~~approved~~ noted by the Executive with pleasure.

Everton.

Authority was given for painting and general repairs to be carried out at Everton.

County Reunion.

The DC intimated that the County Re-union would be held in Port Glasgow on 24th October and specially requested that all Scouters be shown the notice of intimation.

A.G.M.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for 10th November at 8 p.m. The Executive would meet on that date at 7.30 p.m.

*Next meeting*

The next meeting of the Executive was fixed for 27th October.

G. Davidson.

Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street on 27th October 1953 at 8 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. C. Whyte; and Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs).

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Minutes.

\*The Secretary read the Minutes of the last meeting. The record regarding Pipe Band Finance was adjudged incorrect, and it was agreed that the Minute be amended to read that all invoices and proposed expenditure on Pipe Bands must be submitted to the Executive Committee and recorded separately. ~~These, if approved, would be so marked, and only then be presented for subsequent payment to be made~~ and recorded separately (Amended 10th November 1953. G.D.)

\*Under the heading of Warrants, the award of the Wood Badge to Miss Wright and Mr. Hodgson was to be recorded as “noted” and not as “approved”.

Meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman should suggest Tuesday evenings as being most suitable to the next Executive Committee.

Annual General Meeting.

Authority was given to the Secretary to issue printed intimations of the AGM to Lay Members and others as required.

Warrants.

The following applications were tabled.

J.H. Conn, ASM, 33rd Group. A.D. Robb, ASM, 59th Group.

The following applications were approved: D. George, ASM, 6th Group.

The secretary intimated that Mrs. Dick, *Mr.* J.F. Murray, and *Mr.* D. George had been interviewed by the Warrants Sub-committee.

Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the number of attendances by elected members of the Committee at meetings be kept in view when recommending subsequent re-election.

Cubs.

Miss Tulloch intimated that Miss McWhirter was presently visiting the District and would be organising a Training Course for Cubmasters.

Scouts.

A letter from St. George’s Church Session was submitted intimating the severing of their link with the affiliated Troop owing to lack of suitable leaders. This was passed to the Chairman’s Sub-committee for attention.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported on preparations for winter weather, and explained that repairs to the Hut were held up due to inability to obtain plaster-board in small quantities. The crack in the floor of the swimming pool was receiving attention.

Headquarters.

A request for the Let of the Headquarters by 45th Group on 4th December was granted.

Finance.

\*Approval was given for payment of the following accounts.

P. Henderson 17/9/53 £1.16.6.

R.G. Lawrie. 30/9/53. £2-11-9

R.G. Lawrie 10/6/53 £1-16-3.

\*The following had been paid.

Electricity 18/5d.

Typist £1.

\*Bank Balances totalled £480-12-1.

\*The sum of £10 had been received on account of the R.C. Pipe Band from the Corporation of Greenock.

\*The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the period ended 30th September 1953 were submitted and approved, and authority was given for writing down the assets under the Pipe Band heading by £43-0-9d for depreciation.

\*The DC was authorised to spend up to the £10 on the purchase of prismatic compasses for the Kanutakit Course.

Intimations.

\*The DC intimated that a County Scouters Training Course would be held on 21/22 November. Groups would be circularised.

\*Mr. Morrison and Mr McEwan had spent a weekend at Whiston Lodge and had been impressed by their stay there. Mr. Morrison's offer to repay the expenses of the trip was accepted with thanks.

\*Scottish Headquarters had requested that consideration be given to the holding of a Wood Badge Course in the West of Scotland and the DC requested that members indicate their conclusions at a subsequent date.

\*The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

G. Davidson.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Lorne, West Blackhall Street, Greenock at 7.35 p.m.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. J.M. MacElwee.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved after amendment.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Lorne, West Blackhall Street, Greenock on 10th November, 1953 at 8 p.m.**

Chairman's Remarks.

The Chairman welcomed the company and said that he was especially glad to see the Lay Members. He referred to Colonel Paterson's indispositions and requested the approval of the meeting for a letter to the President expressing the Association’s good wishes for his speedy recovery. The Balance Sheet would show that the Association was in a good financial position. Coronation Week had shown the public something of Scouting activities and had been a great success. In short, Scouting in the District had had a good year.

Apologies for Absence.

The Secretary then read the apologies for absence received from Sir Guy Shaw Stewart, Provost Boyd, Mr. D. Crawford Black, the County Secretary, Dr. Milne, Rev. Mr. Eggo, Mr. Campbell, Secretary Greenock Battalion Boys Brigade, Mr. D.S. Webster, Mrs. Brown, Divisional Commissioner Girl Guides and Charles White.

Minute.

The Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th May 1952 was read and approved on the motion of Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Allan.

County Commissioner.

The Chairman then called upon the County Commissioner, Major Caldwell, to address the meeting. Major Caldwell expressed his pleasure in being with Greenock at its AGM, and announced that the Chief Scout would be making a one day visit to the County on 19th June 1954. He suggested that this could be made the occasion for the presentation of special awards in the District. Turning to the administrative side of Scouting, he stressed the importance of making prompt returns and attention to other such matters as insurance *and* Bob-a-Job returns.

Annual Reports.

\*District Commissioner

The District Commissioner, Mr. Swan, then presented his report on Scouting activities in the District during the past 18 months. He said that census figures had revealed a slight drop in the number of Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers, the net fall being 18; Scouters numbered 106 as against 111 last year.

He expressed thanks to the Chairman, Executive Committee, and Office Bearers for their work during the year. He had been supported by the ADCs, DCM, and DSM.

Many training courses had been held for Cubmasters and the Packs were now showing the results of these. All Cub Competitions had been keenly contested. The Annual Toy Parade had been very successful and many toys had been collected, repaired and distributed to hospitals.

The Scout Section showed proficiency in badgework, and keenness in competitions had emphasised the raising of standards in this direction. Rovers, though small in numbers, had continued to give good service both within and without the Movement. Two Rovers had attended the International Moot at Kanderstag.

Mr. Lang and Mr. Morrison had kept Everton to the forefront in the District and the District camping ground was well patronised. Novice Camping Courses had had to be dropped because of Coronation activities but the Kanutakit Courses had proved to be excellent training. Pre-Warrant Courses had continued both locally and at County level. Six Scouters had gained the Wood Badge during the year.

A booklet giving details of competitions had been issued and, in this connection, thanks are again due to Port Glasgow District for providing facilities for the Swimming Gala and practice throughout the year.

St. George’s Day Parades had provided an excellent turn out of 704 and 716 at the two parades held on that day. The Pipe Bands had given invaluable help here and at Armistice Day, also throughout the Coronation Celebrations. Scouting activities had been highlighted by their displays during Coronation Week. Events had included a Sea Scout Display, a Camping and Arena Show, Sports, and a Football Match. The Provost had sent his congratulations on the excellent Bonfire which had been built at the Town Council's request.

The NATO Fleet visit had provided an opportunity for service, for which practical thanks had been received in the form of a visit to a Fleet Carrier by Scouts and the Pipe Bands.

Bob-a-Job Week had raised the record total of almost £400, a strict watch being kept on activities during this period. The matters of finance and property were having the attention of the Executive with a view to close observation of the rules of the organisation and of good budgeting. Scouters must see that the necessary returns were made when required.

It was regretted that Mr. Nicol could not be present in view of his excellent work for the B.P. Guild and the increasing of Lay Membership.

The William Miller Scholarships were available for competition and application forms would be available during the month.

Praise was due to Scout Murdoch of the 5th Troop who had received the Award for Gallantry for rescuing a companion from drowning.

Cordial relations had continued with kindred bodies, and thanks were due to the Education Authority for the continued use of the schools.

\*Chairman’s Reply

The Chairman thanked Mr. Swan for his excellent review of the year's activities and then called upon Mr. Drummond, the Honorary Treasurer to present his Financial Report.

*\*Financial Report*

At the request of Mr. Scott, it was agreed that future statements should give comparative figures for the previous year and that Pipe Band Finance should be shown under separate heads for each band.

\*Adoption of Reports

In moving adoption of the Annual Reports, the Rev. D.H. Stewart spoke of the cordial relations prevailing between his Church and the Movement. It was to be regretted that there was still a lack of leaders, but this was one of the results of National Service. He was pleased to ask for approval of the reports, which had shown the true value of Scouting in the community.

Mr. Hodgson seconded and the reports were approved unanimously.

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Election of Office-Bearers.

\*On a motion by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Scott,

Colonel Paterson DSO was re-elected President.

\*On a motion by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Gray, the following were re-elected Vice Presidents:

The Provost,

D. Crawford Black,

D.S. Webster,

Dr. Brownlie,

Dr. W.A. Milne,

J.A. Chadwin,

The Chief Constable,

Rev. D.H. Stewart.

\*The following were then appointed unanimously:

Chairman Captain Davidson

Hon. Secretary A.M. Kerr

Honorary Treasurer J.C.B. Drummond.

Badge Secretary J. Lang.

Camp Warden J. Lang.

Camp Skipper R. Morrison.

District Scoutmaster J.M. MacElwee.

District Cubmaster Miss Agnes Connie.

Honorary Legal Adviser Colonel D. Paterson DSO.

Honorary Auditors Messrs J.M. Kerr and Lindsay.

Sea Scout Committee The Chairman, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Finnie.

Lay Members.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Souter, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Shearer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mort, Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. J. White, Mrs. D. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. MacElwee, Mr. and Mrs. Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Antrum, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Allan, Mr. Scott, Mr. McCready, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Morrison.

County and Scottish Council.

It was agreed that Scottish Council and County Representatives be nominated by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee.

\*The following were nominated and declared elected as lay members of the Committee; there being only six nominations for the six vacancies.

Messrs. McCready, Lang, Allan, Hodgson, Morrison and White.

\*The following were nominated as Scout members of the Committee: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Canning, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Dick, Mr. Chalmers, and Donnelly.

On a vote being taken, the following were declared elected: Messrs. Campbell, Canning, Chalmers, Whyte, Dick, and Mitchell.

*Final Business*

\*On a proposal by the Chairman, the Secretary was instructed to send an expression of thanks to the Honorary Auditors.

\*Mr. Love, District Commissioner, Port Glasgow, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the meeting closed.

G. Davidson,

Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street, on 24th November, 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Connie; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Chalmers; Mr. Dick; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and Secretary.

Lay Members.

It was intimated that a successor for Mr. Nicol would require to be appointed, and the Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Nicol to see whether the BP Guild would suggest a suitable name.

Everton.

\*Mr. Morrison commented on the state of repair of the Hut belonging to the 5th Group, and suggested that the Association should acquire the Hut for their own use before any further deterioration took place. The Chairman and the DC stated that, as they would be seeing Mr. MacElwee in the near future they would approach him in this matter.

\*Mr. Morrison also reminded the Committee about the threatened encroachment on the water supply, and said that he would approach the local farmer when a suitable opportunity presented itself. It was agreed to leave this matter in his hands.

\*His request that Mr. David Gray be appointed Deputy Camp Skipper was agreed to.

Warrants.

Applications were presented from the following:

Mrs. J.W. Steele, CM, 38th Group.

Miss M.M. Boyes, ACM, 38th Group.

Miss M. Barr, ACM, 33rd Group.

The following application was presented and approved.

D.L. Chalmers, RSL, 45th Group.

Finance.

\*The Secretary submitted Bank Books etc from the 23rd Group, now disbanded, and it was agreed that the Troop assets be placed in suspense under control of the Association.

\*The Treasurer reported Bank Balances as follows:

Commercial Banks Savings Accounts £57-6-5.

Provident Bank R.C. Pipe Band £28-8-11.

Provident Bank £108-15-5 and £273-12-11.

National Bank £9-18-5.

Total £478-2-1.

\*The following accounts had been paid:

James McKelvie and Sons £1-3-6.

P. Henderson Ltd. £1-16-6.

Cost of Prismatic Compasses £10.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. £4-8/-.

\*Authority was given for payment of the following:

McKays Ltd. £3-8/- and

Gratuities £1.

Scottish Gas Board £2-4-11.

\*A donation of £1 had been received from Miss McWhirter against the use of the HQ for County Training Class.

Intimations.

The DC again intimated the date of the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Council and stated that any who so wished would be welcome to attend. He remarked that I.H.Q. had been disturbed by the loss of boys between Cub Pack and Troop, and said that a sample survey was to be taken throughout the Country. In this District, the 1st, 32nd and 73rd Groups had been selected for investigation. The Secretary was requested to inform the Groups concerned.

The DC reminded the meeting that Lunderston Bay and West Ferry had again been placed in the SHQ list of unsuitable camp sites in this area.

Property.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the County Secretary collecting the information regarding Trust Deeds required under P.O.R. for premises belonging to Scout Groups and the L.A., and drawing attention to local requirements.

Other Business.

\*Mr. Morrison raised the question of Scout Uniform and, in particular, the Scout hat, which he considered out-moded. After a long discussion, it was agreed that the next Scouters’ Meeting be asked to consider whether a plebiscite be taken among the boys on whether to substitute the beret for the present hat, the answer to be given to be a plain affirmative or negative.

\*The DC suggested that special sub-committees be formed to relieve the Executive of detailed discussion on various aspects of the Association’s obligations such as finance, property etc. It was agreed that the Chairman’s Sub-committee with the addition of Mr. Morrison and Mr. Whyte should consider the matter and report back.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for 29th December, and it was agreed that tea be provided on this occasion at the Association's expense.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

G Davidson,

Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters, Robertson Street, on 29th December, 1953.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. J. Allan Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Chalmers; Mr. Dick; Mr. Hodgson; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; M. J. White; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minute of the last Meeting was read and approved.

Correspondence.

\*The Secretary intimated that Mr. A.C. Nicol had informed him that Mr. King, Chairman of the B-P Guild was presently indisposed and that the appointment of their Secretary must await further action from him.

\*He also reported receipt of a donation from Messrs. Scotts Shipbuilding Company - a sum of £10-~~10/-~~ and said that he had written a letter of thanks.

Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported the Bank Balances as follows:

Provident Bank £273-12-11 and £108-15-5.

RC Pipe Band £28-8-11.

Commercial Bank £57-6-5.

National Bank £2-0-6d.

Total £470-4-2.

\*The following accounts had been paid:

Gas Board £2-411.

Mackays Ltd. £4-8/-.

Thomas Ogg £4.

J. Hendry and Co. £0-18/-.

Honorary Secretary (Postages etc.) £2-5/-.

\*Approval was given for payment of the following:

Orr, Pollock 10/6d and £2-19/-.

Smith and McCuaig £4-9-11.

Hon. Secretary for publications 5 /-.

Miss Tulloch (catering expenses) £3.

\*Payment of £6-13-4 from the RC Pipe Band Account was authorised to cover the cost of replacing a borrowed tent which had been destroyed while in their charge.

Warrants.

Applications from the following were tabled.

Miss M. McWilliams, ACM, 9th group.

Miss M. Byrne, ACM, 9th group, and

Miss M. Thompson, ACM, 45th.

An application by Miss M.A.M. MacFarlane as ACM, 5th was approved.

Sub-Committees.

The proposals of the sub-committee appointed at the previous meeting were submitted and approved except as to numbers, the following being appointed to serve thereon:

Chairman's Committee: As heretofore.

Finance Committee: The Treasurer and Mr. Finnie.

Property Committee: Mr. Canning, Mr. Chalmers, Mr. James White.

Warrants Committee: Mr Hodgson, Miss Tulloch, & Hon. Secretary.

Social Committee. J. Dick, Miss Connie, G. Allan, and one Lay member.

The Chairman and DC would be ex-officio members of each and each would be empowered to co-opt other members as considered necessary. The Social Committee was asked only to make proposals for one function meantime.

Recommendations by Sub-committee appointed by Executive Meeting of 24th November 1953.

The following Sub-committees of the Executive shall be appointed to give guidance and make recommendations to the full Executive on matters concerning their particular interests, on the lines noted against each.

\*Chairman's Committee. To preserve continuity while the Executive cannot meet, and to take decisions in case of urgency.

\*Finance Committee. Budgeting. Detailed examination of expenditure. Payment of dues. Money requirements.

\*Property Committee. Headquarters and Wardens report thereon. Everton. Pipe Band property. Annual check of inventories of these and other L.A. property.

\*Warrants. To determine procedure for issue and to carry this through under approval of full Executive. One lady and one gentleman who are both Lay Members to be members of this Committee, along with Chairman, DC, and Secretary.

\*Social. To foster contacts and cooperation between all section and branches of the L.A.

The above Sub-committees, with the exception of the Warrants Sub-committee should consist of three members each. Other Sub-committees may be appointed as and when deemed necessary by the Executive.

Intimations.

\*The DC intimated that the Chief Scout would be visiting the County on 19th June and that an approach was being made to the Provost to extend a civic welcome.

\*A letter regarding property in the District was having attention.

\*A new badge was proposed indicating activity in the religious field.

\*He requested that a local representative be appointed to assist in the investigation of leakage from the Scout Movement. The Secretary agreed to act in this capacity.

Other Business.

Mr. Canning made the complaint that neither Pipe Band had provided for the Christmas Toy Parade. Mr, McCready felt that he was being censored in this respect, as he had some difficulty in keeping touch, due to the distance of his home from the town. It appeared that there had been last-minute-but unsuccessful efforts made by a Scouter to arrange for the appearance of one of the bands.

It was finally agreed that the bands be asked to keep in mind their standing obligations on Founders Day, Armistice Day, and the occasion of the Toy Parade. Scouters would also be reminded that at least a fortnight's notice be given of their requirements in this respect.

The meeting ended at 9.35, the next meeting being fixed for 26th January 1954.

G. Davidson

Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 26th January, 1954.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Chalmers; Mr. Dick; Mr. Hodgson; Mr. J. Lang; ~~Mr. Mitchell;~~ Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. J. White; Mr. C. Whyte.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Business Arising from Minutes.

\*It was intimated that Mr. Morrison had been appointed to the Social Sub-committee and that Mr. Sinnamon replaced Mr. Allan on this Committee.

\*The Finance Sub-committee agreed to provide a budget for the incoming year.

\*A letter received from Mr. Scott regarding parades was remitted to the Chairman's Sub-committee for attention.

Cubs.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Matron of Ravenscraig Hospital for toys received from the Toy Parade.

Scouts.

The DC reported on a meeting of the Scouters Council. Entries had been requested for the Soapbox Derby, and preparations made for the Chief’s Visit. Three applications had been received for the Jamborette at Blair Atholl. Mr. Hodgson had agreed to accept the job of organising Bob-a-Job Week. Annual competition arrangements were under way.

Property.

\*Mr. White and Mr. Chalmers then gave a full report of their inspection of the Headquarters property. The door lock had been renewed and roof damage had been repaired; the fire extinguisher had been found in order. On their recommendation, authority was given for the following work to be carried out:-

Inside:

Minor repairs to lockers; Replacement of planking at fireplace; Replacement of window snibs and puttying and checking of windows; Repair of chairs and tables; Checking and removal if required of electrical fittings, this being undertaken by Messrs. Lyle and Lang. Necessary repairs to side panelling; Repair of faulty gas tap.

Outside:

Clearing and repair of gutters; Replacement of fencing; Renewal of window ledges; Painting of hut in autumn.

The Chairman agreed to arrange for examination of the flagpole.

It was agreed that Mr. White be asked to undertake Joiner work and Mr. Stratton the Plumber work.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee to Mr. White and Mr. Chalmers for their thorough inspection.

\*The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Ernest Salmon and request removal of his personal gear from the roof storage space.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison requested and obtained permission for repainting of the Hut.

Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported Bank Balances as follows:

Provident Bank £108-15-5 and £253-12-11.

R.C. Pipe Band £32-5-7.

Commercial Bank £62-6-6.

National Bank £19-7-1.

\*The following accounts had been paid:

Miss Tulloch £3.

SHQ for Pamphlets 5/-.

T. Ogg £4.

Orr Pollock £2-19/- and 10/6.

Scout Store £6-13-4.

Smith and McCuaig £4-9-11.

Mr. Williams for Postages £2.

\*Authority was given for the following expenditure:

Electricity, £3-9-4

McKays for engraving 11/6d.

Fraser Bros. for Carriage 12/6.

Mr. Ogg £4.

Intimations.

\*In announcing the resignation of Mr. Ewart and Mr. Pearson from their positions as ADCs, the DC expressed his appreciation of their services. He was pleased to intimate Mr. MacElwee's acceptance of an appointment as ADC.

\*The D.C. stated that a lay member was required to assist in the preparation and sale of advertising space for a brochure to be produced in connection with the Chief Scout’s visit. Mr. Hodgson agreed to undertake this task. Arrangements were in hand for a meeting to be held in Greenock in this connection on 14th March, and the Scouters were preparing a display for the occasion.

Warrants.

The following warrant applications were approved:

J.H. Conn, ASM ~~45th~~ 33rd Group and

D.J. Harbison as SM of 7th Group.

That of A.D. Robb was left on the table to await his completion of a training course.

The Meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

G. Davidson,

Chairman.

**Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 23rd February, 1954.**

*Sederunt*

There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Miss Connie; Mr. Colin Finnie; Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Chalmers; Mr. Dick; Mr. Hodgson; Mr. J. Lang; Mr. R. Morrison; Mr. C. McCready; Mr. White.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes.

\*Pipe Bands. The DC stated that he would meet Mr. Scott later in the week.

\*Chief Scout’s Visit. This was under active consideration by the Scouters Council, and Mr. Morrison and Mr. MacElwee were to meet representatives from Port Glasgow. The DC also stated that the Provost would receive the Chief. In this connection, the Secretary was instructed to request the use of the Battery Park on 19th June. Mr. Hodgson reported that he had sold more than the allocated space in the booklet to be published for the visit.

\*Property. The thanks of the Committee were to be put on record for the good work done by the Rovers in repairing the fence. Authority given by the Chairman for repair of the guttering was endorsed by the Committee.

\*The Secretary reported an arrangement with Mr. Salmon for removal of his personal gear.

\*Messrs. Lyle and Lang reported on the removal of several electric light fittings and said that all wiring was now safe except for loft lights which required replacement switches and fittings. Thanks were expressed to these two gentlemen.

\*There was no report from the Social Sub Committee.

Cubs.

It was reported that a Training Course for Cubmasters was under way.

Scouts.

\*The DC reported that eight applications had been received for a visit to Rhodesia.

\*Entries from 7th and 70th Groups had been received for the County Flag Competition.

\*The DC intimated he and Mr. MacElwee were now carrying out troop visitations in the District. He remarked on the precautions to be taken against abuse and misuse of Bob-a-Job Week.

Rovers. No Report.

Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported the following Bank Balances:

Commercial £62-6-6.

Provident Bank £108-15-5 and £253-12-11.

RC Pipe Band £32-5-7.

National Bank £10-5-11.

\*The following accounts had been paid:

Fraser Brothers 12/6-.

Thomas Ogg £4.

Electricity £3-9-4.

Rates £13-7-9.

Pipe Band Insurance £2-1-7.

\*The following was income received:

Sir Guy Shaw Stewart £1

Income Tax Rebate £13-17-6.

Rent £1.

\*The following expenditure was authorised:

Mr. Ogg £4.

Rates £13-7-9.

Pipe Band Insurance £2-1-7.

Scout Store for Cub Council £2-1-6.

Paint for Everton £16-2/-.

Gas 9-11-1 and 2/4d.

An account for 4/2d from R.G. Lawrie was retained for further consideration.

Correspondence.

A letter from Messrs. Highland Industries was submitted requesting details on Troop colours for the District. It was agreed that Mr. Brown be consulted before any reply, except an acknowledgement, was made.

Budget.

Mr. Finnie reported on his Committee's consideration of their remit. The normal annual income was £113-10/- and the expenditure £154-9-11 leaving an annual deficit of £40, inclusive of a deficit of £6 on personal insurance. It was agreed that this question be considered at next meeting.

Headquarters.

It was agreed that Mr. Ogg should be interviewed to discuss his duties.

Everton.

Mr. Morrison reported that, despite delay caused by the weather, painting had been started. It was decided, after some discussion, that first-time campers should not use Everton until the Novices Course. The Secretary was requested to give the usual notice to the County Secretary Authorities. The official opening was fixed for 9th April.

Warrants.

The following application was approved:

J. McEwan as SM, 33rd Group.

These applications were tabled:

Miss M. McCall, ACM, 5th.

Miss McBride, ACM, 70th.

Miss Hannah, ACM, 16th

J. Canning, ASM, 73rd.

The following were retained against completion of training course by Mrs Steele.

Mrs. Steele, CM, 38th and Miss Boyes, ACM 38th.

Approval of an application by Miss M. Thomson as ACM 45th was withheld pending a report by Miss Connie.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the next meeting being fixed for 6th April.

G. Davidson, Chairman.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Greenock District Boy Scouts Association held within the Headquarters on 6th April, 1954.**

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There were present: Capt. George Davidson (Chairman); Mr. J.J. Swan (District Commissioner); Miss Jean Tulloch (ADC Cubs); Mr. Arthur Lyle (ADC); Mr. J.M. MacElwee; Mr. J.A.B. Campbell; Mr. J. Canning; Mr. Chalmers; Mr. Dick; Mr. Hodgson; J. Lang; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. R. Morrison; Miss Connie.

In attendance, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

*Minutes*

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

*Matters Arising*

The DC reported that he had interviewed Mr. Scott, Pipe Band Secretary as decided at a previous meeting; and that there was now an agreed programme for the Chief Scout’s visit. The flagpole had been inspected by Messrs. Chalmers and Pearson, and would be lowered when weather permitted.

Headquarters.

It was noted that Mr. Ogg’s instructions had been issued by Mr. Ewart and it was agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

Scouts.

\*The St. George’s Day Parade was fixed for 25th April, Protestant Troops to parade to Wellpark West Church. Mr. Canning agreed to make arrangements for the Roman Catholic Parade.

\*The DC reported that the Scouters Council had put forward their proposals for Auchmountain Glen to the Corporation; also that Mr. Hodgson would shortly submit a new list of examiners.

Finance.

\*The Treasurer reported Bank Balances totalling £433-19-5 and income of £3-15/- being interest on 3% Defence Bonds.

\*The following accounts had been paid:

Thomas Ogg £4.

Gas Board £9-13-5.

Typist £1.

Scout Shop £2-1- 6.

McAlister and Fyfe £16-2/-.

McNeils 11/6d.

R.G. Lawrie Ltd. 4/2.

McNeils 5/-.

T. Ogg £4.

\*The following expenditure was authorised

R.G. Lawrie 4/2d.

Postages and Stationary (Secretary) 16/8.

Publications 7/6d.

Posters 10/-.

Warrants.

The following applications were approved.

Miss McWilliams, ACM, 9th Group.

Miss Byrne, ACM, 9th Group.

Miss Thompson, ACM, 45th Group

Miss Anderson, CM, 85th Group.

The following applications were tabled;

G. McPherson ASM, 32nd Group.

G. Dale as ASM, 32nd Group.

Miss Kinloch ACM, 45th Group

Miss Gibson ACM, 70th Group.

The next meeting was fixed for 4th May.

Colin Finnie,

Chairman.