

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF
SCOUTING IRELAND**

DATE: Saturday 2nd April, 2011

VENUE: Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co Meath

PRESENT: -

1. Michael John Shinnick - Chief Scout.
2. Ian Davy - Chief Commissioner Youth Programme.
3. John Brennan - Chief Commissioner Adult Resources.
4. Michael Devins - National Secretary.
5. Francis Minogue - National Treasurer.
6. Fr Dave Kenneally – Chair, National Spiritual Religious Advisory Panel.
7. All other attendees as listed in the Attendances' Register.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING:

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL, 2011.

10.30–11.00 Voting for positions of: - Provincial Commissioner, Southern Province
Provincial Commissioner, Northern Province
Provincial Commissioner, North Eastern Province

10.00 • Opening Thought

- Opening Address of the Chief Scout
- Address by Guest Speaker
- Meeting Procedures and Appointment of Tellers
- Approval of the minutes of EGM of National Council 2010
- Adoption of the Annual Report
- Adoption of the Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland
- Appointment of Auditors

- Endorsement of the Annual Report and Accounts of The Scout Foundation, Scout Association of Ireland Trust Corporation Limited and Scouting Trust Property Limited.
- Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents
- Matters referred by the National Management Committee
- Motions received by the National Secretary

13.00 Meeting adjourned for Lunch

14.00 Resumption of National Council

16.00 Election Results

16.30 Closing address by the Chief Scout.

DOCUMENTS OF THE MEETING:

- Agenda and Registration/Voting Procedure. [circulated in advance]
- Minutes of the Meeting of EGM 8th may, 2010 . [circulated in advance]
- List of Motions. [circulated in advance]
- Annual Report of Scouting Ireland 2010. [circulated in advance]
- Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland [circulated in advance]
- Audited Accounts of Scout Foundation, Scout Association of Ireland Trust Corporation Limited and Scouting Trust Property Limited [circulated in advance]
- List of Candidates and Nominees for Election [circulated in advance]
- Submission to National Council 2011 [circulated in advance]
- A brief Guide to Motions or Proposals [circulated in advance]

OPENING THOUGHTS & ADDRESSES:

Greg Boyd County Commissioner Gleann na Boinne Scout County welcomed all delegates to the meeting of National Council 2011 and informed the assembled delegates of the record youth attendance of over 100 youth members at this meeting of National Council.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE MEETING:

The following Resolutions were passed at the meeting:-

1. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS –

2. MINUTES -

The Minutes of 8th May, 2010 were approved following a show of hands by the delegates.

3. ANNUAL REPORT-

Michael Devins presented a short video presentation to the delegates of the Annual Report of Scouting Ireland for the year 2010 which was deemed read. Following a show of hands by the delegates, the Annual Report was adopted.

Matters arising: - Dermot Lacey commented on how great it is to see the growth in membership of Scouting Ireland. He congratulated the NMC and all leaders for the superb membership figures.

Well done to the members of Scouting Ireland who had confidence in the viability of Castle Saunderson and who fought for its retention and development.

Kiernan Gildea is now Scouting Irelands representative on the City of Dublin Youth Service Board.

Scouting Ireland would like to express its congratulations to the Irish Girl Guides who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.

4. AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCOUTING IRELAND-

The Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland for the year 2010 were adopted as proposed by Francis Minogue. Francis Minogue gave a brief analyses and graphic illustration of the Association's Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet from 1st October 2009 – 30th September 2010. Francis Minogue also listed and outlined the various Scouting Ireland companies.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS-

The Firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers Ireland Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors was appointed as Auditors for Scouting Ireland.

6. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE SCOUT FOUNDATION, THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND TRUST CORPORATION AND SCOUTING TRUST PROPERTY LIMITED -

The Annual Report and Accounts of Scout Foundation, Scout Association of Ireland Trust Corporation Limited and Scouting Trust Property Limited were endorsed by show of hands from the delegates.

7. ELECTION OF HONORARY VICE- PRESIDENTS-

The election of Honorary Vice-Presidents of Scouting Ireland was approved as follows: -

- a) Martin Burbridge
- b) Peter Dixon
- c) Donald Harvey
- d) Eoghan Lavelle
- e) Kenneth Ramsey
- f) Paul Ring

8. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS-

The election of the following as Honorary Member of Scouting Ireland was approved.

Eamonn Lynch

PRESENTATIONS

The Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick presented Scouting Irelands Order of Cu Chulainn to the following: -

John Brennan

Michael Devins

The meeting adjourned at 12.50pm for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2.10pm

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Following the votes cast by the delegates, The National Secretary announced the following candidates as elected for the following positions of the National Management Committee:

- o Provincial Commissioner – Northern Province –Wendy Morrow
- o Provincial Commissioner – Southern Province – Morgan O’Sullivan*
- o Provincial Commissioner – North Eastern Province – James O’Toole*

*Were presented with a neckerchief by Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick

MOTIONS

The following Motions as received by the National Secretary and referred by the National Management Committee were voted on as follows:

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS			
HVP-1		<p>Honorary Vice Presidents:</p> <p>To elect the following people as Honorary Vice Presidents of Scouting Ireland:</p> <p>Peter Dixon Eoghan Lavelle Kenneth Ramsey Paul Ring Donald Harvey Martin Burbridge</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	<p>CARRIED as proposed by Michael Devins</p>
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP			
HM-1		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <p>Eamonn Lynch</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	<p>CARRIED as proposed by Michael John Shinnick</p>
MOTIONS – (Notice of Motions Passed at National Council 2010)			
M-1	Article 2	<p>Subject to the consent of the World Scout Committee pursuant to Article 61, that Article 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:</p> <p>Scouting Ireland is a voluntary, uniformed, non-formal educational movement for young people. It is independent, non-political, open to all without distinction of origin, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or ability in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder, Robert Baden-Powell and as stated by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Article 61 states;</p> <p><i>No alteration may be made to Articles 1 to 8 inclusive without the written consent of the World Scout Committee.</i></p> <p>This consent will be sought by the National Secretary should this resolution be made by the National Council</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>

		<p>(6 Dublin Leeson Park Scout Group)</p> <p>Explanation by the proposer: This addition would bring the Scouting Ireland Constitution closer in line with best practice in the area of equality and equity. Further, these additions would be a clear demonstration that Scouting Ireland does not accept the practice of other scout organisations who expel both adult and youth members solely on the grounds of their sexual orientation.</p>	
M-2	Article 38	<p>That part (g) of Article 38 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:</p> <p>g) The Group Leaders and two delegates nominated by each registered Group Council. A Deputy Group Leader may represent the Group Leader in the event that the Group Leader cannot attend. This representation must be approved by Group Council and the necessary documentation signed by the Group Leader or Group Secretary.</p> <p>(North Cork Scout County Board)</p>	CARRIED
NOTICE OF MOTION			
NM-1	Article 27	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 27 of the Constitution to read as follows:</p> <p>The Scout Group is registered in accordance with the Rules. The National Management Committee may suspend or cancel the registration of a Scout Group where a Scout Group fails to comply with the Constitution and Rules of the Association.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: The addition to this rule introduces a last resort position whereby if all other options have been exhausted to ensure a Scout Group complies with its responsibilities sanctions can be enforced.</p>	CARRIED
NM-2	Article 38	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend part (g) of Article 38 of the Constitution to read as follows: -</p> <p>(g) Three delegates nominated by the Scout Group Council</p>	CARRIED

		<p>of each registered Scout Group.</p> <p>(National Management Committee) Explanation: Not restricting the 3 Group delegates to have to include the Group Leader increases the options for Groups to maximise their attendance at National Council. It also increases the options for Youth Participation at National Council.</p>	
NM-3	Article 38	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend part (f) of Article 38 of the Constitution to read as follows:</p> <p>(f1) The County Commissioners, (f2) Three delegates nominated by the Scout County Board of each Scout County. (f3) Two representatives from the Scout County Youth Forum for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scouts, (ii) Venture Scouts and (iii) Rover Scouts. <p>(National Management Committee) Explanation: <i>Some Scout Counties do not have individuals appointed to the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer. They may however be in position to appoint delegates from the Scout County Management Committee to attend National Council.</i></p>	LOST
NM-4	Article 38	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend part (f) of Article 38 of the Constitution to read as follows:</p> <p>(f) The County Commissioners, County Officers, two representatives from the Scout County Youth Forum for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scouts, (ii) Venture Scouts and (iii) Rover Scouts <p>(National Management Committee) Explanation: To specify what County Youth Fora should attend.</p>	CARRIED
NM-5	Article	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend part (h) of</p>	CARRIED

	38	<p>Article 38 of the Constitution to read as follows:</p> <p>(h) Nine representatives of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) the National Youth Forum for Scouts;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) the National Youth Forum for Venture Scouts</p> <p>and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) the National Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: To specify what National Youth Form should attend.</p>	
NM-6	Article 48	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 48 of the Constitution to read as follows: -</p> <p>The Chief Scout is the President of Scouting Ireland and is elected by the National Council for a term of four years and is again eligible for election after the expiration of a further four years.</p> <p>Explanation: Changing the Chief Scout's term of office from two * three year terms to a single four year term. If successful this year it is the NMC's intention to introduce a transitional arrangement motion to National Council 2012.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p>	LOST
RULES			
RULES: Appointments			
R-1	Rule 21	<p>That Rule 21 be altered under the "Scout Province" heading to include the following Appointments:</p> <p>Provincial Adult Resources Representative Provincial Youth Programme Representative Provincial Treasurer</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: Reason for these additions is at the moment these positions are not Appointments in Scouting Ireland and should be. See 108b to 108g)</p>	CARRIED
R-2	Rule 21	<p>That Rule 21 be altered under the "National" heading, to replace the following for "Camp/Scout Centre Manager"</p>	CARRIED

		<p>under that heading:</p> <p>Camp Chief: National Campsite / Scout Centre</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> To use the term Camp Chief as a more appropriate term for a voluntary member in relation to Campsites / Centres. Leaving the term Manager to relate to professional staff employed by the Association.</p>	
R-3	Rule 21	<p>That Rule 21 be altered under the “National” heading to include the following Appointment:</p> <p>Team Leader Campsites / Facilities <i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Supporting SID 51/07 Team Lead Campsites / Facilities. The Team Lead Campsites and Facilities together with the Campsites and Facilities Sub Committee are responsible for the development and evaluation of campsites and other facilities of Scouting Ireland to support the entire youth programme provided by Scouting Ireland.</p>	CARRIED
RULES: Organisation – Local Level			
R-3(B)	Rule 40	<p>That Rule 40 be altered to read as follows; A Scout Group registers each year by completing the annual registration Form and forwarding same together with the appropriate registration fees to the National Secretary. Where a Group fails to complete the registration process and pay the annual fees in accordance with the procedures set down by the National Management Committee, the National Management Committee may suspend or cancel the registration of the Scout Group or take other reasonable steps to ensure compliance of the procedures.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> The addition to this rule introduces a last resort position whereby if all other options have been exhausted to ensure a Scout Group complies with its responsibilities sanctions can be enforced.</p>	CARRIED

R-4	Rule 50	<p>That Rule 50 be altered to read as follow by the addition of (n) to the end of the first paragraph;</p> <p>(n) A representative from the Rover Scout Section</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: To allow representation from the Rover Scout Section at the Scout Group Council</p>	CARRIED
R-5	Rule 46	<p>That part (d) of Rule 46 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>d) To implement the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy of Scouting Ireland.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: Change to allow consistent / correct terminology</p> <p>In January 2011 SID 14/03 “Youth Participation Policy” was revised to support and underpin “Youth Initiated, shared decisions with Adults” and as part of the revision was renamed “Youth & Adult Involvement Policy”</p>	CARRIED
RULES: Organisation – Scout County Level			
R-6	Rule 86	<p>That part (h) of Rule 86 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>(h) Two representatives from:</p> <p>(i) the Scout County Scout Youth Forum for Scouts;</p> <p>(ii) the Scout County Scout Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and</p> <p>(iii) the Scout County Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: Change to allow consistent / correct terminology</p>	CARRIED
R-7	Rule 83	<p>That Rule 83 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Scout County Management Committee is responsible for the organisation of Scout County Youth Fora in</p>	CARRIED

		<p>accordance with the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: Change to allow consistent / correct terminology</p> <p>In January 2011 SID 14/03 “Youth Participation Policy” was revised to support and underpin “Youth Initiated, shared decisions with Adults” and as part of the revision was renamed “Youth & Adult Involvement Policy”</p>	
RULES: Organisation – Scout Province Level			
R-8	Rule 108 F	<p>That Rule 108F be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Provincial Treasurer shall be appointed by the Provincial Management Support Team on the nomination of the Provincial Commissioner in consultation with the National Treasurer. His/her term of office shall be concurrent with the term of office of the Provincial Commissioner in office at the time of the appointment. Should the Provincial Commissioner resign or be removed from office, the Provincial Treasurer shall remain in office up to the formal vote of a new Provincial Commissioner but shall step down prior to the vote.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: Given the expanding importance of this role; filling the role is of equal importance to filling the Adult Resources or Youth Programme Rep roles; hence the requirement as with the aforementioned role the need for consultation.</p>	CARRIED
R-9	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The Provincial Youth Fora provide for the expression of views and formulation of recommendations, recognising that such Fora in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and to make recommendations on these; and to learn the skills necessary to empower them to take part in decision making in the Association and in their communities.</p> <p>Explanation: To support the structures laid out in SID 14/03 Youth & Adult Involvement Policy to promote and ensure that “Youth initiated, shared decisions with adults” is a core part of the Scout Province functionality</p>	CARRIED

		<i>(National Management Committee)</i>	
R-10	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The Provincial Management/Support Team is responsible for the organisation of Scout Province Youth Fora in accordance with the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.</p> <p>Explanation: To support the structures laid out in SID 14/03 Youth & Adult Involvement Policy to promote and ensure that “Youth initiated, shared decisions with adults” is a core part of the Scout Province functionality</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
R-11	Rule 108	<p>That part (i) of Rule 108 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>(i) The Chairperson of the Provincial Youth Forum for Scouts, the Provincial Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and the Provincial Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Explanation: Change the rule from “Members of the National Youth Fora from the Province”.</p>	CARRIED
RULES: Organisation – National Level			
R-12	Rule 137	<p>That part (c) of Rule 137 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>(c) Three representatives of: (i) the National Youth Forum for Scouts; (ii) the National Youth Forum for Venture Scouts and (iii) the National Youth Forum for Rover Scouts.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
R-13	Rule 164	<p>That Rule 164 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The National Youth Fora provide for the expression of views and formulation of the recommendations, recognising that such Fora in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and make recommendation on these; and</p>	CARRIED

		<p>to learn the skills necessary to empower them to take part in decision- making in the Association and in their communities.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> SID 14/03 Youth & Adult Involvement Policy provides and supports the National Youth Fora with respect to engagement <i>externally</i>, supporting the Youth Members and Young Adult Scouters to get involved in public decision making and address issues that are of concern to them.</p>	
R-14	Rule 165	<p>That Rule 165 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The National Management Committee is responsible for the organisation of National Youth Fora in accordance with the Youth & Adult Involvement Policy.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Change to allow consistent / correct terminology</p> <p>In January 2011 SID 14/03 “Youth Participation Policy” was revised to support and underpin “Youth Initiated, shared decisions with Adults” and as part of the revision was renamed “Youth & Adult Involvement Policy”</p>	CARRIED
R-15	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The National Management Committee shall appoint a Team Leader Campsites / Facilities who shall be responsible for the development and evaluation of campsites and other facilities of Scouting Ireland. The Team Leader Campsites / Facilities is appointed by the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Supporting SID 51/07 Team Lead Campsites / Facilities. The Team Lead Campsites and Facilities together with the Campsites and Facilities Sub Committee are responsible for the development and evaluation of campsites and other facilities of Scouting Ireland to support the entire youth programme provided by Scouting Ireland.</p>	CARRIED

R-16	Rule 181	<p>That Rule 181 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Camp Chief of a National Campsite / Scout Centre is appointed by the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years. The Camp Chief is the chairperson of the National Campsite / Scout Centre Management Committee</p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> To put in place a term of office for the Camp Chief Appointment.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
R-17	New Rule	<p>That a new rule be introduced to read as follows:</p> <p>The members of the National Campsite / Scout Centre Management Committee shall be nominated by the Camp Chief and approved by the National Management Committee.</p> <p>The members of the National Campsite / Scout Centre Management Committee are as follows (the term of membership of the Committee is concurrent with that of the Camp Chief):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Camp Chief b) Campsite Administrator c) Campsite Treasurer d) Campsite Project Team Leader e) Campsite Programme Team Leader f) Campsite Volunteer Staff Team Leader g) Team Lead Campsites / Facilities (or nominee) <p>One member of the Professional Staff as requested should attend meetings of the National Campsite / Scout Centre Management Committee and has a right to contribute to the deliberations of the Team.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> To implement a management team structure with a view to supporting the Camp Chief in carrying out his/her responsibilities as a matter of best practice.</p>	CARRIED

R-18	Rule 174	<p>Every Campsite / Centre, through its Camp Chief, must submit its annual accounts to the National Treasurer.</p> <p>Explanation: To implement a management team structure with a view to supporting the Camp Chief in carrying out his/her responsibilities as a matter of best practice.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p>	CARRIED
R-20	Rule 160	<p>That Rule 160 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Communications Commissioner is a member of Scouting Ireland elected by the National Council on the nomination of a Scout Group, a Scout County Management Committee or any member of the National Management Committee to serve as a member of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for reelection for a further term of three years.</p> <p>(North Cork Scout County Board)</p> <p>Explanation from proposer: If they are Directors of Scouting Ireland with full voting rights, they should be given the respect they're due by being elected by the membership of National Council and are entitled to a full term of office to complete their body of work.</p>	CARRIED
R-21	Rule 160	<p>That Rule 160 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>The Communications Commissioner is a member of Scouting Ireland and will be elected by the National Council on the nomination of the National Management Committee, a Scout Group Council, or a Scout County Board to serve for a term of three years and is eligible for re-election for a further term of three years. Where the Communications Commissioner vacates office the National Management Committee may appoint a Communications Commissioner until such time as a Communications Commissioner can be elected in accordance with this rule.</p> <p>(19th Donegal, Lifford)</p> <p>Explanation from proposer: To enable future Communications Commissioners the mandate to carry out their duties as requested by National Council.</p>	FELL Consequent upon the result of R20

R-22	Rule 161	That Rule 161 be deleted. <i>(North Cork Scout County Board)</i> Explanation from proposer: Members of the National Management Committee elected by National Council can only be removed by National Council.	WITHDRAWN
R-23	Rule 157	That Rule 157 be altered to read as follows: The International Commissioner is a member of Scouting Ireland elected by the National Council on the nomination of a Scout Group, a Scout County Management Committee or any member of the National Management Committee to serve as a member of the National Management Committee for a term of three years and is eligible for reelection for a further term of three years. <i>(North Cork Scout County Board)</i> Explanation from proposer: If they are Directors of Scouting Ireland with full voting rights, they should be given the respect they're due by being elected by the membership of National Council and are entitled to a full term of office to complete their body of work.	CARRIED
R-24	Rule 158	That Rule 158 be deleted. <i>(North Cork Scout County Board)</i> Explanation: Members of the National Management Committee elected by National Council can only be removed by National Council.	WITHDRAWN
R-24(B)	Rule 114	That Rule 114 be altered to read as follows: The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council shall be accompanied by the following: The draft minutes of the previous meeting; The Annual Report to be adopted;	CARRIED

		<p>Invitation for proposals to the National Council; Nomination forms for completion for the following Appointments when necessary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chief Scout ii. Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) iii. Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) iv. National Secretary v. National Treasurer vi. Communications Commissioner vii. International Commissioner viii. Provincial Commissioner <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	
RULES: Property and Finance			
R-25	Rule 166	<p>That Rule 166 be altered to read as follows:</p> <p>Scout Groups are expected to be self-supporting.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Groups not defined in the Constitution only Scout Groups</p>	CARRIED
General Motions			
	GM – 1	<p>That the National Management Committee shall produce a report, to be included in the first National Council mailing, outlining to the members of National Council the progress of the Committee in implementing the resolutions of the previous National Council.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
	GM - 2	<p>CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING</p> <p>That the National Council urges the National Management Committee to seek the creation, in the Republic, of a Child Protection Awareness Course common to all community volunteer organisations, such course to have a recognised certification.</p> <p><i>(Cill Mhantáin Scout County)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation from proposer:</i> Adult residents of the Republic seeking an Appointment or Position in Scouting Ireland are required to complete</p>	CARRIED

		<p>certain procedures. These include appropriate application forms; provision of references; attendance at a Child Protection Awareness (CPA) Course; and vetting by An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>Some Scout Groups are sponsored by a parish and in such cases the Scouters are being required to attend a further CPA Course. Equally Scouters may be members of a sports organisation and similarly these are requiring attendance at Courses.</p> <p>While the purpose of such training is realised and the Courses are loyally attended, it does impose an unnecessary time demand on volunteers interested and active in their local community.</p> <p>Our proposal seeks to eliminate repetitive training while meeting the needs of volunteer organisations. The content of the different CPA Courses cover much the same ground. It should be possible for such organisations, using expert advice, to come up with a common content. Standards could then be set and the syllabus and trainers manuals produced to ensure quality is maintained throughout the State.</p> <p>Such a standard course could be recognised by FETAC which would enable the issue of certificates which would be recognised by other organisations.</p> <p>It may be necessary to provide for a short module within each organisation to allow the new entrant to be advised of that organisation's reporting arrangements etc. There could be an endorsement process on the base certificate.</p> <p>Our proposal is not intended to relate to Northern Ireland where different conditions apply.</p> <p>The motion excludes the issue of Garda vetting as this does have to be repeated. We are given to understand that steps are being taken to improve the Garda response time.</p>	
	<p>GM - 3</p>	<p>That the National Council shall change the age range of rover scouts from 18 – 20 years + 364 days to 18 – 25 years + 364 days.</p> <p>(5 Kildare (Clane))</p> <p>Explanation from proposer: This Motion will allow people to remain in youth program</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>

		up until their 26 birthday, this motion changes nothing except the maximum age for the Rover section in Scouting Ireland.	
	GM – 4	<p>That the National Management Committee be instructed to develop a status of Honorary Membership at Scout Group and/or Scout County Level to recognize a lifetime of service in Scouting, by bestowing this honorary membership of the Scout Group/Scout County Board to long serving members of the association.</p> <p><i>(North Cork Scout County Board)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Scout Groups and/or Scout Counties wish to recognize and thank those who have made a huge contribution to Scouting at local level. These dedicated members have made us what we are.</p>	WITHDRAWN
	GM – 5	<p>That the National Management Committee be instructed to ensure that meetings of the National Adult Awards Committee are convened on a quarterly basis to approve awards under their remit.</p> <p><i>(North Cork Scout County Board)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation:</i> Saying thanks to our members is very important and unfortunately is not done often enough by the association. By increasing the frequency of awards approved should encourage a better take up of awards</p>	LOST
	GM – 6	<p>That this National Council, recognizing the pivotal role the associations Chief Executive Officer plays in the day to day management of the association and the significant long-term influence he/she wields, instructs the National Management Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure the recruitment process for a new CEO is undertaken to the highest, professionally recognized standards of transparency and professionalism.</p> <p><i>(Three Rock Scout County Board)</i></p> <p><i>Explanation from proposer:</i> The recruitment of a new Chief Executive Officer for Scouting Ireland is a most significant staff appointment. The choice made will have far-reaching and long-lasting</p>	CARRIED

		consequences for the future of the association	
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CLOSING ADDRESS

In closing the meeting, Michael John Shinnick delivered a closing address. He thanked all delegates for attending the meeting and for their contributions to the Association. He gave a vote of thanks.

The Chief Scout then wished all delegates a safe journey home and officially closed the meeting.

The eighth meeting of the Annual National Council of Scouting Ireland was closed by Michael John Shinnick at 4.15pm on Saturday 2nd April, 2011.