

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL (“COMMITTEE”)
OF SCOUTING IRELAND (“ASSOCIATION”)
Venue: RDS Concert Hall, Dublin
Date: 16th April, 2016

Meeting Reference Number: NC 16001

A. PRESENT:

- (1) Christy McCann – Chief Scout
- (2) Jimmy Cunningham – National Secretary
- (3) Ian Davy – Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)
- (4) Therese Bermingham – Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources)
- (5) Annette Byrne – National Treasurer
- (6) Pat O’Sulleabhain – Chair National Spiritual Religious Advisory Panel (NSRAP)
- (7) All other attendees as listed in the Attendances Register

B. IN ATTENDANCE

- (1) John Lawlor – Chief Executive Officer

MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION POINT / FOLLOW UP
1. Opening Thought	
The meeting was opened with an Opening Thought and Renewal of the Scout Promise – with members being invited by Pat O’Sulleabhain., Chairperson of National Spiritual Religious Advisory Panel (NSRAP) to choose the version of the Promise that they are most comfortable with.	
2. Chief Scout Address to National Council	
<p>The Chief Scout Christy McCann entered National Council accompanied by 40 Beaver Scouts who had taken part in the “Meet the Chief” event. The Chief Scout then led all present in a celebration of 40 Years of Beaver Scouting. The Beavers participated in a symbolic display of how Beaver Scouting has been a great success and reflects Scouting at its brightest, with a tree to represent the good roots and foundation that must be nurtured and cared for. The Chief Scout then led National Council in singing “Happy Birthday” to the Beavers.</p> <p>The Chief Scout went on to remind National Council that Scouting is open to all with no barriers and the only condition being that members live by the Scout Promise and do things in the “Scout like” way. The Spirit of Scouting is alive and well.</p>	
3. Apologies	
There were no apologies for this meeting of National Council	
4. Meeting Procedures	
The Chief Scout outlined the housekeeping details and meeting procedures. National Council was reminded that the Ballot boxes are open and that the Ballot would close at 12.30.	

Podium Managers for the meeting were Daniel Aughey and Matthew Foster.																																					
5. Address by Guest Speaker																																					
<p>The National Secretary, Jimmy Cunningham introduced the Guest Speaker – Mr Jason Black, adventurer and mountaineer.</p> <p>Jason Black recounted how Scouting had been such a huge influence and part of his life and had helped him to overcome many trials during his lifetime. Scouting has given him the support and tools to conquer adversity and achieve personal goals and one of his proudest moments was wearing his Scout neckerchief when he reached the summit of Mount Everest.</p> <p>He concluded by reminding National Council that members of Scouting should be proud of what they share, proud of the values, proud of the organisations’ Ethics, Values and Principles.</p> <p>The Chief Scout presented Jason Black with an International neckerchief to a standing ovation from National Council</p>																																					
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<p>National Council approved the following as Tellers for the meeting: -</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="159 940 798 1366"> <tr> <td>Alan Palmer</td> <td>Chief Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark O’Callaghan</td> <td>Deputy Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill James</td> <td>Assistant Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brendan McNicholas</td> <td>Assistant Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Niall Walsh</td> <td>Assistant Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donal McCarthy</td> <td>Assistant Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mick Devins</td> <td>Assistant Teller</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shane Cahill</td> <td></td> <td>Gerard Garrahan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aisling Coyne</td> <td></td> <td>Conal Roe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sorcha Coffee</td> <td></td> <td>Conor Clarke</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ailbh Owens</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Alan Palmer	Chief Teller		Mark O’Callaghan	Deputy Teller		Bill James	Assistant Teller		Brendan McNicholas	Assistant Teller		Niall Walsh	Assistant Teller		Donal McCarthy	Assistant Teller		Mick Devins	Assistant Teller					Shane Cahill		Gerard Garrahan	Aisling Coyne		Conal Roe	Sorcha Coffee		Conor Clarke	Ailbh Owens			
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7. Standing Orders																																					
The Standing Orders were approved unanimously by show of hands.																																					
8. Minutes																																					
The Minutes of the EGM of National Council held on 12 th September, 2015 were approved following a show of hands by the delegates																																					
9. Matters arising																																					
<p>Dermot Lacey spoke and thanked the NMC for righting a wrong and at last year’s National Council.</p> <p>Martin Burbridge addressed National Council and informed the delegates that the changes to the Scout Promise approved at the EGM of the National Council in September 2015 had been approved by the World Scout Committee.</p>																																					

<p>Richard Scriven went through the process for the Beaver and Cub Promises and Laura O'Connor outlined the Scouts and Scouters Promises.</p> <p>Martin Burbridge thanked the Committee for all of their work; National Council for approving the variations and the National Management Committee and Chief Scout for their support.</p>	
<p>10. Annual Report 2015</p>	
<p>The National Secretary gave a five minute presentation on the Annual Report. He thanked the Sub Committee for all their work and proposed the Annual Report.</p> <p>Following a show of hands by the delegates, the Annual Report for 2015 was adopted.</p>	
<p>11. Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland</p>	
<p>The Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland for the year 2015 were adopted as proposed by Annette Byrne, National Treasurer.</p> <p>The National Treasurer gave a brief report which included the Associations achievements, projects and challenges. Congratulations to the Jamboree Team for a wonderful success. Her report also included the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Social Protection, Finance and various other committees and teams, the Scout Shop and Audit and Risk.</p> <p>She also mentioned that there will be a Michael John Shinnick Campsite Scholarship.</p> <p>Fionán Lawlor, Financial Controller made a presentation to National Council on the Income and Expenditure of Scouting Ireland for the year 2015.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Pat O'Connor addressed National Council and asked the National Treasurer to ensure that all Scouting Irelands Scout Centres would be kept up to spec and the National Treasurer agreed to this request.</p>	
<p>12. Appointment of Auditors.</p>	
<p>The firm of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors was approved as Auditors for Scouting Ireland.</p>	
<p>13. Governance Project</p>	
<p>The National Treasurer, James O'Toole, Ollie Kehoe and Martin Burbridge gave a brief presentation on the Governance Project. They informed the delegates that should they have any queries they could email governance@scouts.ie</p> <p>The Chief Scout thanked them for their presentation.</p>	
<p>14. Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents</p>	
<p>The election of Honorary Vice-Presidents of Scouting Ireland was approved as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eoghan Lavelle 	

- Kenneth Ramsey
- Donald Harvey
- Martin Burbridge
- Seán Farrell
- Kiernan Gildea

At this point in the meeting the CCAR took the Chair. On foot of what Dermot Lacey and Charlie McGuinness raised at last year's EGM, the Chief Scout addressed National Council and spoke about last year's elections and the fact that two people had been very badly hurt. The Chief Scout has spoken to the people in question and proposed that Scouting Ireland should honour Kiernan Gildea and Sean Farrell. The Chief Scout then resumed the Chair.

15. Awards & Presentations

Ian Davy, Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) introduced and presented neckerchiefs to the National Youth Reps: -

Scout Reps

Aidan Mamo
Christy McAuley
Cian Gleeson
Cormac Casey
Ellie Patterson
Eva Moylan
Lee Kavanagh
Liam Carroll
Emily Kelly

Venture Reps

Adam Chintedza
Dara Rickard
David Somerville
Eva Mannion
Karen Quinn
Kayci Devenney Gallagher
Niamh Brennan
Nicola Murphy
Sean Paisley

Rover Reps

Aisling Bonner
Alex Huddleston
Colin O'Reilly
Conor O'Farrell
Eimear Boyd
Katie Spillane
Mark Lingwood
Shauna Halpin
Trudie Mitchell

At this point National Council was reminded that voting would close shortly.

Therese Bermingham, Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) introduced the following recipients of Scouting Ireland's Order of Cú Chulainn which were presented by the Chief Scout Christy McCann:

- Deirdre Dowling
- Charlie McGuinness
- Brendan Doherty
- Pat McKeown
- Mary O'Regan

The Chief Scout congratulated all of the recipients and welcomed the late and former Chief Scouts wife, Marian Shinnick to address National Council. After a very heart rendering and brave speech National Council gave her a standing ovation and the Chief Scout presented Marian with a bouquet of flowers.

At 12.49pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

16. Presentations to National Council

National Council resumed at 2pm

<p>The National Council noted the following presentations: - Paddy Lynch introduced 'Scoutfest' and invited members to attend the event on Friday 24th June, with the headline act being 'Aslan'.</p> <p>Ian Davy and Kiernan Gildea led the assembled members in a Celebration cheer for the 100th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.</p> <p>The CEO John Lawlor welcomed Mr. Michael O'Reilly, from the 1916 Centenary Programme to address National Council. He informed National Council that Scouting Ireland is now an official partner of the 2016 Centenary Programme and hoped that there would be a 2016 theme at the forthcoming Jamoige.</p> <p>The Chief Scout presented Michael with a memento from Scouting Ireland and Michael presented the Chief Scout with a Tricolour.</p> <p>Dermot McMullan, Director of the Scout Shop made a short presentation which included the Scout brand Rock River, uniform, new belt, events and sponsorship and e.library.ie the new online resource area for Scouts and Scouters. Dermot presented Ian Davy with the first ever new Scouter belt.</p> <p>Dermot also presented the National Treasurer with a cheque for €50,000 as a donation to Scouting Ireland for this year. Over the last six years the total donation from the Scout Shops is €750,000. Dermot encouraged National Council delegates to support the Scout Shops.</p>	
<p>17. Suspension of Standing Orders</p>	
<p>Suspension of Standing Orders to allow the meeting of National Council to exceed the planned timing was approved by a show of hands from the delegates.</p>	
<p>18. Motions and Proposals to National Council</p>	
<p>The Chief Scout reminded National Council of meeting procedures.</p> <p>Results of Motions and proposals as received by the National Secretary and referred by the National Management Committee – Appendix A to the Minutes of National Council 2016.</p>	
<p>19. Announcements of Results</p>	
<p>The Chief Scout called on those whose terms were up and presented the following with a memento from Scouting Ireland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therese Bermingham, Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) • Annette Byrne, National Treasurer • Joe Doherty, Provincial Commissioner (Western Province) • Ian Davy, Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) • Tom Clarke, Member of the National Management Committee <p>The CEO thanked our unsung heroes, our Communications Team.</p> <p>Following the votes cast by delegates, the National Secretary announced the following candidates as elected for the following positions:</p>	

<p>Directors of the Scout Foundation: Charlie McGuinness Peter Garrad</p> <p>Provincial Commissioner (Western Province): Joe Doherty</p> <p>Ordinary member of the NMC: Greg Anderson</p> <p>National Treasurer: Annette Byrne</p> <p>Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme): David Shalloo</p> <p>Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources): Therese Bermingham</p>	
<p>20. Chief Scouts Closing Address</p>	
<p>The Chief Scout, Christy McCann, thanked all of the candidates for positions and the Tellers for their work.</p> <p>In the final address to National Council the Chief Scout thanked everyone who had made National Council happen: National Office Staff, Pat Hollingsworth and crew, all of the Tellers and Podium Managers, Jill and Rose for taking the minutes, he welcomed the new team in the National Management Committee and reminded National Council that our Association now has almost 50,000 members.</p> <p>He wished delegates a safe trip home and thanked them for coming.</p>	
<p>CONCLUSION</p>	
<p>There being no other business the meeting was concluded</p> <p>Date and venue for next year's National Council:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th April 2017 – RDS, Dublin</p>	

NATIONAL COUNCIL AGM 2016 – MOTIONS & PROPOSALS

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS			
HVP - 1		<p>Honorary Vice Presidents:</p> <p>To elect the following as Honorary Vice Presidents of Scouting Ireland as nominated by the National Management Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eoghan Lavelle • Kenneth Ramsey • Donald Harvey • Martin Burbridge • Michael John Shinnick • Seán Farrell • Kiernan Gildea <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
Honorary Membership			
HM - 1		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seán Farrell <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
HM – 2		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Devins <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
HM – 3		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Kenneally <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
HM – 4		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene McHugh <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
HM – 5		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Wharton <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried

HM – 6		<p>To confer the title of Honorary Life Member of Scouting Ireland on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Kehoe <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried
Notice of Motion			
NM - 1	Article 3	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 3 of the Constitution to read as follows;</p> <p>The Aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, to improve society.</p> <p><i>(Waterford Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s Explanation</p> <p>When the Notice of Motion to amend Article 3 was presented to Scouting Ireland in 2006 (and carried in 2007) the wording was not stated in the manner to which we now refer to as the SPICES. This notice of motion is to bring our Constitution in line with how we present, deliver, and train members of Scouting Ireland in relation to our aim.</p>	Carried
Change to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Scouting Ireland CLG			
M&A - 1	General	<p>That this Annual General Meeting of Scouting Ireland CLG resolves to change the name of the company to Scouting Ireland Services CLG</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s Explanation</p> <p>Scouting Ireland currently operates through an Association and a Company Limited by Guarantee. An Association is an unincorporated entity, similar to a Scout Group. Companies which are limited by guarantee and do not have a share capital are deemed to be Companies Limited by Guarantee (CLG), and this designation is required under the new Companies Act. These types of companies limit the liability of their members. In the case of Scouting Ireland CLG the liability of each member in the event of the Company winding up is limited to €1.00.</p> <p>Scouting Ireland will continue to operate as both an Association and a Company Limited by Guarantee during the “transition phase” of the Governance project. The relationship between both will be through a Service Level Agreement (SLA), with Scouting Ireland CLG providing services to the Association, as required.</p>	Carried

		As both the Association and the Company are currently referred to as Scouting Ireland, the National Management Committee is proposing to differentiate one from the other by changing the name of Scouting Ireland CLG to Scouting Ireland Services CLG.	
Rules			
R - 1	Rule 113	<p>That Rule 113 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>All members of the National Council shall be notified of the time, date and venue of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council at least eight weeks in advance of the date of the meeting and at least four weeks in advance of the date of the meeting for any other meeting of the National Council. Notification shall be considered to be effective on National Council Members if it is sent by ordinary pre-paid post or by electronic mail to each Scout Group Leader, Scout County Commissioner, Provincial Commissioner and Chairpersons of the Youth Forum as well as directly to persons who are members of the National Council by virtue of the appointment or position they hold.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>This minor housekeeping change is to include others as not specifically named above that are eligible to attend National Council but currently are not listed. e.g. Honorary Vice President's</p>	Carried
R - 2	Rule 116	<p>That Rule 116 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>A second notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council shall be forwarded by the National Secretary to those members of Scouting Ireland notified with the first notice not less than four weeks prior to the date of the meeting. This second notice shall be accompanied by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Agenda; b) All nominations validly received by the National Secretary; c) Any matters referred to the National Council by the National Management Committee; d) Any proposals received by the National Secretary by or on behalf of any Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or National Youth Forum. e) The Audit Accounts of Scouting Ireland. f) The Annual Report of the Scout Foundation and other relevant entities. g) The proposed National Council Meeting Standing Orders. <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	Carried

		<p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>This housekeeping change will ensure that the proposed meeting standing orders will be included with the second notice of the AGM of the National Council.</p>	
R - 3	Rule 117	<p>That Rule 117 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>The notice for any other meeting of the National Council shall be issued by the National Secretary and accompanied by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Agenda; b) The draft minutes of the previous meeting; c) The proposals or motions submitted on the business to be conducted. d) The proposed National Council Meeting Standing Orders. <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>This housekeeping change will ensure that the proposed meeting standing orders will be included with the notice of an EGM of the National Council.</p>	Carried
General Proposals			
GP - 01	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notes that there will be a series of Provincial consultation meetings to discuss and explore the additional transitional and transformational changes that will need to be undertaken to ensure that Scouting Ireland complies with the legislation and code of governance on an ongoing basis. ii. Supports the National Management Committee appointing a Business Advisory Board to facilitate the transition of Scouting Ireland CLG in order to comply with the Companies and Charities Acts and with the Governance Code for Community and Voluntary Bodies. iii. Notes that to provide flexibility, particularly with regard to calling general meetings of the company where necessary to approve actions during the transition period from April 2017 to April 2019, there will be 11 members of SI CLG. They will be nominated by the National Management Committee for endorsement by National Council in April 2017 having been selected by a committee comprising the Chief Scout and Former Chief Scouts following an open call for expressions of interest. These company members shall NOT be Directors of the company and will only have the 	<p>Carried</p> <p>Count results 270 – Against 458 - For</p>

		<p>power to vote on decisions at general meetings of the company.</p> <p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>See Appendix 1 Transition Motions support paper at the end of this proposals book.</p>	
GP - 02	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council requests a review of the training system with the intention of changing the new equivalent of stage 1 -3. (This Is Scouting) to facilitate new scouters who cannot commit to an overnight course.</p> <p>(Kerry Scout County Board)</p> <p>Proposer's Explanation</p> <p>Many rural groups rely on recruitment of parents to act as leaders. Particularly in the younger sections. We feel that an overnight requirement in the first stage of training will be an impediment to getting Adults to commit to the group as many of them will have young families and may not be in a position to give up a weekend.</p>	<p>Withdrawn</p> <p>Training Commissioner assured the National Council that it is a possibility that options will be in place for a non-overnight option.</p>
GP - 03	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to amend SIF 26/11 and any other relevant documents in so far as to relate to Beavers, to allow one overnight without filling our SIF 26/11 for a single night's overnight, and amend it to two nights.</p> <p>(5th Carlow, Tullow Scout Group)</p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>As the form on a Beaver Slumber Night in their den or one night camp, we must fill in a SIF 26/11 and submit a programme, menu and a budget for a single night. And Group Leaders are to forward this on to their CPC. And we feel this is unnecessary. Notification to the group leader is enough.</p>	<p>Carried</p>
GP - 04	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council agrees that a Scout is eligible to compete in the Phoenix Challenge if they meet the following age criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth member U-16 and is on the database as a Scout. 2. Youth member has competed in a county challenge event and were U-16 on that event, 3. Youth member is U-16 on 30th June of the Scouting Year/ or under 16 by final date of application for the Phoenix. 	<p>Lost</p>

		<p>whichever is earlier.</p> <p>(11th Waterford, Dungarvan Scout Group)</p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Scouting is a youth driven organization, the age for Scout being U-16, this motion is only aimed at facilitating any Scout that wished to participate in the Phoenix, but cannot do so because they turn 16 over the summer period. It is very hard on the youth members that would have put so much work in to a group or Patrol to get to the Phoenix, to step aside and see the Patrol go without them. I must be very soul destroying for that situation to happen.</p> <p>Bear in mind that the Scout year starts from September – August, with most groups finishing up their Scouting year just after their Annual Camps and Start back fresh in September in their new sections Beaver to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts and Scouts to Ventures etc. The Scouts that this motion is aimed at would be the exception and not the norm, the Scouts may be young enough (U-16) to compete in their county qualifying event, but may turn 16 over the Summer holiday period, and would now be considered too old for the National event, and subsequently may miss out on this opportunity by a few days or weeks.</p> <p>This motion is not aimed at competing against the Venture section or interfering with the Venture programme. By passing this Motion, it will allow these Scouts to finish off their Scouting year as a Scout, and to end their time as a Scout on a high note, before moving onto a bright future as a Venture.</p>	
<p>GP - 05</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to immediately meet with and vigorously persuade the government and other members of Dail Eireann with a view to having small voluntary organisations such as individual scout groups to be exempt from the trustee element of the Charities Act and to provide details to the groups as to how said discussions are progressing.</p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>We have at the time of writing a hung Dail. Potentially we could have TD's who have serious judgements of many millions having the responsibility of being Ministers and yet said TD's can't be trustees of one of our scout groups. Likewise there are many members of scout groups who through no fault of their own lost their job and therefore experienced difficulties repaying mortgages, etc and therefore under current legislation these members are unable to be effective members of Scout Group Councils.</p> <p>Similarly if a trustee must be over 18yrs old a youth member is</p>	<p>Lost</p>

		<p>unable to become a trustee nor can one direct a trustee. As such our youth members will in effect be second-class citizens in our own Scout Group Councils.</p>	
<p>GP – 06</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council recognises the significant difficulties that full compliance with the Charities Act brings to Scout Groups throughout Ireland, taking into account the limited benefit to the achievement of the aims and objectives of Scouting Ireland and the personal journeys of its Youth and Adult members; that there are other ways to achieve Best in Class Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Child Protection other than through the implementation of the act as it currently exists. This National Council call upon the NMC to raise these challenges directly with members of Dail Eireann (both in Government and Opposition) and other bodies (eg youth organisations; NYCI etc) with a view to achieving an amendment to the Charities Act allowing for the achievement of these objectives without the placing of an unnecessary legal, financial and administrative burden on the voluntary sector.</p> <p>In achieving the objectives set forth in this motion, National Council suggests that the NMC should seek to highlight the differences in treatment between Scouting Ireland & the voluntary sporting sectors as a significant tenet of the proposals it puts forward.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s explanation:</p> <p>Slieve Bloom SC feels that Scouting Ireland should be given the same exemptions regarding the Charities Act as are Sporting groups across the country. Currently if scout groups are to comply with this legislation members of scout group councils are required to become trustees of the Scout Group assuming that they have no financial judgements against them and that they are at least 18yrs of age which immediately excludes Youth members from becoming effective members of scout group council as non-trustee members cannot legally direct trustees of the group. As Scouting Ireland is a youth led movement this clause directly contradicts the tenets of the One Programme and Scouting Ireland’s stated aims and objectives. It is not unreasonable to suggest that in some extreme instances compliance with the current legislation has the potential to prevent Scout Group Councils form being formed at all whereby these groups will be forced to close due to a lack of suitable adult members (ie those without financial judgements against them and who are 18yrs+) being available to become trustees of the group & therefore effective members of the scout group council.</p> <p>In summary Slieve Bloom SC feels that it is un-tenable for small voluntary groups etc to comply with the Charities Act in full unless granted exemption from these requirements in the same way as voluntary sporting groups and that it is incumbent upon this National Council to direct the National Management Committee to not only raise this issue with members in Dáil Eireann, but to</p>	<p>Lost</p>

		provide scout groups with regular feedback regarding progress made in this area.	
GP - 07	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee immediately to implement all parts of the following motion which was passed at National Council 2014:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“That this National Council instructs the National Youth Programme Committee do an immediate review of the Chief Scouts Awards, particularly in the 3 older sections and that they report back to next National Council with regard to same. This review to include input of various groups actually helping their youth members to try to achieve the relevant awards in their sections”</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s explanation:</p> <p>Slieve Bloom feels that some aspects of the Chief Scouts Award in the oldest 3 sections are almost impossible to achieve at present by the youth members and other aspects are by their very nature extremely costly. We feel that all youth members should be able to aspire to getting these awards and that their facilitators should be in a position to help them. We note that reference has been made in the first mailing to SID 110.14. This is dated 10 May 2014 and to date as far as we are aware the various Scout Groups have not been contacted with regard to their input on same in direct conflict with the motions of National Councils of 2014 and 2015.</p>	Carried
GP - 08	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council acknowledges the reasons and sentiments behind the decision of the National Management Committee deciding that all groups and counties must submit the names of delegates to National Council in advance. However, we feel that having to have same submitted before the second mailing has issued is unfair and is possibly undemocratic.</p> <p>This National Council instructs that this date shall be set at fourteen (14) days prior to National Council for all future years.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer’s explanation:</p> <p>National Council is the one chance that the groups and counties have the opportunity of deciding on the direction of Scouting Ireland. Some groups with the current decision will not get to vote at National Council as they will be unsure as to who can/will attend and also many will forget to submit their delegates on-line. Therefore they will not have their opinions heard whether through the ballot box, by speaking on or voting on motions.</p>	Carried

<p>GP - 09</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Youth Programme Committee to issue on or before June 1st of each year the national calendar of youth programme events for the following September to August year. In addition to the paper copy of the calendar a soft copy be issued to all scouters as part of the National Mailings.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Many groups and indeed counties plan for the following September to August year during the period between June and the end of August.</p> <p>The current schedule of issuing the national calendar at the beginning of the calendar year results in confusions resulting in numerous changes to the planned programme for the year running September to August.</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>GP - 10</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs that the National Youth Programme Committee shall acknowledge that groups may have various types of tents and shall not penalize any group that does not have ridge or canvas tents in use at National Competitions.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>In the main Icelandic style tents are generally used in National competitions and many groups cannot afford same; in particular new/small groups. They feel that they may be penalized in the marking of same and wish to have it confirmed that this will not happen in the future.</p>	<p>Lost</p>
<p>GP - 11</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to immediately implement the following motion which was passed unanimously at National Council 2015;</p> <p>“That National Council notes Motion GP8 National Council 2009 with regard to a review of the One Programme to be completed by December 31, 2014 and expresses its dismay that same hasn't been done and instructs that this review be enacted urgently. National Council further instructs that the scout groups and their members be a vital and integral part of this review as they are the ones actually trying to implement the Youth Programme” same into action.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p>	<p>Carried</p>

		<p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>We acknowledge SID 110.14 and not the date of same as 10 May 2014 just 7 months before the review was to be completed. We further note that there has been no contact made with groups or sections, youth or adults in either with regard to this review. We feel that one of the first things that should be done and actually the most important thing to be done is to actually ask how the programme is going, what is working and what isn't working and how we can fix what isn't?</p> <p>We again note in the first mailing for this National Council it states that "work has been ongoing with the Youth Programme Effectiveness Review and the Chief commissioner (Youth Programme) will present an update to the AGM of the National Council in April 2016" again the Scout Groups and their members have not been involved to date considering the review should have been done by December 2014, the motion that was again passed last year we feel that we must bring this motion back to National Council.</p>	
<p>GP - 12</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs the Chief Commissioners of Youth Programme and Adult Resources to have a proportional day rate for attendees at future Scouter Conferences.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>While the Scouter Conferences have been a success and very informative in the main, many cannot attend due to the cost and also many may wish to attend for just one day as opposed to the whole weekend. We feel that if there is a day rate more scouters may attend at least some of the conference and benefit from same.</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>GP - 13</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council proposes that an evaluation of the new Training Scheme be performed. The evaluation should involve at least six groups over 12 months. If a significant fall-off in recruitment is noted during the evaluation, the new Training Scheme should be reconsidered. While the evaluation is taking place, the current training scheme should continue to operate unchanged for all other groups.</p> <p><i>(Cill Mhantain Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Cill Mhantain Scout County has concerns about the new Training Scheme. Our concerns include the cost to groups, the time commitment required of new scouters and their childcare issues. The County feels this could reduce scouter recruitment, possibly</p>	<p>Lost</p>

		affecting the survival of some smaller groups. The County also thinks the new scheme could impact on scouters' commitment to progressing through the Stages.	
GP - 14	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council proposes that consultation fora be established to give a voice to scouters on the subject of the new Training Scheme</p> <p><i>(Cill Mhantain Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Cill Mhantain Scout County's concerns about the new Training Scheme include the fact that there has been no opportunity for the ordinary membership of Scouting Ireland to comment upon or influence the new scheme during its development and implementation.</p>	Withdrawn
GP - 15	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council ensures that the process for selecting Scout members of any future Scouting Ireland WSJ contingent requires that each participant provides a signed reference from their Group and Section Team Leader confirming that they are active members of their Group and that a signed parent/guardian permission form is included with their initial application.</p> <p><i>(5th Port, Dollymount Scout Group)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>5th Port Dollymount Sea Scout Group strongly supports the attendance of Scouts at World Scout Jamborees. While attendance at a World Jamboree is a very enjoyable experience, it is not simply a holiday. The Scouts attending are representing themselves, their Group, their Country and perhaps most importantly of all the young people of their Country. They should be young people who are active Scouts in their Group and by being active show that they understand what it is to be a Scout.</p>	Carried
GP - 16	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council expects the Scout Shop to have in stock a supply of all parts of the Scout Uniform and in a range of sizes.</p> <p><i>(66th Dublin, Clontarf Scout Group)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Problems with getting neckerchiefs and small size shirts, parents having to make more than one visit to get full uniform for their child.</p>	Carried

<p>GP - 17</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee, through its standing committees and/or representatives, to engage with the National Youth Council of Ireland and The Wheel to progress the findings of the Report of the Taskforce on Active Citizenship (2007).</p> <p><i>(Mountpelier Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>The objective would be to engage with Government to develop supports for active citizenship and volunteering including some statutory paid time off for volunteers engaging in volunteering projects, the outcomes of which would be reported back to the membership before the next National Council.</p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p>GP - 18</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council pursuant to Rule no 14, National Council agrees to change the upper age limit for youth members to 21 years of age.</p> <p><i>(49th Dublin, Swords Scout Group)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>Consequently this would change the age span of the Rover Scout Section from the 8 years to 4 years. This would mean the members of the section are 18 to 21 years inclusive (up to 22nd birthday). This is to provide a clearer focus and appropriate parameters for the section's educational programme.</p>	<p>Lost</p>
<p>GP - 19</p>	<p>General Proposal</p>	<p>That this National Council will direct that, for recurring National Events, Groups are notified at the start of the Scouting Year (i.e in September) of the maximum ceiling cost of each National Event. This will allow Scout Groups and Scout Counties to properly set an adequate budget for National Events at the beginning of the Scout year.</p> <p><i>(Cill Dara Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>However in June 2015, some 8 months after the County Annual Budget was approved, the County Management Committee was shocked that the fee cost for Patrols attending the National Phoenix had increased from €400 in 2014 to €600 in 2015 with no prior notification. Supporting the Patrols representing our County meant a substantive adjustment in the annual budget was required.</p> <p>Best practice in financial governance is to set and adequate annual</p>	<p>Lost</p>

		budget to ensure that we can properly fund and support the Scouting Programme in the County and we are asking that the National Event Team support the County team in so doing.	
GP - 20	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to conduct a full review of our Associations uniforms to improve the quality and tailoring taking into consideration our role as an outdoor organization and the diversity of the people who are expected to wear the uniform.</p> <p><i>(North Cork Scout County)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>As an outdoor movement our current uniform is intended to be an activity/outdoor uniform. However, the uniform doesn't fulfil this purpose. It is inconsistent in quality, fit and general tailoring. The restricted sizes available, prevents many members from wearing the full uniform. The review should be conducted in a timely manner with the outcomes reported to the membership no later than the next national Council.</p>	Carried
GP - 21	General Proposal	<p>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to implement the promised Uniform review and to present a report on its findings to next year's National Council.</p> <p><i>(66th Dublin, Clontarf Scout Group)</i></p> <p>Proposer's explanation:</p> <p>A review of the Uniform has been promised in the past.</p>	Carried