

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL (“COMMITTEE”)
OF SCOUTING IRELAND (“ASSOCIATION”)**

Venue: Silver Springs Hotel, Cork

Date: Saturday 29th March, 2014

Meeting Reference Number: NC 14001

A. PRESENT:

1. Michael John Shinnick – Chairperson
2. Sean Farrell – National Secretary
3. Annette Byrne – National Treasurer
4. Therese Bermingham – National Commissioner (Adult Resources)
5. All other attendees as listed in the Attendances’ Register

B. IN ATTENDANCE:

1. John Lawlor – Chief Executive Officer
2. Simon Coveney TD - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
3. Chief Commissioner – Scout Association UK, Wayne Bulpitt and his wife, Julie Bulpitt
4. Mr Matt Kavanagh

MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION POINT/ FOLLOW UP
1. Opening Thought	
The meeting was opened with an Opening Thought and Renewal of the Scout Promise - as delivered by Father David Kenneally.	
2. Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Davy – National Commissioner (Youth Programme) • Aidan Smith – Provincial Commissioner (Dublin Scout Province) 	
3. Formal Votes	
A vote of congratulations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian and Claire Davy on the birth of their daughter 	National Secretary to issue letter of congratulations
4. Minutes	
The Minutes of National Council on 20 & 21 April 2013 were approved following a show of hands by the delegates	National Council to note
5. Matters Arising	
None to note	

6. Opening Address	
<p>The Chief Scout made an opening address and welcomed Minister for Agriculture, Mr Simon Coveney to speak to National Council.</p> <p>The CEO, John Lawlor introduced Ciara Keegan (Rover) who responded to the Ministers' address and thanked him for his attendance before Minister Coveney was presented with the Knot of Friendship.</p>	National Secretary to issue letter of thanks.
7. Appointment of Tellers	
<p>The following were approved as Tellers for National Council 2014:</p> <p>Chief Teller: Bill James</p> <p>Tellers: Pat Roche Niall Walsh Mark O'Callaghan Alan Palmer Joseph Mangan Richard Donovan Caleb O'Connor Alex Walker Stephen Punch Graham Hegarty Niamh Lee Emmet Dunlea Matthew O'Connell Saramai Dennehy Alice O'Brien Jane O'Shea Markelle McCarthy Milo Moran Conor Wiley Sean McDonnell</p>	National Council to note
8. Standing Orders	
<p>The Standing Orders of National Council were approved following a show of hands by the delegates.</p>	National Council to note
9. Annual Report 2013	
<p>Following a show of hands by the delegates, the Annual Report for 2013 was adopted.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p>	National Council to note

<p>Robert Kennedy of 164 Brackenstown read out a letter of apology from the Chief Scout in relation to an investigation into an incident concerning the Group and welcomed the proposals that the Review panel put forward to improve procedures for the future.</p>	<p>National Management Committee</p>
<p>10. Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland</p>	
<p>The Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland for the year 2013 were adopted as proposed by Annette Byrne. Annette Byrne presented an analyses and graphic illustration of the Association’s Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet for year ended 31st August 2013.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>The National Treasurer announced that the membership fee for adult members will increase from €20 to €25 for 2015.</p> <p>The National Treasurer made a commitment to the delegates of the National Council that a copy of the Audited accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland would be circulated with the first National Council mailing for the AGM of the National Council 2015 and going forward.</p> <p>Paudy O’Brien thanked the National Treasurer for her work and highlighted the financial contribution made by the Outdoor Adventure Store to Scouting Ireland.</p> <p>Kiernan Gildea, while understanding the need to cancel Jamboree 2013 encouraged the National Management Committee to consider a National Jamboree in Ireland as soon as possible; highlighting that the legacy of National Jamborees brings together the cohesiveness of an Association.</p>	<p>National Council to note</p> <p>National Council to note</p> <p>National Treasurer</p> <p>National Management Committee</p>
<p>11. Appointment of Auditors</p>	
<p>The Firm of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors was appointed as Auditors for Scouting Ireland.</p>	<p>National Treasurer</p>
<p>12. Annual Report and Accounts of The Scout Foundation, The Scout Association of Ireland Trust Corporation Limited and Scouting Trust Property Limited.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>National Council to note</p>
<p>13. Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents</p>	
<p>The election of Honorary Vice-Presidents of Scouting Ireland was approved as follows:</p>	<p>National Council to note</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Harvey • Eoghan Lavelle • Kenneth Ramsey • Paul Ring • Martin Burbridge 	
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14. Awards & Presentations

<p>Pauline Lucas presented neckerchiefs to the National Youth Reps:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scout Reps</td> <td>Venture Reps</td> <td>Rover Reps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Burke</td> <td>Niall Fogarty</td> <td>Valerie Maloney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Kelly</td> <td>Karl Mallon</td> <td>Brendan Murphy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stephen Reid</td> <td>Sinead Callanan</td> <td>Raymond O'Donnell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stephen McCollum</td> <td>Ciaran Van Dam</td> <td>Andrew Rigney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Luke Coulton-Dillon</td> <td>Aoibhinn Moyne</td> <td>Alison Maher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Oates-Walsh</td> <td>Richard Murray</td> <td>Niamh Donnelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amy McGrath</td> <td>Seamus Cummins</td> <td>Lorna Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dara Rickard</td> <td>Greg Anderson</td> <td>Megan McGloughlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jordan Walsh</td> <td>Eoin Hickey</td> <td>Jonathan Gallagher</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick presented Scouting Irelands Order of Cú Chulainn to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Martin • John McQueen • Morgan O'Sullivan • Pat Roche • Barry McInerney 	Scout Reps	Venture Reps	Rover Reps	James Burke	Niall Fogarty	Valerie Maloney	Sarah Kelly	Karl Mallon	Brendan Murphy	Stephen Reid	Sinead Callanan	Raymond O'Donnell	Stephen McCollum	Ciaran Van Dam	Andrew Rigney	Luke Coulton-Dillon	Aoibhinn Moyne	Alison Maher	Adam Oates-Walsh	Richard Murray	Niamh Donnelly	Amy McGrath	Seamus Cummins	Lorna Campbell	Dara Rickard	Greg Anderson	Megan McGloughlin	Jordan Walsh	Eoin Hickey	Jonathan Gallagher	<p>National Council to note</p>
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15. Address by the Chief Commissioner, Scout Association UK

<p>The Chief Executive Officer introduced the Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association U.K., Mr Wayne Bulpitt and his wife Judy and invited him to speak to National Council.</p> <p>Cathal Healy replied to the address.</p> <p>The CEO also made a short speech in recognition of our shared vision and the Chief Scout presented Wayne Bulpitt with the Order of CúChulainn.</p>	
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16. Announcement of Results

<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Commissioner – Northern Province – Kieran McCann* • Provincial Commissioner – Southern Province – Morgan O'Sullivan 	<p>National Council to note</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Commissioner – North Eastern Province – James O’Toole • <p>*Was presented with a neckerchief by Chief Scout, Michael John Shinnick</p>	
<p>17. Motions and Proposals to National Council</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 2014</p>	<p>National Council to note</p>
<p>18. Presentations to National Council</p>	
<p>The National Council noted the following presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR Video • Outdoor Adventure Store • Scout Brand • Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts (FIGS) • The Gathering • Community Week • Lumela Failte • RAW (Rover Action Week) • CastleSaunderson • World Scout Moot – Canada 2013 • National Campsites • The Peace Light of Bethlehem • World Scout Jamboree 2015 • Techweek 27 April – 3rd May 2014 • QSE • World Scout Moot 2021 	<p>National Council to note</p>
<p>19. Chief Scouts Closing Address</p>	
<p>The Chief Scout closing National Council, thanked delegates for their attendance and contribution to the meeting of the National Council and express special thanks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Simon Coveney • Wayne Bulpitt – Chief Commissioner – the Scout Association U.K. • Mr Matt Kavanagh • The host county • Pat Hollingsworth and his team • The Tellers and National Council organisers • Scouting Ireland Staff 	
<p>UPCOMING MEETING DATES</p>	

The next meeting of the Scouting Ireland National Council will be 18 th April, 2015 in the R.D.S., Dublin	National Council to note
CONCLUSION There being no other business the meeting was concluded	

Appendix A: National Council 2014 – Motions & Proposals Results

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 style="text-align: center;">Eoghan Lavelle Kenneth Ramsey Paul Ring Donald Harvey Martin Burbridge</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
VISION 2020			
V - 1	General Motion	<p>That this National Council endorses the rolling three year operational plan to implement the strategy, Vision 2020 for Scouting Ireland.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	LOST
V - 2	General Motion	<p>That this National Council endorses the National Management Committee to develop the capability to implement the strategic plan, Vision 2020, to deliver success through Scout Groups.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	WITHDRAWN
V - 3	General Motion	<p>That this National Council approves the establishment of a three tiered support structure for Scouting Ireland</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	WITHDRAWN
V - 4	Notice of Motion	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend the Scouting Ireland Constitution to read as per the proposed constitution (Revision J) circulated with the National Council 2014 documentation.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	WITHDRAWN
V - 5	General Motion	<p>That this National Council approves the implementation plan for a three tiered support structure for Scouting Ireland circulated with the National Council 2014 documentation but subject to the</p>	WITHDRAWN

		<p>appropriate changes to the Constitution and Rules being carried by National Council</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	
V - 6	General Motion	<p>That This National Council instructs</p> <p>That no Motion or Notice of Motion shall be brought by the National Management Committee to change the rules and/or constitution in regard to Vision 20/20 until a full detailed inclusive consultation process is instigated with regard to said proposals and that all proposals are circulated at least six months prior to putting same to the membership. This circular should include all proposed related changes to the Constitution, rule changes and Scouting Ireland Documents and should be openly discussed and debated in a proactive way with a significant and substantial cross section of the membership.</p> <p><i>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</i></p> <p>Explanation: Slieve Bloom feels that while there were Provincial Conferences in 2012, details of the proposed changes to the structure of Scouting Ireland were not and have not been discussed with the membership. We feel that major changes to Scouting Ireland will in effect last a generation and that the very least the membership of Scouting Ireland is entitled to is for said proposals to be circulated, discussed and debated for a reasonable time prior to them being put to the vote at National Council/ Special National Council/ EGM. We feel that there has been far too much secrecy with regard to the proposals and that when they come to be voted on, that they will be brought as a take it or leave it package while members may wish to make changes to same and may and probably would put some excellent changes/ adjustments to same if they were given the opportunity to do so.</p>	WITHDRAWN
Notice of Motion			
NM - 1	Article 38 (g)	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 38 (G) of the Constitution of the Association to read as follows:</p> <p>Four delegates nominated by the Scout Group Council of each registered Scout Group, at least one of whom must be a registered Scout.</p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p> <p>Explanation: This proposal will increase the Scout Group representation to National Council by one person per group and at least one of the</p>	CARRIED

		<p>Scout Group delegates must be a registered Scout.</p> <p>A Scout is defined in the constitution as;</p> <p>A Scout is a uniformed youth member who receives the Youth Programme of Scouting Ireland. All Scouts make the commitment of the Scout Promise.</p>	
Rules			
R - 1	Rule 52	<p>That Rule 52 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>The Group Leader is a Scouter nominated by the Scout Group Council, recommended by the County Commissioner and appointed by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) <i>on behalf of the National Management Committee.</i></p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
R - 2	Rule 54	<p>That Rule 54 be altered to read as follows;</p> <p>The Appointment of Group Leader may be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) on the recommendation of the Scout Group Council or the County Commissioner <i>on behalf of the National Management Committee.</i></p> <p><i>(National Management Committee)</i></p>	CARRIED
R - 3	Rule 114	<p>Addition to Rule 114</p> <p>The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the National Council shall be accompanied by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The draft minutes of the previous meeting; (b) The Annual Report to be adopted; (c) Invitation for proposals to the National Council; (d) Nomination forms for completion for the following Appointments when necessary: <ul 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 e) Nomination forms for completion for the election of six other members to the National Management Committee; 	WITHDRAWN

		<p>(f) Nomination forms for completion for members and directors of the Scout Foundation and other relevant entities;</p> <p>(g) Nomination forms for completion to confer the title of Honorary membership.</p> <p>Add in <u>(h) The Audit Accounts of Scouting Ireland</u></p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</p> <p>Explanation:- Scout Groups and Scout Counties should have the Annual Accounts of Scouting Ireland as part of the first mailing. This would enable them, if they wish, to submit motions with regard to the finances of Scouting Ireland. Bearing in mind the Accounts year end is August 31st each year there is plenty of time between that date and the first mailing to have them ready.</p>	<p>Commitment by Nat Treasurer to circulate Financial Report with 1st Nat Council mailing</p>
R - 4	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> <p>(a) The Agenda;</p> <p>(b) All nominations validly received by the National Secretary;</p> <p>(c) Any matters referred to the National Council by the National Management Committee;</p> <p>(d) Any proposals received by the National Secretary by or on behalf of any Scout Group Council, Scout County Board or National Youth Forum.</p> <p>(e) The Audit Accounts of Scouting Ireland.</p> <p>(f) The Annual Report of the Scout Foundation and other relevant entities.</p> <p>Delete point (e) & move to rule 114</p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</p>	<p>WITHDRAWN</p>
General Proposals			
GP - 1		<p>That this National Council acknowledges the value and importance of the relationship of Scouting Ireland with its patron Uachtarán Na hÉireann and instructs the National Management Committee to seek to maintain and grow this important relationship with the presidency into the future.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>

		<p>(National Management Committee)</p> <p>Explanation: -</p> <p>The following proposal was passed at National Council 2013</p> <p><i>That this National Council instructs the National Management Committee to return to National Council 2014 with the necessary Motions and / or Proposals for consideration to formally cover the patronage of our Association in the Constitution and /or Rules of Scouting Ireland</i></p>	
GP - 2		<p>That this National Council instructs the National Youth Program Committee do an immediate review of the Chief Scout Awards, particularly in the older 3 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 try to achieve the relevant awards in their sections.</p> <p>(Slieve Bloom Scout County)</p> <p>Explanation: Slieve Bloom feels that some aspects of the Chief Scout awards 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.</p>	CARRIED
GP - 3		<p>We propose that as part of the 12 days of Christmas draws that the book size should be reduced from 20 tickets to 10 tickets.</p> <p>(17/20/30th Waterford, St. Pauls)</p> <p>Explanation: Given the economy sending home tickets to families already hard pressed to make ends meet, 20 tickets in the booklet is big ask to sell. Smaller book size would encourage people to sell the book and the knock on effect hopefully is to sell more booklets.</p>	WITHDRAWN
GP - 4		<p>We propose that Scouting Ireland, through its calendar of events and training calendar support Scout Centres whether national or local as a priority.</p> <p>(17/20/30th Waterford, St. Pauls)</p> <p>Explanation:</p>	CARRIED

		<p>Given the economic situation Scouting needs to support its own. We would hope that as part of Vision 20 - 20 that Scouting Ireland will invest in its centres that will bring them to good standard so that we can hold National, Provincial & County events be they training or programme events.</p> <p>We should only use Hotels & Centres where our own resources do not fit the criteria. However within the Vision 20 - 20 plan we need to have a target that delivers on this proposal.</p>	
GP - 5		<p>That early payment rebates be provided as Group credit towards expenditure of events, training courses, etc. within Scouting Ireland, not vouchers.</p> <p>(Waterford Scout County)</p> <p>Explanation: The purpose behind this proposal is to facilitate Groups which have no need to additional equipment or physical resources, but instead would see the rebate spent better on National /Provincial/County events and/or training. The money will still remain within Scouting Ireland, and the Groups will benefit from more activities and/or higher caliber leaders.</p>	WITHDRAWN
GP - 6		<p>That Service Awards to take into account total tenure of an adult member, not just continuous service as this does not take into account career breaks and personal circumstances.</p> <p>(Waterford Scout County)</p> <p>Explanation: We submit this proposal with the reasoning that several adult members with Waterford Scout County have had no choice but to stand down from their Scouting duties due to events beyond their control. These adults have often been long standing and active members with strong loyalties to Scouting Ireland and the Scouting Movement however have not been entitled to Service Awards to honour that loyalty as they may have taken a leave of absence for an individual year on several occasions, or even a single occasion.</p>	CARRIED