

Annual Administrative Report and Financial Statements







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General Assembly
21st October 2010

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What a Year!



Dear Assembly Members,

Our train journey has certainly gathered momentum and since our departure on the 2nd June 2009 I feel that various attempts to derail our journey have occurred but we have managed despite all odds to carry on in the appropriate direction.

Our movement today is formally registered as an NGO and our structures are all falling into place. The General Assembly will be adopting procedures, our audited accounts are up to date and published, our election procedures have been better defined and our National Scout Council truly adds value to the Scout Association. Furthermore, following the election of a new Chief Commissioner, a National team is being created with a clear principle of 'Serving' the Movement for a fixed period of time – quite a mentality change I believe!

More importantly, the Movement is slowly moving ahead with its reunification approach and the next steps would certainly be to handle districts more appropriately and to offer better support to all Scout Groups. So I do believe that I could conclude by saying 'What a year' however with much more to come!

Today the 21st October 2010 we are at another train station with an opportunity to identify what has been achieved and how much more fuel is required to get us to the next station. Our journey is certainly a long one but our final destination is very clear in our minds and we will certainly make it.

Good luck and happy scouting to all

Kenneth De Martino Chief Scout

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Pushing on the accelerator



Robert Gonzi Hon General Secretary

When I stop and ponder on our situation as at the last AGM and where we are today I cannot but realize what a positive impact the new IHQ structure has had on the whole setup. From a handful of volunteers serving at national level we are now a team of 35 people.

A lot has been done and a lot more still needs to be achieved. I am getting the feeling though that that this will always be the case, as the more hands we have on deck the more load we are taking upon us in order to achieve our mission of service towards our Scout Groups and ultimately towards our younger members. When I offered my time at IHQ two years ago, I wasn't happy about what my Group was getting from IHQ. I had three options: leave; criticize; or do something about it. I opted for the latter. I decided that to better assist Groups IHQ had to have:

- I A Professional Team: This was essential to really cater for the needs of our members. In my opinion this had to include the involvement of the fellowship members who I believe were an unemployed treasure of knowledge and resources;
- 2 Proper Funding: Establish the deserved PR by initially focusing on a strong partnership base with the Guides, other NGOs and the authorities which would lead to prospective sponsors;
- 3 Proper Census Records: Consolidate an electronic national membership scheme that is meaningful and which gives a real tangible return to our members.

Thankfully I soon realized that I was not on my own in this quest but a number of other people shared my same dreams and were ready to roll up their sleeves.

Let us all pull the rope in the same direction even more than we have done so far and we will all reap the benefits.

Where are we today? In my opinion, as regards to the first point above, we are almost there, but we need to *push on the accelerator* to continue meeting our members' needs. As regards to point two, today we have a great relationship with the Guides and other NGOs, we are already reaping the benefits of our connections with the authorities and we will soon be announcing what will hopefully be a number of favorable sponsorship deals. We just need to *push a little more on the accelerator*. As regards to point three, we are about to launch a national membership scheme based on a discount loyalty card. We now need to push on the accelerator to make this happen.

I know I am repeating myself but I want to make sure that we all understand that pushing on the accelerator means nothing but more work on a bunch of volunteers. Only with the help of all of you, can we reach higher and more rewarding aims.

Robert Gonzi

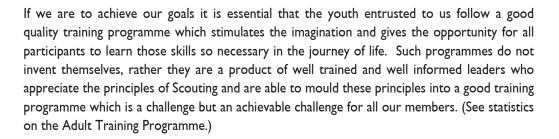
Honorary General Secretary

Chief Commissioners Report



Change presents a difficulty for all of us even though we believe that change is necessary and in principle that it can be a good thing. The Scout Association has over the past few months, experienced various changes, one of which was the appointment of the new Chief Commissioner. Everyone recognizes that a change at the top is a challenge for all concerned. I formally took over in May 2010 and greatly appreciate the confidence you have placed in me to fulfill this important role and I can assure that I will do my best to build on the foundations that have been laid and work hard with your support, to bring the Association well and truly into the forefront of the 21st century.

The priority has been to put into place a new structure which will last for a long time and give to the Association that base which will make it into the leading youth movement in Malta. This process was started by the Chief Scout whilst he occupied the role of Acting Chief Commissioner and it has been ongoing ever since. There is room for all of us but we need to recognise that as 'no man is an island' nor is an association an island and no association can survive alone. Ongoing efforts are being made to strengthen and improve our relationships with other youth organisation particularly our sister movement the Malta Girl Guides Association and "Kunsill Nazzjonali Żaghżagh". We live in a fast moving world and our Association needs to move forward, recognizing the standards and expectations of today's youth whilst at the same time maintaining the principles of Scouting.



Great strides have been made in the training department and we have received support from the Tailored Support Programme offered by the European Scout Region. In recognizing the importance of good sound training, we can now offer programmes for the new 'green' leader right through to GSL level. Each role has its own needs and we understand that training is essential for all roles and at all levels. The New Scout Programme has been finalized and the Beaver Programme will shortly go to print, another indication of the hard work and effort that has been made to cope with the ever changing demands of today's young people.

All this activity needs a strong administrative back-up and support and much has been achieved in this area also. All correspondence is answered in the shortest possible time; filing has been revamped; minutes of meetings are taken and retained and as far as possible events are being co-ordinated. The new Partnership Section deals with the SAM relationships that we have with **Association** NGO's and the various corporate and government entities and good progress is being achieved. We are also working hard on the area of IT, by making sure that we have a good presence on the Web and as far as possible keeping our electronic communications updated. Scoutkeeper



Leslie Bonnici **Chief Commissioner**

We live in a fast moving world and our needs to move forward

which has proved to be a very useful tool for us all is also been upgraded and the benefits of this will be seen in the near future.

As in all organizations, finance plays a pivotal role. We are presently in the process of assessing our financial needs with the aim of drawing up a Financial Policy and a Procurement Policy for the Association. Meanwhile financial reporting is up to date and our accounts have been audited. Another task to be undertaken is to set a policy both for District and Group Accounts so that there will be guidelines and procedures for all to follow.

Our international dimension has not been neglected. We follow the policies of WOSM ensuring that they are adapted to the needs of our Association. We have been active participants in various conferences and training programmes held overseas and a good number of groups have taken their members on trips to various destinations abroad. All such activities are valuable in helping our members to become better citizens. Also preparations are well in hand for our Association to participate in the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

It is obvious that despite all the changes the Association has undergone, we are still a very active and vibrant movement. Our success depends on the commitment of the various leaders in their different roles and it is well to remember that all of us are volunteers who dedicate their precious spare time to our Movement and our young members. We look forward with anticipation to the coming year, when we can build on our current achievements and at the same time see to maturity some of our plans which are still in the pipeline. No doubt there will be more changes ahead, but as true Scouts we will be prepared for them, and accept them if they are to the benefit of the Association.



Statistics 2009 - Adult Leadership Training

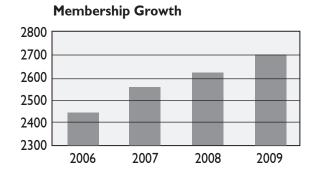
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Abseiling	19	6	17	9	4	34
Course	-	-	-	-		
	10 Groups	3 Groups	8 Groups	4 Groups		
Pathfinder	19	12	10	15	-	56
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Advanced	9	3	11	8	2	33
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Basic Course Certificate, Gilwell Woggle	12	3	12	13	-	40		
Pathfinder Certificate	21	П	24	27	2	85		

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'It all started with a dream... Ghajn Tuffieha International Scout Centre



Looking back, the Scout Association had a dream – that of having their own International campsite!

Although that dream was realised a number of years ago and great progress has been achieved, the time is now right to take this project forward to a new dimension.

The Scout Council has recently agreed to participate in what is being called the Ghajn Tuffieha Experience – a destination with both summer and winter activities. The Scout Movement will in fact be in a position not only to participate together with Government and Island Hotels Group in the 'New Dream' but will also be able to make the site more sustainable with the development of the car park, the provision of better activities on site and an 'updated' camping area.

This development will certainly benefit all our members due to the fact that the site will be better maintained, with more activities available and very importantly more economically viable for all Scout Groups.

At this point I feel the movement should not forget the efforts of all those who in the past were very instrumental in supporting this great project of having our own campsite. A particular mention to the previous Chief Scout Vincent Cassar and also to our present Chief Commissioner Leslie Bonnici who has kept the site going for the past few years – Well Done!

The way forward will be a unique opportunity to belong to a group of individuals (government and entrepreneurs) who will together with the Scout Movement create a unique experience being branded as the 'Ghajn Tuffieha Experience'.

More information will soon be available to all.



Martin Azzopardi Deputy Chief Scout

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Martin Azzopardi Deputy Chief Scout

The Golden Sands Experience

The Golden Sands Experience has the potential of spear heading Malta's ambition of becoming a centre of excellence in the tourism industry by 2015 if the different players including Central Government, Island Hotels Group Holdings plc., the Scout Association, 3rd Party Operators and the Gaia Foundation can work towards a holistic solution.

Island Hotels Group Holdings plc are prepared to lead this effort with a view to bringing the vision of fruition by Q2 2013.











A great partnership for the benefit of our members

















































Treasurer's Report

As the Hon. Treasurer of the Association, it is my duty and in accordance with the Constitution, to report to you on the financial state of the Association as at 31st December 2009.

Financial Results

The Association's books of account have been duly audited and appropriate Financial Statements as at 31st December 2009 have been prepared resulting in a surplus for the year.

You will note from the accompanying Auditor's report that the Association's books of account and financial statements received a clean, unqualified opinion from our auditors, and the audited financial statements were approved by the Scout Council at its meeting on the 7th October 2010.

I will now lead you through the reading of the financial statements and answer any pertinent questions you might have.



Mark A Pizzuto Hon Treasurer

Duties and Governance

Allow me to take this opportunity to stress on you the importance of your financial duty and obligations to your Scout Group as well as to our own financial duty and obligation to you as members of the Association. You all know and are aware that whenever we were asked to the Treasurer's office has always provided a number of you with technical support of a kind and especially these past few years when we are ensuring that you provide us with your accounts as well keeping in mind our obligations with the NGO Act.

To this end I must say that finally this year all of the Groups but one have finally submitted and complied in general to our instructions, albeit late at most. Having said this the time has come that we are now almost ready in providing the necessary consolidated accounts that are required to fulfill our obligations on a national level and therefore it is imperative that from the forthcoming Census return such accounts are to be accompanied to the Registration fee being submitted.

Thank you

In closing, I wish to thank particularly Mr Stuart Ciappara who has had to resign due to personal reasons, as well as my present fellow accounts' committee members, namely Mr Tonio Axisa, Ms Maryliz Baldacchino and Mr David Darmanin for their continuous support, advice and invaluable dedication. Their collective efforts assist the Committee in fulfilling the Association's financial responsibilities.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Hon. Secretary, Chief Commissioner and The Chief Scout, for engaging in proactive, open, and collaborative discussions with me in my role as your Association's Hon. Treasurer. All together, we have and will be even more continuing to strengthen the financial communication and transparency between IHQ and the Scout Groups.

Mark A. Pizzuto Hon. Treasurer

Auditor's Report

Peter Degiorgio & Associates 'Anutruf' Triq tal-Hriereb Msida

To the General Assembly
Of The Scout Association of Malta

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statement

As statutory Auditors, we have audited the Financial Statements of the Scout Association of Malta for the year ending 31st December 2009 shown on pages 19 to 26 which are in agreement with the accounting records kept by The Scout Association of Malta.

The Financials Statements are the responsibility of the Hon. Treasurer. Our responsibility is to express our opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Our Audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards which require that an audit is planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatements. We have examined on test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the reports. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall financial presentation. We believe that our Audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, and on the basis of the information and explanations given to us, the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Association as at 31 December 2009 and the results for the year ended on that date and comply with Maltese legislation and the statute of The Scout Association of Malta.

We recommend that the Financial Statements submitted to you as approved.

Peter V Degiorgio Peter Degiorgio & Associates 31st May 2010



Income statement

	Note	2009 €	2008 €
Income			
Group registrations		9,491	7,097
Scout shop operations		8,640	8,875
Donations and contributions		3,584	2,630
Scouting Activities		5,266	19,323
Ghajn Tuffieha Income - gross		33,590	17,520
Car park - IHQ		11,035	13,651
Investment income		1,321	1,579
		72,927	70,675
Expenditure			
Affiliation and licences fees		2,394	3,752
Ghajn Tuffieha expenses - gross		29,894	34,659
Other expenses		30,048	26,627
		62,336	65,038
Surplus for the year before taxation		10,591	5,637
Taxation	3	-	-
Surplus for the year after taxation		10,591	5,637

Statement of affairs

	Notes	2009 €	2008 €
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	54,879	38,279
Financial assets	5	25,003	24,998
		79,882	63,277
Current assets			
Stocks	6	22,358	9,038
Debtors	7	12,303	23,791
Cash at bank and in hand	′	67,310	37,428
Cash at bank and in hand			
		101,971	70,257
Total assets		181,853	133,534
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES Funds			
Accumulated fund	8	103,373	99,560
Investment reserve fund	9	´ -	3,788
Other funds	10	49,177	13,941
		152,550	117,289
Current liabilities			
Creditors	П	29,303	16,245
Total funds and liabilities		181,853	133,534

Kenneth De Martino

a. Chief Commissioner 31 May 2010

Mark A. Pizzuto

Hon. Treasurer

The Scout Association of Malta Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009



Notes to the financial statements

I. Basis of preparation

The Scout Association of Malta is a non profit making organisation which is committed to further the ideals of Scouting in line with those as traditionally established and as developed by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

The Association operates in Malta from its premises at Congreve-Bernard Memorial Hall, E.S. Tonna Square, Floriana FRN 1480.

2. Principal accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared on the historical cost convention and have been drawn up on a consistent basis from year to year. These policies are set out below.

Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances include funds placed with financial institutions on a short term basis and which can be withdrawn on demand. Bank overdrafts, if any, are disclosed with current liabilities.

Financial assets

Financial assets mainly comprise Government Stocks and other securities in foreign currencies. Such assets are held on a long term basis as income generating assets and are stated in these financial statements at fair value. The movement in fair value is reflected in the investment reserve fund account.

Foreign currencies

Amounts in foreign currencies are translated to Euros at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date. Differences on exchange arising on conversion, if any, are disclosed as movements in the reserve fund.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets comprise improvement to premises, office equipment, furniture and fittings and camping and other accessories. These are initially stated at cost taking into account any subsequent depreciation at the balance sheet date. The depreciation rates used for this purpose vary between 10% to 25%.

Stocks

Stocks mainly comprise medals, badges and publications which are stated at cost and after taking into account adequate provisions in order to reduce the value of stocks to their net realisable value.

3. Taxation

No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements in view of an exemption from income tax in terms of article 12 of the Income Tax Act, Cap. 123.

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Cash flow statement

	2009 €	2008 €
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operating activities	27,828	3,158
Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(22,611)	(8,882)
Investment property additions	(5)	(9,447)
Financing activities	25.027	(5.012)
Increase/(decrease) in funds	35,236	(5,013)
Prior year adjustment - Water & electricity	(10,566)	
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	29,882	(20,184)
increase/decrease/ in cash and cash equivalents	27,002	(20,104)
Balance at I January	37,428	57,612
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Balance at 31 December	67,310	37,428
Reconciliation of operating profit to cash generate	ed by	
operating activities.	10.501	F 437
Operating profit	10,591	5,637
Depreciation	6,011	4,366
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Movement in working capital: Stocks	(12 220)	(720)
Trade and other receivables	(13,320) 11,488	(729) (5,613)
		(2013)
Tue de and ethan payables		, , ,
Trade and other payables	13,058	(503)
Trade and other payables Cash generated from operating activities		, , ,



4. Tangible assets

	Improve- ments to premises €	Furniture and fittings €	Camp- ing and catering €	Office equip- ment €	Total €
COST					
Balance at 1 January 2009	38,208	39,609	4,231	10,948	92,996
Additions	11,253	418		158	11,829
Balance at 31 December 2009	49,461	40,027	4,231	11,106	104,825
DEPRECIATION					
Balance at 1 January 2009	26,013	18,570	4,088	6,046	54,717
Charge for the year	2,345	2,146	36	397	4,924
Balance at 31 December 2009	28,358	20,716	4,124	6,443	59,641
Net book value					
At 31 December 2009	21,103	19,311	107	4,663	45,184
At 31 December 2008	12,195	21,039	143	4,902	38,279

Improvements include various development costs incurred over the years at Ghajn Tuffieha, these were included in the above figure. An exercise will be carried out over the next few months in order to identify these costs and will be shown separately in the note below.

4.1 . Tangible assets - Ghain Tuffieha

4.1 . Tangible assets - Ghajn Tu	mena			
	Improve-	Furniture	Camp-	Total
	ments to	and	ing and	
	premises	fittings	catering	
	€	€	€	€
COST				
Balance at I January 2009	-	-	-	-
Additions	6,996	1,758	2,028	10,782
Balance at 31 December 2009	6,996	1,758	2,028	10,782
DEPRECIATION				
Balance at I January 2009		-	-	-
Charge for the year	700	176	211	1,087
Balance at 31 December 2009	700	176	211	1,087
Net book value				
At 31 December 2009	6,296	1,582	1,817	9,695
TOTAL NET ASSETS				54,879

5. Financial assets

	2009	2008
	€	€
Local Government Stocks (cost eur 9,632)	13,092	13,092
Malta Government stocks (cost eur 9,899)	9,899	9,899
Investment account in foreign currency (GBP 1,196)	2,012	2,007
	25,003	24,998

Financial assets are stated at fair value. The movement in fair value is reflected in the balance sheet as an investment reserve fund.

6. Stocks

	2009	2008
Stocks comprise:	€	€
Commemorative medals	1,647	4,283
Awards medals	5,208	5,117
Badges and other items	-	4,507
Ties	-	1,325
Catholic guidelines and award booklets	-	545
Stock - scouting sunrise items	1,778	-
Centenary clothing	10,637	-
Books	-	996
Cub scout hand book	9,450	-
Cub T-shirts	<u>-</u> _	464
	28,720	17,237
Provision to net realisable value		
	(6,362)	(8,199)
	22,358	9,038

A number of stock items which were given away or became obsolete during the course of the years have now been written off against the stock provision created specifically for that purpose.

7. Debtors

	2009	2008
	€	€
Scout shop operations	4,628	12,899
Ghajn Tuffieha lease prepaid.	5,774	5,774
Finco Trust Services	-	2,013
Other prepayments	1,901	3,105
	12,303	23,791

8. Accumulated fund

	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at the beginning of the year	99,560	93,923
Transfer of investment reserve fund	3,788	-
Prior year adjustment - see note below	(10,566)	-
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	10,591	5,637
Balance at the end of the year	103,373	99,560

During the year under review, we received water and electricity revised bills which amounted to \in 13,752. This was due to the change of a faulty meter and the charging of fees for a number of years. The portion relating to previous years is being shown as a prior year adjustment.

9. Investment reserve fund

	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,788	3,788
Transferred to accumulated fund	(3,788)	-
Balance at the end of the year	<u>-</u>	3,788

Not considered necessary any longer and merged into general Accumulated fund.

10. Other funds

	2009 €	2008 €
Overseas travel fund	3,411	3,411
Centenary fund	10,530	10,530
Scout in need fund	236	10,550
High Ropes project fund - Ghajn Tuffieha	35,000	-
	49,177	13,941
II. Creditors		
	2009	2008
	€	€
Creditors	18,843	1,283
Accrued expenses	9,028	13,005
Trust fund re closed scout groups	1,432	1,432
Indirect taxation	-	59
Deferred income - Cub Book deposit	-	466
	29,303	16,245

12. Commitments

i: The Association had acquired from the Government of Malta a plot of land at Ghajn Tuffieha on temporary emphyteusis for a period of 49 years in terms of which it is committed to incur development costs of not less than eur 116,469. An annual ground rent of eur 13,510 per annum is payable which is reviewable every 5 years by an increase of 10% per annum at the end of each five year period.

ii: The Scout Shop is being managed in such a way that the association receives a fixed contribution together with a percentage of the shop's annual sales. This agreement is in the process of review.

Detailed accounts

General - Income and expenditure account		Pg. 26
Ghajn Tuffieha - Income and expenditure account		Pg. 27
Detailed income and expenditure account		
Note	2009	2008
Income	€	€
Group registrations	9,491	7,097
Scout shop operations	8,640	8,875
Scouting activities	5,266	19,323
Cark park income - IHQ	11,035	13,651
Ghajn Tuffieha camp site - gross income	33,590	17,520
Donations and contributions	3,584	2,630
Local investment income	1,182	1,413
Foreign investment income	5	21
Bank interest	134	145
	72,927	70,675
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Expenditure	I E 40	1,048
Administrative expense	1,548	*
Affiliation and licensing fees	2,394	3,752
National scouting activities	2,473	9,707
Anniversary and other medals	2,143	(1,005)
Ghajn Tuffieha camp site - gross running costs (page 27)	29,894	34,659
Cleaning	515	789
Encroachment fees	244	11
General expenses	9	2,004
Insurances	3,455	2,956
Printing, postage and stationery	1,849	1,385
Repairs and maintenance	1,472	983
Provision for reduction in value of stock items	6,000	-
Telecommunications	649	1,462
Travelling and hospitality expenses	1,461	2,287
Water and electricity A	3,186	634
Depreciation - general	5,044	4,366
	62,336	65,038
Surplus for the year	10,591	5,637

Note A: IHQ water & electricity charge has been partly apportioned as a prior year adjustment due to a charge relating partly to prior years. see note 8 above.

Detailed income and Expenditure Account - Ghajn Tuffieha Camp Site



	Note	2009	2008
Income		€	€
Ghajn Tuffieha income		33,590	17,520
Expenditure			
Ghajn Tuffieha expenses - gross		13,510	13,366
Maintenance and running expenses		6,428	11,811
Water and electricity	В	8,990	9,482
Dep prov - Equipment		90	-
Dep prov - furniture and fittings		176	-
Dep prov - Improvements to premises		700	-
		29,894	34,659
Surplus/(deficit) for the year - (page 10)		3,696	(17,139)

Note B: In the current year we received Water & electricity bills for Ghajn Tuffieha for the period from 2006 to 2009 which amounted to \in 19,472. \in 9,482 were entered in 2008 and the rest in 2009, from now on normal costs will apply.



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