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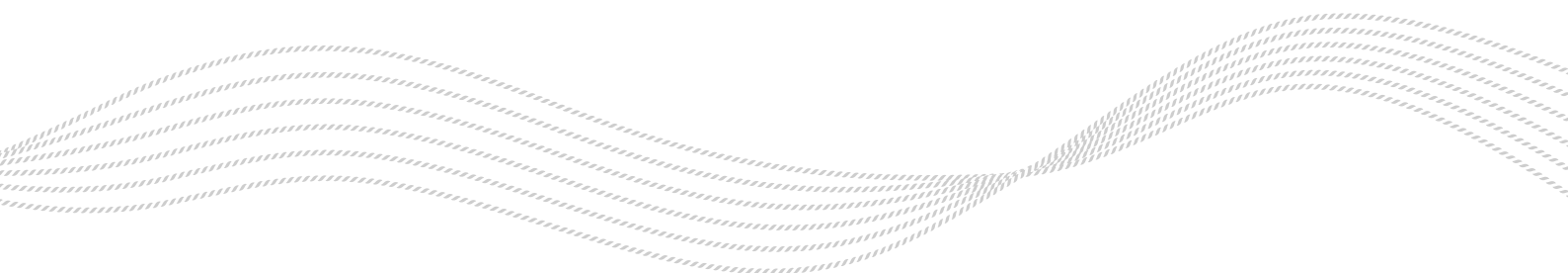
THE *Scout* ASSOCIATION
OF MALTA

Annual Administrative Report and Audited Financial Statement



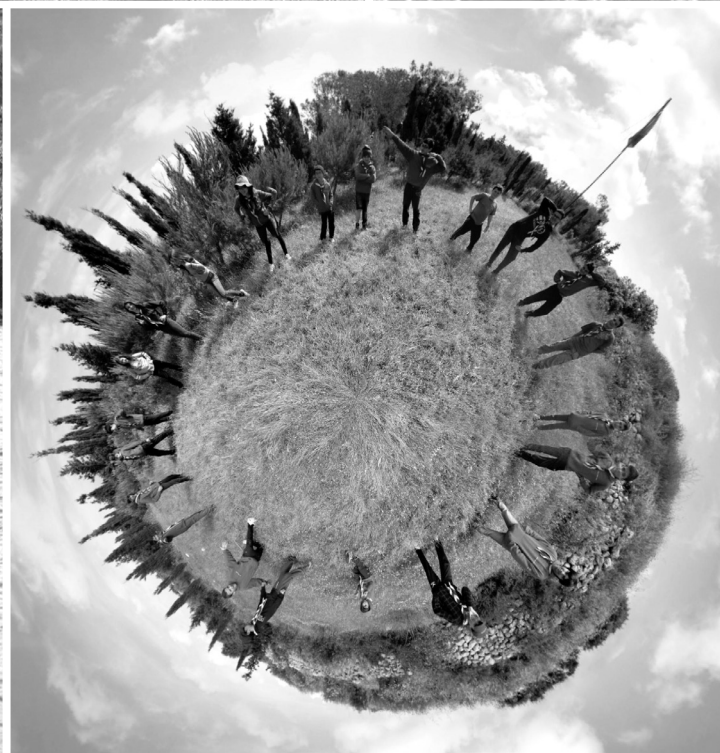
General Assembly

26th May 2015



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'A revamped National Scout Council for the Association'

Dear colleagues in scouting,

The General Assembly of the 13th December 2014 approved major changes to the Constitution to bring the Scout Association of Malta in line with the constitutions of other National Scout Organisations in Europe and in the world. These changes effectively mean that the next General Assembly will vote in eight members of the National Scout Council but will not vote for a Chief Scout – the Chief Scout will henceforth be chosen by the eight elected members of the Council in secret ballot. This General Assembly transferred practically all powers over administration of the Scout Association to the National Executive headed by the Chief Commissioner, who will be elected by the General Assembly.

These changes effectively place the Honorary Secretary in the non-enviable position of being chosen by the elected members of the National Scout Council to be its effective secretary, and in such a position the Honorary Secretary assumes a position as Secretary to the Executive, to the Chief Commissioner and effectively as Secretary to all District Meetings etc. The workload of the Honorary Secretary increased enormously following the decisions of the last General Assembly.

As the current Honorary Secretary, having served on the National Scout Council for 6 years, the last two as Honorary Secretary, I promised then and maintain my promise now to do my job in all honesty and to the best of my ability and resources for the best interests of the Association.

The National Scout Council met 7 times since January 2014, namely on the 16th January, 8th February, 13th March, 7th August, 13th September, 13th November 2014 and 29 January 2015. The most notable decisions taken were the promulgation of the Scout Company, of the Scout Foundation, of the Expression of Interest on the restructuring of the Island Headquarters, and on the changes to the Scout Uniform. Because of the resignation of Mr Andrew Cutugno from the Scout Council a fresh election to fill this post was called for, at which only one nomination was presented, that of Professor Joseph Cacciotolo, Professor of Medicine and ex-GSL of Rabat and he was formally declared as elected.

A member of the National Scout Council for the last 6 years, Dr Kevin Camilleri, who also occupied the position of International Commissioner, has been co-opted to the European Scout Region Committee and this is a tremendous honour for our Association. From these humble few words, I join the myriad of others to wish him success in his new endeavours in the interests of European Scouting.

The General Assembly of 13th December 2014 consolidated the position of the Honorary Secretary, asserting judicial representation of the whole Association solely to the Chief Commissioner and the Honorary Secretary, as per requirements of the Voluntary Organisations Act, of which the Scout Association of Malta is a full member. Resulting directly from these decisions, the Honorary Secretary was required to support fully the Chief Commissioner in his management of the Association. Meetings were held with the Honorable Minister for Sport, the Hon. Chris Agius, with the Honorable Minister of Education, the Hon. Evarist Bartolo, the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations, Prof. Kenneth Wain, with H.E. the new President of Malta, H.E. Dr Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, with the Secretary General of WOSM, Mr Scott A. Teare, on his official visit to H.E. the President of Malta, and in various Meetings with individuals



Anthony Abela Medici
Hon General Secretary

“The Scout Association of Malta is on the right path towards this aim.”

and GSLs at IHQ. Most of these meetings were attended solely by the Chief Commissioner and the Hon. Secretary with the occasional attendance of a Commissioner.

The Executive met at least on five official occasions but also met at very short notices whenever decisions needed to be taken urgently in the best interests of the Association. The changes to the Constitution effected in December 2014 made the Executive much more lean but also more effective. Nonetheless, the major responsibility on the day to day running of the Association still devolves on the Chief Commissioner. I have seen him work incessantly to this end and I cannot but express my deep appreciation at the hard work he affords the Scout Association of Malta.

This year the Honorary Secretary was asked by the Chief Commissioner to act as Secretary to the District Meetings, of which two sessions each were held during the first part of 2015.

The work of the Honorary Secretary does not rest only with attending and taking minutes of all meetings. It involves answering the myriad of emails received, and answers required to be sent practically on a daily basis, preparing the documentations for General Assemblies, preparing detailed minutes of all meetings and attendance to meetings requested by the Chief Commissioner.

The changes to the Constitution of the Scout Association of Malta has thrown enormous burdon of management on the Chief Commissioner. He has taken up this challenge with integrity and strength of purpose but this will not be sufficient unless supported by the National Scout Council, by the National Youth Scout Council, by the Executive and most importantly by all the GSLs and all the leaders within the Association. Such support, respect, and union with the Chief Commissioner is crucial for the welfare of our Association and I encourage one and all to forgo personal motives and work in unison with the Chief Commissioner for our glorious Association. My term of office is coming to a close and I hope that I will be judged favourably by all of you. The new National Scout Council has the right to chose its Honorary Secretary and, health permitting, I promise to continue supporting the National Scout Council and the Chief Commissioner in their drive to improve and promote the Association. May God protect and prosper our Association in years to come for the common good of all Scouts, young and old, active and retired.

Yours in scouting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abela Medici', written over a horizontal line.

Tony Abela Medici
Honorary Secretary

The Chief Commissioner's Report

The Chief Commissioner's Report and Reports from the Departments

The start of 2014 marked the run-up to the final weeks as Chief Commissioner of The Scout Association of Malta. They say that time flies when one is having fun. I must admit that four years flew by. Was it fun?

Scouts is about fun, challenge and adventure. Being the Chief Commissioner of one of the largest youth organisations in Malta doesn't leave one much time for fun or adventure.....challenges on the other hand are plentiful. The Association has seen a number of transformations since I took over at the helm in March 2010. The shift from the parochial mentality to acceptance that one forms part of a larger Scouting family has been one of the most important transformations - evidence of this is the number of Groups that have welcomed and embraced branding. We are getting there... slowly but surely. Only a few remain who obstinately hold on to their own brand of "individualism". In time, I am confident that they too will pull the same rope, joining the rest of the Association to embrace the *Nibnu Dinja Ahjar* slogan.

Only time will tell whether we will achieve all that we set out to achieve in the time allocated to us. Results are hardly ever instantaneous, but as long as one perseveres, all the hard work will translate into results eventually. The die was cast last year with the publication of the revised P.O.R. and the Strategy Document for the way forward. It is impossible to please everyone. Someone, somewhere is bound to be unhappy with certain decisions, however when decisions are based on the greater good, then one cannot go wrong. There have been changes and streamlining within the Association – some changes were popular others less so. But as we always say, Scouting is a Movement it must move along with the times or risk becoming irrelevant. I have taken my decisions keeping in mind the Scout Promise and Law.

My first term as Chief Commissioner ended in March and my second term started immediately afterwards. Although my nomination was uncontested, as per Procedures for Uncontested Elections, any Assembly member had the right to put forward a motion requesting a vote of confidence with 14 days from the date of the notice. No motions were presented and at the General Assembly held in July my position was confirmed.

The life of a Chief Commissioner is not a glamorous one – one misses out on the best aspects of Scouting – fun and adventure along with the all-important social interaction - Group life. Instead, as Chief Commissioner my time is spent overseeing the smooth running of all departments at Association level as well as cohesive running of our Scout Districts. However, this does not mean that I am any more or less a Scout than the youngest or the oldest member of the Association. Like all members of the Scout Movement, we are bound by our Scout Promise and Law. We all should strive to make a difference and to do our best – daily. As Scouts our main aim is to be valid members of our community. As leaders with young people in our care, we have the opportunity and duty to impact their lives in a positive way and help make our World a better place.

Nowadays being a Scouter is even more challenging than in the past. Speaking with our leaders, it seems that the greatest setback is time, or rather the lack of it. Despite this, one of the things that Scouting has taught us all is how to manage our time effectively. With the large number of distractions, it is hard to sustain a member's interest for long – unless of course our Programme



Leslie Bonnici
Chief Commissioner

is jam-packed with interesting and diverse activities. Despite personal commitments, across the board, we are all achieving. Evidence of this is the increasing number of activities organised by our Scout Groups. The result is that our numbers are slowly rising – proof that our work within the community is seen and appreciated and parents are clamouring to get their children enrolled in Scouts. Throughout the years, despite the challenges, Scouts have kept up with the ever-changing trends and remained valid, especially in the eyes of our most important customer - the young people who attend Scouts.

Was it fun? It most certainly was!

Highlights:

- Dar tal-Providenza Fund-raising - January
- Founder's Day — joint activity organised at the Coastline Hotel with Malta Girl Guides – February
- Second Term as Chief Commissioner – March
- iScout – online game for Rovers - March
- Earth Hour - March
- Annual Parade – April
- 1st National Scout Youth Forum that led to the creation of The National Scout Youth Council - April
- BP Adventure – joint activity organised with Malta Girl Guides for Cubs and Brownies - May
- First Maltese Scout seconded to the European Scout Committee – Kevin Camilleri - November
- Remembrance Day - 100-strong contingent of Scouts to mark the 100th Anniversary of the start of the 1st World War November
- Insurance – conclusion of SAM specific insurance cover – December
- Constitution – revision and adoption by the General Assembly - December
- President's Fun Run – December
- L-Istrina - December

Lowlights:

- Decision to vacate the post of District Commissioners due to lack of individuals willing to take up the challenge
- Halt to the organisation of National Activities by IHQ due to lack of assistance from the Groups and unwarranted criticism by a few

Training Department:

The backbone of The Scout Association of Malta is its Training & Programme Department. Without this department, the Association would function like a ship without a rudder as this is the department that keeps abreast of the educational methods being used for non-formal education within the European Scout Region and WOSM (worldwide).

This Department is tireless in its efforts to keep itself updated and subsequently to update our leaders. Several opportunities exist where interested members may improve and update their knowledge – all that is required is that a leader attends the sessions organised. Unfortunately, despite the opportunity, not enough take up the invitation. Those that do, are never disappointed.

It cannot be said that the Association was not providing the Training for its leaders. The training is there to be had. The disappointing fact is that those that need the training the most are the ones who do not bother to update themselves. Gaining the Woodbadge does not mean that one can sit back and not bother to keep oneself updated. At the risk of being repetitively boring, one must emphasise that Scouting is a Movement i.e. it changes all the time and one must change and move with the times.

Courses organised throughout 2014:

Advanced Adult Training Scheme	17 participants
Basic Leadership Course	17 participants
3 Pathfinder Course	74 participants
5 Getting Started Introductory Course	85 participants
International Award – Information Session	7 participants
International Award – Leaders’ Course	11 participants
2 First Aid Refresher Courses	26 participants
1 First Aid Full Course	8 participants
4 Food Handling Courses	43 participants

International Department:

2014 was a strong year for TSAM in terms of international activities and opportunities.

- Preparations began in earnest for the Maltese contingent for the 2015 World Scout Jamboree to take place in Japan. By the end of the year we had a contingent of about 28 members and leaders who had already met for their first team-building activity.
- The Scout Association of Malta’s participation at the Academy has become a regular item in our calendar, and 2014 was no exception with the participation of two leaders from Malta. The Academy 2014 was held in Belgrade, Serbia.
- In November, Kevin Camilleri was co-opted to European Scout Committee. Being unable to retain his post, he resigned and Anton Pisani (former Assistant International Commissioner) became the International Commissioner.
- The Jota-Joti has remained popular with our members and scout groups, despite efforts to change the nature of the event from the world level. On average 12 scout groups participate with most of their sections active online at some point during the Joti weekend.
- TSAM was represented by the International Commissioner at the World Scout Conference in Slovenia. The conference was a very successful one and it was a pleasure to see former Committee Contact for Malta – Joao Armando Gonzales – be elected Chairman of the World Scout Committee and the former Chairman of the European Scout Committee – Craig Turpie - elected to the World Committee as well.
- At the end of July 2014 three Cub Leaders from St. Julians and Xaghra attended Akela 2014 – an innovative international activity organised by the German Scouts with a focus on the leaders of the cub section and the beaver section. The participants returned with a host of new ideas.

During the year there were also numerous opportunities for leaders and scout groups to take part in training events, international exchanges and other international events. Unfortunately not many of these opportunities were taken up for a variety of reasons.

Funding:

Being one of the largest youth organisations, it was felt that as an Association we should do more to advocate our causes and use them to obtain funding for our projects. The first major objective was to gain access to the numerous EU funds available, specifically Erasmus+.

The first step for TSAM Funding Officer was to obtain the European Voluntary Service accreditation from EUPA (European Union Programme's Agency), so that we would be able to host volunteers from abroad. Consequently TSAM held talks with MEUSAC (Malta-EU Steering Action Committee) so that they would be able to assist us to submit European applications. To this end TSAM also held two Youth Exchange Information Sessions in conjunction with MEUSAC, so that any interested leaders or youths would learn the process on how to apply for Erasmus+ funds.

- Through this development the Association managed to obtain funding to host a number of projects. The first major funded project, "Scouting a Path", was obtaining four European Service Volunteers for two periods of six months each to assist TSAM in numerous areas. These volunteers hailing from Sweden, Ukraine and Bulgaria are helping in the upkeep of the GHT International Scout Campsite, promotion and utilisation of national assets, empowering the Training Department and helping out at national activities.
- Two youth exchanges by Scout Groups also were awarded funding in 2014 for events to be organised in 2015 – "Back in Time" involved Mtarfa Scout Group and Wolverhampton North UK Scouts and "SCOUTED" involving Victoria Scout Group which will bring together Scouts from Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria and Macedonia for an adventure camp focusing on the European Year for Development.
- Cooperation with the European Scout Region also led to the obtaining funds to travel to the Academy 2014 and Young Spokesperson Event. TSAM was also represented in June 2014 at the first Fundraisers' Meeting in Brussels where essential contacts were initiated to apply for a number of European projects. Other Erasmus+ projects are in the pipeline and are still currently being evaluated by EUPA.
- In early 2014, TSAM also applied for funds under the A4U Scheme from Agenzija Zghazagh. The project was approved and the funds received assisted the Association to organise the first ever National Scout Youth Forum where youths had the opportunity to discuss matters of interest within the Association as well as vote for the National Scout Youth Council.
- Another project that was successfully submitted to Agenzija Zghazagh was an application on behalf of Cospicua Scout Group for refurbishment of meeting rooms within their Head Quarters.
- A project entitled 'E-Learning for Malta Scouts' was applied for in 2014, funded by the Malta Council for Voluntary Sector under SIS. This project will enable us to collaborate with Scouts Australia to provide an e-learning virtual platform integrated in our Woodbadge Training. TSAM also obtained funds under the Civic Society Fund that falls under the responsibility of Ministry for Civil Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties. This enabled us to support TSAM in attending a number of European conferences.

Throughout this year we held an analysis on how to access funds for TSAM under the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). Due to the fact that Malta is currently between funding programmes, TSAM was represented at a number of launches and information sessions on the 2014-2020 funding period. The pre-announcement of the calls

has been issued in early 2015 and this past exercise will put us in a good position to apply for major funding in the near future.

The Association should look forward to solidify its external fundraising revenues for the sake of its long-term sustainability. This requires the input of experienced volunteers to form a good Fundraisers and Advocacy Team. Other areas that shall be pursued in 2015 are the scouting fund stream, the local youth volunteers' scheme, more use of Erasmus+ youth projects, applications under ERDF/ESR, corporate social responsibility and possibility of commercial activities.

Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite:

Ghajn Tuffieha is a continuous work in progress, but one where the hard work being carried out is paying off and actually shows. It is satisfying to see that the saplings planted eight years ago are now finally creating a bit of a barrier against the cruel NW and NE winds that affect the campsite in the winter. Proof of this is that on two occasions when winds gusted at Force 7, campers did not leave as was the case in the past. The improvements are resulting in higher demand throughout the year by Scouts and the general public, bringing much-needed revenue to the campsite.

In 2014 more work was carried out in the two barracks – electricity was installed in both barracks and the toilet in between the barracks was renovated. The area around the barracks was cleared of excess rubble, dirt and blocks to create an open space perfect for activities, making the barracks and activity area a very sought out area for our Scout Groups.

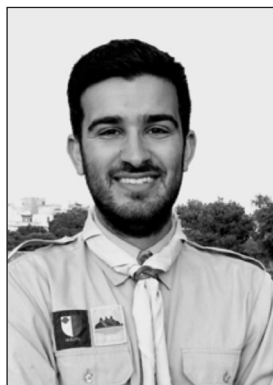
In a bid to encourage more weekend camps by our Sections, we are still offering subsidized rates to our Scout Groups for Scouting Activities and camps lasting two nights only at the rate of € 3 per person for the duration.

Last summer we were fortunate to have two young Scouters who had just completed University assist us at the campsite – their generous spirit gave us a much needed assistance during the week and weekends as they helped keep the campsite running smoothly. This was a good experiment and prepared us for when the EVS project materialised and commenced in October 2014.



Leslie Bonnici
Chief Commissioner

National Scout Youth Council Report 2014



Josmar Azzopardi
Chairperson

The unanimous approval of the National Scout Youth Council Guidelines during the December 2013 General Assembly, led to the run-up of the first ever National Scout Youth Forum. The organisation of the forum was led by a group of youths together with the support of NSC members Bonavia Veronica and O'Neil Mark. Utilising a number of surveys, videos, flyers, posters and social media supported by Agenzija Zghazagh, the event was promoted and attended by around 140 youths. The Forum held debates in five main areas (Image of Scouting, Diversity in Scouting, National Activities, self-reflection area on various matters) that were supported by a number of facilitators. A report on the youth's views was compiled and is now available for downloading on Scoutkeeper.

The forum also elected its 11 youth representative to form the National Scout Youth Council as follows:

South District	Liana Buhagiar, William Buttigieg, Eman Scicluna
Central District	Matthew Axisa, Mark Galea, Keith Schembri
North District	Sean Bortolo, Zaack Micallef, Jake Zammit
Gozo District	Josmar Azzopardi, Beppe Galea

Together we appointed Darren Saliba Sammut to be their ex-ufficio secretary. Unfortunately as time went on Beppe, Liana and Zaack resigned from their position due to time, education abroad and work abroad respectively. This saw Rebecca Baldacchino and Darren Saliba Sammut being co-opted into NSYC due to being runner-ups in the election. I wish to personally thank every member for his dedication and time, that apart from the continuous facebook chats, the nearly weekly sub-committee meetings also attended 12 official meetings in the last 8 months of 2014.

As established within our guidelines, we sought the approval of the NSC and appointed Adrian Farrugia as our mentor. Together with our mentor, Chief Commissioner Leslie and ex-International Commissioner Kevin we held a NSYC Seminar in November 2014. The sessions tackled at understanding our position within the association, the NSYC and our mission, vision, aims, targets and workplan. Later on in the month Darren also attend the European Scout Region's Youth Spokesperson Training that aims to equip young scouts on how to take an active role in representation. It is worth a mention that it is essential that everyone is kept in a continuous cycle of training, implementing and reviewing to ensure that our targets are achieved.

One of the first project that NSYC embarked on was entitled 'S.W.A.G.S.' short for 'service with a great smile'. The project aimed at enabling ventures and rovers supported by adults to collaborate nationally on such events. This concept was also mentioned during a meeting that was held on 22nd July 2014 with H.E. President Marie Louise Coleiro which promised her support. As part of this initiative NSYC held the SWAGS camp in October 2015, where amongst other around 80 youths assisted a number of children's home.

As a body we have strived to give access to our youths to participate in a number of external events. Back in June 2014, we supported a number of form 5 scouts to participate in the Social Innovation Challenge organised by Young Enterprise and Microsoft Malta. Later on we also participated in the Youth meet Youth event by Agenzija Zghazagh and EUPA where we

interacted with other youth organisations. Throughout the summer and autumn we collaborated with Agenzija Zghazagh and St James Cavalier to hold the first ever #Malteen. This event saw scouts, guides, ZAK and arts club hold a series of creative challenges and camp over a weekend in December.

Another item that NSYC has spent energy on was the relationship with the national youth council (KNZ). In December 2014 we applied and regained once again our status as full members and appointed Rebecca as our direct representative. We have since strived to represent TSAM at all the general assemblies and organisations' committees. Our number of interventions supported to continue working for an impartial and non-political of KNZ and for this reason we were disappointed that a Code of Ethics was recently not approved. NSYC participated in a number of consultation meetings such as MEUSAC's Youth Debate: Reaching Out to Girls Today, Empowering Women Tomorrow. Josmar also had the opportunity to attend an EU training on how to participate in the EU Structured Dialogue, that will become more important once Malta assumes the EU's presidency.

NSYC was also represented at the National Scout Council's meetings through Josmar. Through our involvement and your support the NSYF and NSYC are now enshrined within the constitution approved in December 2014. Our involvement at this level gave us a different understanding of TSAM's challenges and opportunities and we look forward to give our opinions at both NSC and GA.

A number of other matters, which we started to work upon in 2014, have already been concluded by the publication of this report, namely:

- Proposal for online voting to aid participation of youths
- Promoting and organising Iscout event for around 70 rover scouts
- Conformity of NSYC with the Branding Guidelines

Apart from these, the NSYC is currently through its sub-committees coordinating a number of interesting projects as follows:

- Collaborating with the Training Department to hold a study on the need of a Young Leaders Scheme.
- Drafting detailed by-laws for the operation of the NSYC and NSYF.
- Giving a wider dimension to the SWAGS project.
- Communicating our message and use of Youth Facebook Group.

While we look forward to continue serving our last year, we ask all the youths to think outside of their normal boundaries, be creative, voice out their opinions and propose constructive ideas for the benefits of all!



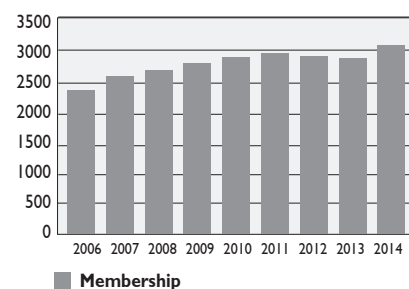
Josmar Azzopardi
Chairperson
National Scout Youth Council

The Scout Association of Malta Budget Income and Expenditure statements for the year ending 31 December 2016

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Income		
Group registrations	18000	-
Scout shop operations	6300	-
Sales of procured items	10000	-
Scouting activities	5000	-
Donations and contributions (Use of IHQ hall)	2000	-
Training courses income	8000	-
Car park income - IHQ	15000	-
Local investment income	1200	-
Bank interest - net of tax at source	500	150
Use of Campsite	-	70000
	66000	70150
Expenditure		
Administrative expense	1500	500
Affiliation and licensing fees	2600	-
National scouting activities	3500	500
Training courses and activities expenditure	8000	-
Purchase of Scout items Scarves, badges and handbooks	10000	-
Cleaning and maintenance	1500	3000
Encroachment fees	245	-
Legal fees	1600	-
Marketing & other expenses	4000	500
Insurances	5000	-
Printing, postage and stationery	2500	500
Telecommunications	1000	600
Travelling and hospitality expenses	8000	-
Water and electricity	2000	10000
VAT	2700	4900
High Ropes Expenses	-	1000
Hire of Skips	-	3000
Transport and Fuel	-	1000
Campsite Lease	-	18000
	54145	43500
Operating Surplus before depreciation charges	11855	26650
Depreciation for the year	-5000	-16000
Surplus for the year	6855	10650
Capital Expenditure	-20000	-20000
Retained Reserve	-1314	-9350

CENSUS 1st JANUARY 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Attard	46	66	81	96	105	96	89	94	84
Birkirkara	34	44	64	75	81	83	83	75	74
Dingli	60	66	68	66	89	77	87	103	110
Hamrun	57	63	72	88	95	83	80	80	84
Lyceum	18	21	19	14	11	10	11	21	16
Mtarfa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	25	45	55	63
Qormi	30	62	51	62	46	47	43	61	31
Rabat	54	55	56	69	91	88	104	108	114
Siggiewi	45	49	57	63	67	65	79	80	54
St Aloysius	113	104	99	104	130	131	142	68	100
St Augustine	41	35	37	34	31	42	41	93	47
St Venera	46	53	43	46	60	67	67	58	50
Zebbug	51	51	62	67	90	85	85	90	105
CENTRAL									932
Victoria	101	114	120	118	117	121	114	129	129
Xaghra	Nil	Nil	60	72	77	80	64	65	73
GOZO									202
Gzira	41	28	23	24	30	31	32	32	25
Iklin	34	36	53	63	61	54	46	49	42
Mellieha	82	78	30	46	36	36	36	47	52
Mosta	129	131	149	146	156	161	162	183	179
Msida	59	67	74	56	66	48	53	51	39
Naxxar	58	58	51	52	73	70	54	66	64
Pembroke/ St And	48	51	48	46	44	44	42	40	43
Qawra	60	30	42	47	63	53	38	42	51
San Anton	780	92	118	112	116	108	108	91	87
San Gwann	103	103	75	81	108	107	85	75	98
Sliema	125	119	102	99	114	107	127	114	108
St Julians	43	50	55	54	72	72	65	67	72
St Michael	80	80	63	62	91	100	100	98	105
Stella Maris	59	70	56	56	64	68	70	94	101
NORTH									1066
Birzebbuga	110	107	105	99	93	87	84	85	85
Cospicua	105	102	96	97	95	88	154	146	136
Fgura	102	162	140	129	144	147	111	110	103
Marsa	84	76	78	71	59	83	97	100	99
Qrendi	53	26	38	34	29	27	27	7	25
Poala	17	13	12	12	0	8	8	23	N/A
Tarxien	70	80	81	82	74	74	62	62	87
Xghajra	35	40	46	50	46	46	38	38	32
Zabbar	22	32	53	39	50	51	53	53	54
Zejtun	60	77	70	87	77	85	86	86	102
Zurrieq	98	66	82	81	96	112	94	94	112
SOUTH									835
IHQ									
National Scout Council				(4 dual appointment)					7
Honorary Secretary									1
National Staff				(9 dual appointment)					21
Total Membership									3064





Treasurer's Report

Financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2014

The Association's financial records have been adequately kept in a proper order and the resulting financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records as presented.

Having said this, the financial statements of the Association do give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at the 31st December, 2014 and of the resulting surplus, for the financial year thus ended.

Nonetheless, this is due to appropriate financial housekeeping and the result of much effort on the part of the various IHQ staff responsible for the particular Units and Departments. Their support and dedication has been much appreciated and we here thank them for all their efforts and commitment.

The Association is constantly growing in recognition by IHQ providing for a number of relationships both locally and internationally. This is only possible with the support of all and sundry at IHQ and the members of the different Scout Groups. But all this comes at a cost.

Moreover, without its members there would be no Association. Therefore, given our devotion to Scouting and ensuring maximum use of the Association's resources, all Council members together with the Executive, do their utmost to represent all stakeholders adequately and effectively and ensure that our priorities mirror those of our membership.

I also take this opportunity of once again thanking all the past, present and future contributors and helpers of the Scout Association of Malta and hope that our requests for all kind of assistance, both financial and tangible, will always be answered.



Mark A Pizzuto
Hon Treasurer

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Mark A. Pizzuto
Hon. Treasurer and Commissioner for Finance

Auditor's Report

Report of the statutory auditors on the financial statements

To the general Assembly of the Scout Association of Malta

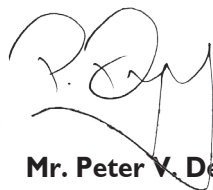
As statutory auditors, we have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2014 shown on pages 2 to 8 which are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Scout Association of Malta.

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Scout Council. Our responsibility is to express our opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we met the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with international standards on auditing 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 a 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.

These financial statements include the income and expenditure and assets and liabilities of Island Headquarters and Ghajn Tuffieha camping complex managed by Island Headquarters. All individual scout groups have reported their financials for the year 2014 and for the first time are being included in this report separately as schedules 1 to 3. Our report is limited to the activities of Island headquarters and Ghajn Tuffieha complex. The financials of all scout groups have not been subject to scrutiny by us and a separate accountant's report has been issued on their activities.

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 2014 and the results for the year ended on that date and comply with Maltese legislation and the statute of the Scout Association of Malta.



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May 2015



Income statement

	Note	2014 €	2013 €
Income			
Group registrations		18,660	19,796
Scout shop contribution		6,300	8,368
Donations and contributions		6,118	6,380
Scouting Activities		11,695	7,695
Car park - IHQ		18,085	25,536
Investment income		1,418	1,759
		<u>62,276</u>	<u>69,534</u>
Expenditure			
Affiliation and licences fees		1,142	2,609
Scouting activities and expenses		31,754	49,949
		<u>32,896</u>	<u>52,558</u>
Operating Surplus before depreciation charges		29,380	16,976
Depreciation for the year		3,883	6,359
Surplus for the year		25,497	10,617
Taxation	3	-	-
Surplus for the year after taxation		<u>25,497</u>	<u>10,617</u>

Statement of financial position

Fixed assets	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Tangible assets	4	150,388	129,501
Financial assets	5	26,356	26,356
		<u>176,744</u>	<u>155,857</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	6	39,530	26,961
Debtors	7	42,435	38,519
Cash at bank and in hand		190,747	69,890
		<u>272,712</u>	<u>135,370</u>
Total assets		<u>449,456</u>	<u>291,227</u>
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Funds			
Accumulated fund	8	257,825	232,328
Ghajn Tuffieha general fund	9	81,008	51,958
Other funds	10	69,919	3,174
		<u>408,752</u>	<u>287,460</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors	11	40,704	3,767
		<u>40,704</u>	<u>3,767</u>
		<u>449,456</u>	<u>291,227</u>



Leslie Bonnici
 Chief Commissioner
 May 2014



Mark A. Pizzuto
 Honorary Treasurer

Cash flow statement

	2014	2013
	€	€
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operating activities	63,239	3,793
Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(38,177)	(56,504)
Financial assets	-	(864)
Financing activities		
Increase in funds	95,795	11,826
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	120,857	(41,749)
Balance at 1 January	69,890	111,639
Balance at 31 December	190,747	69,890

Reconciliation of operating profit to cash generated by operating activities.

Operating profit	25,497	10,617
Depreciation	17,290	22,763
Movement in working capital:		
Stocks	(12,569)	(6,479)
Trade and other receivables	(3,916)	(19,946)
Trade and other payables	36,937	(3,162)
Cash generated from operating activities	63,239	3,793

Notes to the financial statements

1. 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 FRN1480.

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. Movements in fair value are taken to the Accumulated 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.

4. Tangible assets

	Improvements to premises €	Furniture and fittings €	Camp-ing and catering €	Office equip-ment €	Total €
COST					
Balance at 1 January 2014	55,087	41,687	5,227	17,063	119,064
Additions	4,770	1,742	-	6,183	12,695
Balance at 31 December 2014	59,857	43,429	5,227	23,246	131,759
DEPRECIATION					
Balance at 1 January 2014	37,714	26,888	6,567	9,692	80,861
Charge for the year	A 2,214	1,654	(1,340)	1,355	3,883
Balance at 31 December 2014	39,928	28,542	5,227	11,047	84,744
Net book value					
At 31 December 2014	19,929	14,887	-	12,199	47,015
At 31 December 2013	17,373	14,799	(1,340)	7,371	38,203

A: reallocation of depreciation re prior years.

4.1 . Tangible assets - Ghajn Tuffieha

	Improvements to premises €	Furniture and fittings €	Camp-ing and catering €	High Ropes €	Total €
COST					
Balance at 1 January 2014	47,307	23,864	18,653	47,196	137,020
Additions	22,532	721	1,261	968	25,482
Balance at 31 December 2014	69,839	24,585	19,914	48,164	162,502
DEPRECIATION					
Balance at 1 January 2014	8,667	3,353	12,949	20,753	45,722
Charge for the year	6,117	2,123	1,741	3,426	13,407
Balance at 31 December 2014	14,784	5,476	14,690	24,179	59,129
Net book value					
At 31 December 2014	55,055	19,109	5,224	23,985	103,373
At 31 December 2013	38,640	20,511	5,704	26,443	91,298

5. Financial assets

	2014	2013
	€	€
Local Government Stocks (cost eur 9,632)	11,816	11,816
Malta Government stocks (cost eur 9,899)	12,777	12,777
Investment account in foreign currency (GBP 1,470)	1,763	1,763
	<u>26,356</u>	<u>26,356</u>

Financial assets are stated at fair value. The movement in fair value is reflected in the statement of affairs in the accumulated fund.

6. Stocks

	2014	2013
	€	€
<i>Stocks comprise:</i>		
Centenary clothing	10,637	10,637
Commemorative medals	1,609	1,609
Awards medals	3,588	4,247
Badges and other items	16,861	17,017
Beaver certificates	234	249
Scout books	5,601	4,993
Cub scout hand book	13,637	846
	<u>52,167</u>	<u>39,598</u>
Fair value provision	(12,637)	(12,637)
	<u>39,530</u>	<u>26,961</u>

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

	2014	2013
	€	€
Scout shop sales	-	8,357
Advance payment on plant	12,916	-
Deposits paid on Jamboree	10,185	-
Ghajn Tuffieha lease prepaid.	7,431	7,431
Other debtors and prepayments	8,378	5,625
Mellieha scout Group	8,982	22,563
Less: provision for uncollectible debts	(5,457)	(5,457)
	<u>42,435</u>	<u>38,519</u>

8. Accumulated fund

	2014	2013
	€	€
Balance at the beginning of the year	232,328	221,711
Movement in fair value of quoted investments (Deficit)/surplus for the year	25,497	10,617
Balance at the end of the year	<u>257,825</u>	<u>232,328</u>

9. Ghajn Tuffieha Fund

	2014	2013
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	51,958	40,132
Net surplus current year	29,050	11,826
Balance at the end of the year	<u>81,008</u>	<u>51,958</u>

The Ghajn Tuffieha Fund represents the overall excess of income over expenditure over the years. Its main object being to fund various capital projects which are underway this year and others which are planned in the future. The cost of current projects amounts to approximately eur 60,000. Funding will also be attained from a number of grants which have been requested for these specific projects.

10. Other funds

	2014	2013
	€	€
Overseas travel fund	2,388	2,388
Scout in need fund	786	786
European voluntary service project	16,745	-
Good causes National grant for Ghajn Tuffieha campsite	30,000	-
Other funds - Note a	20,000	-
	<u>69,919</u>	<u>3,174</u>

Note a: These funds relate to two receipts from third parties tied to specific projects which will be carried out in the near future

11. Creditors

	2014	2013
	€	€
Creditors	804	-
Jamboree - payables/deferred	35,720	-
Accrued expenses	2,140	2,335
Indirect taxation	608	-
Trust fund re closed scout groups	1,432	1,432
	<u>40,704</u>	<u>3,767</u>

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 is payable, 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 incorporating a percentage of the shop's annual sales.

13. Contingent liability

The Scout Association has received notification from the VAT Department to pay arrears in relation to Eco contributions incurred by the Scout Shop. The Association has already written to the Department stating why it is not liable for this amount and as such no provision for these amounts has been made in these financial statements.

Detailed income and expenditure account

	2013	2012
	€	€
Income		
Group registrations	18,660	19,796
Scout shop contribution	6,300	8,368
Training courses income	11,695	7,695
Car park income - IHQ	18,085	25,536
Donations and contributions	6,118	6,380
Local investment income	1,116	1,111
Bank interest - net of tax at source	302	648
	<u>62,276</u>	<u>69,534</u>
Expenditure		
Administrative expense	2,095	1,381
Affiliation and licensing fees	1,142	2,609
National scouting activities	1,074	2,171
International activities	-	4,840
Training courses and activities expenditure	11,641	7,231
Scarves, badges, handbooks and other - net	5,206	9,053
Cleaning and maintenance	2,879	800
Encroachment fees	124	241
Legal fees	-	-
Marketing & other expenses	3,079	5,967
Insurances	3,264	3,832
Printing, postage and stationery	-	484
Provision for reduction in value of stock items	-	-
Telecommunications	634	1,074
Overseas travelling and hospitality expenses	442	11,427
Water and electricity	1,316	1,448
	<u>32,896</u>	<u>52,558</u>
Operating Surplus before depreciation charges	29,380	16,976
Depreciation for the year	3,883	6,359
Surplus for the year	<u>25,497</u>	<u>10,617</u>

Ghajn Tuffieha Camp site - Activities

	2013	2012
	€	€
Income		
Ghajn Tuffieha income	89,686	69,729
Interest receivable	30	103
	<u>89,716</u>	<u>69,832</u>
Expenditure		
Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite Lease	16,389	16,352
Maintenance and running expenses	13,205	2,563
High ropes expenses	-	315
Consumables and other expenses	4,224	4,561
Hire of skips/cleaning	3,759	3,055
Telecommunications	452	572
Transport & fuel	-	503
Water and electricity	9,230	13,681
	<u>47,259</u>	<u>41,602</u>
Operating Surplus before depreciation charges	42,457	28,230
Depreciation for the year		
Improvements to premises	6,117	4,576
Furniture and fittings	2,123	2,349
Camping and catering equipment	1,741	4,190
High Ropes	3,426	5,289
	<u>29,050</u>	<u>11,826</u>
Surplus for the year	29,050	11,826
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Scout Groups Consolidation Accounts

The Scout Association of Malta

Scout Groups – Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2014

Schedule I		Groups Totals
STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS		
As at 31 December 2014		€
Assets		
Fixed Assets (Long Term)		
Property (HQ, Campsite & Other)	367,500	
Improvements to Premises	160,542	
Furniture & Fittings	72,878	
Equipment (Camping & Other)	106,873	
Malta Government Stocks	12,000	
Other Investments	765	
<i>Total Fixed Assets</i>	720,558	
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	33,592	
Current / Savings / Fixed Term Bank Accounts	400,316	
Inventory Stock	35,939	
Debtors (Monies due from third parties)	7,736	
Prepaid Expenses	-	
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	477,583	
Total Assets	1,198,141	
Liabilities		
Creditors (Amounts due to third parties)	30,353	
Accrued Expenses	-	
Other Liabilities	2,869	
Total Liabilities	33,222	
Total Assets over Liabilities	1,164,919	
Financed By		
Accumulated Fund	496,340	
Other Funds - note I	586,467	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	82,112	
Retained Reserves	1,164,919	
Note I : Other funds represent the difference between reported accumulated funds and total assets.		

Schedule 2		
INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2014		
For the year Ending 31st December 2014		
<i>(all amounts in Euro)</i>	Groups Totals 2013	Groups Totals 2014
Income		
Group Membership Subscriptions	78405.71	88184.6
Sectional Subscriptions	6731.7	10529
Sectional Activities Income	66558.38	45853.88
Camp Income	105007.39	134972.04
Fundraising Activities	119162.56	112809.825
Donations & Contributions	28310.54	49824.12
Interest on savings accounts	2810.75	587.93
Interest on fixed deposit accounts	891.19	634.23
Interest/Dividends on other investments	510	510
Sundry Income	21707.35	6822.94
Sale of Stock (e.g. Group T-Shirts)	18210.52	21244.835
Tuck-Shop	6589.14	11820.24
Supporters Association	3054.51	748.74
Other Services (e.g. Band, Hire of Campsite)	22017.39	24442.29
Other Income	67270.47	8585.74
Total Income	547237.6	517570.41
Expenditure		
Group Subscription to Association (Census)	20193	17764.5
Group Activity Expenses	45414.16	36007.74
Sectional Activity Expenses	54878.07	33687.4
Camp Expenses	68304.4	84841.6
Training Expenses	5097.72	2242.5
Fundraising Expenses	43434.21	38829.48
Rent/Lease for use of Premises	18967.23	14921.69
Property Repairs and Maintenance	32590.6	45262.06
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	25319.35	17949.91
Water & Electricity	21292.78	19171.65
Insurance - Property & Other	3854.06	3230.26
Internet Subscription	1869.53	2510.62
Website Expenses	656.91	926.99
Postages & Telecomm	3574.93	4904.57
Stationery and printing	5531.92	3784.05
Advertising	0	499.24
Bank Charges	1854.786	403.1
Sundry Expenses	117375.705	39995.08
Depreciation Charge	61127.952	68526.452
Total Expenditure	531337.313	435458.892
Total Income over Expenditure	15900.29	82111.52



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