

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

7th December 2013

Meeting Agenda

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:00 Welcome Speech by the Hon Secretary
- 09:05 Opening of General Assembly
 - 1. Approval of proposed Agenda
 - 2. Approval of previous Minutes and matters arising
 - 3. Presentation of Motions re Membership Articles
 - 4. Voting in regards to the Motions followed by results
 - 5. Approval for the setting up of a Limited Liability Company in principle
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Workshop and discussion groups
- 11:45 Presentations from workshop and discussion groups
- 13:00 Reception and Presentation of Awards

Attendees

126 members were eligible to vote and attend as full members. Of these 46 were present for the meeting. As the quorum of at least half the membership eligible to vote was not reached at 9:00 the assembly adopted the 1/3 Members attendance after 30 minutes wait (as per Constitution ver 1.3 Article XVIII sub article 3).

The meeting started at 09:30.

Welcome Address by the Chief Scout

The Chief Scout asked the Island Chaplain, Fr Anton Briffa to say a prayer before the Meeting. The Chief Scout then opened the Meeting by welcoming all the new members and thanking the organising committee of this General Assembly composed of 3 Group Scout Leaders. The Deputy Chief Commissioner J. Borg presented a short video presentation.

Welcome Speech by the Honorary Secretary

The Hon Secretary stated that having served on the National Scout Council for 4 years the present Chief Scout proposed him for Honorary Secretary in June 2013 and the National Scout Council approved this nomination. He stated that he will continue to serve the Scout Association of Malta and its members and invited anyone present to submit any issues to him to direct such issues to the right sources to be considered. With this he augured all members present a pleasant General Assembly.

1. Approval of proposed Agenda

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The Chief Scout requested the approval of the Agenda as proposed. This was seconded by Dr Kevin Camilleri, International Commissioner.

2. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes

The Chief Scout proposed that the Minutes of the General Assembly held on the 16th May 2013, which had been circulated to all eligible voting members be accepted as submitted. This was seconded by Mark O'Neil and the Minutes were placed to the vote and approved *nem con*.

The Chief Scout requested the audience whether they wished to raise any matters arising from these minutes. There were no issues raised.

3. Presentation of Motions re Membership Articles (includes Agenda item 4 – voting in regards to the Motions followed by results.

The Chief Scout announced that as per orders from the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations the Scout Association has to submit changes to its Constitution by the 15th January 2014. The proposed amendments in the constitution were presented and approved by the Executive Committee, then by the Policy Committee and finally by the National Scout Council and are now being submitted to the membership for their approval or otherwise. These changes were submitted to all voting members of the Assembly in good time prior to this Meeting.

The Chief Commissioner presented the changes being proposed (attached to these Minutes as Document A) with each Article and Section being displayed on the screen in the present Constitution Version 1.3 and in the proposed Constitution version 1.4.2. The Chief Scout after each Article called a vote of the membership. For record purposes these changes were proposed by the Chief Scout and seconded by Dr Kevin Camilleri, Chairman of the Policy Committee.

Article I – changes in “gender” and “creed”.

The Chief Scout submitted that the change to “creed” is necessary as this incorporates any form of religion but not atheists. James Baldacchino (GSL Fgura) requested the reason for such changes and the Chief Commissioner stated that these changes were necessary to comply with WOSM. On being questioned about the issue of disabled persons, Kevin Camilleri stated that disability is covered under the second section of the article when referring to the principles and method conceived by the founder of Scouting.

These changes were approved *nem con*.

Article II – a totally new article referring to Definition

The Chief Commissioner stated that this article was necessary as all Scout members are members of one Association. The second part of the Article then refers to the effective management of the Association requiring the assignment of members into Scout Groups and Districts. The Chief Scout reminded the members that at the last General Assembly the members had approved the principle that we are not a Federation but one Association and as a result, now, all leaders have a vote.

J Abela Medici (AGSL Dingli) questioned Article II subarticle 2 which seemed to imply that IHQ could be considered as a Scout Group since it stated that "all Scouts shall be assigned to a group, hereinafter called 'Scout Group'". The Chief Commissioner stated that this is not the case since the Constitution under Chapter V and Chapter VI provides otherwise. Marlon Psaila (CSL, Hamrun) asked whether a Group without a Group Scout Leader would be disbanded. The Chief Scout referred to the POR which covered this eventuality. Marco Cassar (GSL, Zabbar) referred to the sentence "Groups shall be divided into Districts" and he questioned the word "divided". The Chief Scout accepted this intervention and after a couple of proposals, the Meeting accepted to change this word into "assigned".

The Chief Scout called for a vote on Article II sub article 1. The vote was 46 in favour with 1 abstention.

The Chief Scout then called for a vote on Article II sub article 2 with "assigned" being substituted for "divided". The vote was all in favour and therefore passed *nem con*.

Article III – was not touched but had to be renumbered as Article II was new. All subsequent articles had to be likewise renumbered.

Article IV – the Motto "kun lest / Kun lesta" to replace the previous one "Kun ippreparat / Kun ippreparata" This change was made to find a more appropriate Maltese word for "Be prepared" . The Chief Scout referred to an interview with him on the Sunday Times in which the journalist left selective parts out. He referred to WOSM directives in giving interviews to the press which had to be followed.

Charles Bajada (GSL, San Gwann) asked why the Motto should also be written in English in the Constitution. The Chief Commissioner submitted that the Constitution also refers to the Scout Promise and the Scout Law in both English and Maltese.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) referred to the Scout Law "A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others" and asked how to define "others". The Chief Scout said that this was not a change in the Constitution proposed and would be answered at a different venue.

The Chief Scout asked for a vote. All approved and it was therefore passed *nem con*.

Article XII.

The Chief Commissioner stated that this article as it is now implies that the Constitution only governs the organisation of the Scout Movement at national level but now it should reflect that the Constitution governs the whole Association. He also referred to the second part of this article which assigns judicial representation jointly in the Chief Commissioner and the Honorary Secretary. This change is necessary as the present Constitution assigns judicial representation to a Scout Group too which now, with the changes made so far does not make sense as the Voluntary Organisation Act only recognises the Scout Association of Malta and not its Groups. This does not mean that if a GSL does something wrong he is no longer liable. He would be liable in his personal capacity but the Group will no longer be liable.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) asked why should the GSL's evidence not be heard. The Chief Scout reassured him that any individual can give evidence in a potential Court case but no individual can take a particular Group to Court. Only the Association can be summoned.

George Cassar (NSC) asked whether this will have other repercussions as for example if a Group appoints a plasterer and draws up an agreement with him, would the Association have to be

involved. The Chief Scout said that this would not be necessary but in any litigation that might ensue, only the Association can assume responsibility.

The Chief Scout asked for a vote and this was passed *nem con*.

Chapter III Article XIII

The Chief Commissioner submitted that this reflects the amendments already approved under Article I. He stated however that the second part has been changed completely in so far as sections (a), (b) and (c) to streamline the Constitution with the present changes. The Chief Scout said that in actual fact we are already doing this in practice as per the POR. So our Constitution needs to reflect this.

A vote was taken and the change proposed was passed *nem con*.

Article XIV

The Chief Commissioner again submitted that this article has been changed completely to reflect the changes in the POR. The Chief Scout said that the POR is more detailed about registration of a Scout with the Association and that the POR and the Constitution must be commensurate with each other. Each member is now a member of the Association and not of a Scout Group only.

A vote was taken and the proposed change was approved *nem con*.

Article XV

The Chief Commissioner said that this change proposed again reflects the changes already made in that if a member ceases to be so, he ceases to be a member of the whole Association and not just a Scout Group. This is also reflected in the POR. The issue of Associate members will be discussed at a separate venue.

The Chief Scout said that all items used by the Scouts are registered and governed through a contract with WOSM. So a person leaving the Association cannot use such items any further as he would be infringing the Copyright Law.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) asked how can services be assured that they belong to our Association and not to other Organisations. The Chief Commissioner brought the example of the Scout Shop and said that no one can use the Scout badges etc. Joseph Saliba again remarked that procurement should only be done by the Association. The Chief Commissioner submitted that the Association has now started to do so but the Scout Shop can only sell a badge etc on presentation of a Certificate from the Association. The Chief Scout said that except for shirts and trousers no one can use our logos, materials etc.

Edward Cassola (GSL, St Aloysius) asked whether we can try and reconcile with the breakaway group. The Chief Scout said that it takes two to agree and good will from both sides. He assured all members that the Association has done its best to reconcile but the other side have been very spiteful. The Chief Scout also pointed out that since we form part of WOSM this imposes on us the WOSM directive not to contact groups from opposing camps aligned to WIFS.

Josmar Azzopardi (Xaghra Gozo) remarked that the Baden Powell Scouts have been registered by the VO Commission. The Chief Scout stated that this approval was based on the wrong assumptions and that the Association is tackling this issue.

Cedric Salafia (AGSL, Hamrun) stated that the comment by Edward Cassola was fair and supported him. The Chief Scout assured him that our Association has all the good will to reconcile.

At this point a vote on this article was called and it was passed *nem con*.

Article XIV subsection 2 of the present constitution has been deleted as it has been tackled in simpler terms in the new Article XV.

A vote on this proposed deletion was taken and it was passed *nem con*.

Chapter IV The General Assembly

The Chief Commissioner stated that the motion in May 2013 that changed that section of the Constitution to give a right of vote to all leaders is reflected in the changes to Article XVI being proposed particularly article (h). The Chief Commissioner stated that under section (f) IHQ Auxiliaries are also being proposed to be included.

Cedric Salafia (AGSL, Hamrun) remarked that Auxiliaries are also found in Groups and not at IHQ level only. Therefore to include IHQ Auxiliaries only is not enough. The Chief Commissioner asked Cedric Salafia whether he was implying that all leaders should be given a vote. The Chief Scout intervened and stated that all present agreed on a personal level with this proposal but these changes cannot be done today as we have to proceed with the changes proposed to the membership in advance of this Assembly. However he assured Mr Salafia that in a year's time other changes and not just this proposal would be submitted for ratification by the General Assembly.

Joe Saliba (GSL, Qormi) submitted that these changes can be introduced today. But the Chief Scout stated that such changes have to be filtered first by the Policy Committee, by the Executive Committee and by the National Scout Council in accordance with the Constitution.

Fr Anton Briffa (Association Chaplain) enquired who were the Auxiliaries at IHQ. He enquired about his personal position within the Association. The Chief Commissioner stated that Fr Briffa occupies the post of Commissioner. Fr Briffa again remarked that at the last Annual General Meeting in May 2013 he was not allowed to vote. The Chief Scout excused himself on behalf of the Association for this mistake.

David Grech (Victoria Gozo) submitted that he agreed to these changes but asked where is the Association going to draw the line. He submitted that not everyone did the necessary training courses etc.

The Chief Commissioner said that all appointments are now issued by IHQ only and such appointments depend on the training received. Group appointments are no longer valid. To be a section leader one must now be in possession of the Woodbadge, with a registered leader requiring the pathfinder certificate. The Chief Scout stated that though the Chief Scout need not be in possession of the Woodbadge, he had requested all National Scout Council members to attend courses to eventually gain the Woodbadge too.

At this point the Chief Scout called for a vote. 46 members voted in favour with 1 abstention.

Article XVIII

The Chief Commissioner stated that the vote is the right of every registered leader but he cannot pass his vote to his assistant but only to another registered voter.

Carmel Bajada (GSL, San Gwann) queried why the Association allows proxy voting. The Chief Scout said that even today we have a number of proxy voters. The Chief Commissioner said that the proxy form must be signed by the registered voter who cannot attend.

The Chief Scout called for a vote.

Article XVIII sub article 1 was passed *nem con*.

Article XVIII sub article 2 remains the same as previous and does not require a vote

Article XVIII sub article 3 required a small change "A member who" instead of "A member which" . The Chief Commissioner stated that everyone has to pay his membership.

Edward Cassola (GSL, St Aloysius) referred to the issue of the proxy voting. He said that this created difficulties since at a meeting, changes could be proposed differently to what is submitted to the membership before the meeting. As such a proxy vote may not reflect the wishes of the person who assigns his proxy to another. The Chief Commissioner remarked that at the last World Conference in Brazil, the Association in Malta gave its proxy to another Country who however kept us informed of any changes proposed. Mark O'Neill (CSL, Zebbug) submitted that the proxy form showed clearly such conditions. Edward Vella (GSL, Mosta) stated that he disagreed with Proxy Voting.

The Chief Scout asked the Honorary Secretary to take note of this submission and to raise it in the Policy Committee, Executive Committee and National Scout Council for future deliberation to potential changes to the new Constitution being approved.

A vote on Article XVIII sub article 3 was called and the voting was *nem con* in favour of adoption as proposed.

Article XXIV

The Chief Commissioner stated that the words " who is ex officio member" is being added. This was approved *nem con*.

Article XXV

Sub Article 4 in Article XXIV of the Constitution Version 1.3 was being proposed for deletion. This was voted in favour of deletion *nem con*.

Chapter VIII Article XXXV Finance

The Chief Commissioner referred to the question of fees re Scout Groups being no longer valid.

A vote was taken and the changes proposed were passed *nem con*.

At a question from Josmar Azzopardi (Xaghra, Gozo), the Chief Commissioner explained the issues that arose when the Constitution version 1.3 was being amended. He explained that the Policy Committee previously chaired by Martin Azzopardi had used the Constitution version 1.3 as the basis but had considered the suggested modifications of Robert Gonzi, former Honorary Secretary and of the Lawyer for the Association, our current Chief Scout, who was unknowingly given a copy of the Constitution version 1.1 to amend. This created the anomalies which arose in the draft Constitution version 1.4.1 initially presented to the members but later corrected to version 1.4.2 also submitted in advance. The Chief Commissioner stated that he investigated fully this issue and found that it was a non-deliberate mistake which has now been corrected.

A member submitted that Article XXI sub article 4 was a typing error and should read Scout Association and not Scout Movement. As this was found to be so in the current valid constitution version 1.3 before the amendments presented and passed today, this was accepted by all present as a necessary change due to typing error.

Article XXXVI regarding Property.

The Chief Scout asked that this article be changed even from that proposed in version 1.4.2 as the Law pertaining to Board of Trustees has a totally different application and meaning and therefore

any reference to Trustees must be removed. Since the Voluntary Organisations Act assigns legal representation of an Association only to the Chief Commissioner and the Honorary Secretary, any Contract that the Association embarks upon can only be signed by these two persons. The Chief Scout said that it therefore did not make sense to have a Board of Trustees. The Chief Scout proposed that Article XXXVI should read:

1. Any property of the Scout Association shall be controlled by the National Scout Council
2. Any public deed and / or private agreement to which the Association wishes to become party to, must be approved by the National Scout Council who shall appoint its legal representatives to appear for the deed or agreement.

The property shall pertain and be controlled by the Scout Association of Malta and in the eventuality that property is assigned to a Scout Group in furtherance of the Association's principles, such Group shall hold same property under title of *precarium*.

These changes (Document B annexed) were proposed by the Chief Scout and seconded by Dr Kevin Camilleri.

The Chief Scout explained that property already in existence falling under Government properties, the Government has asked the Association to carry out a Stock Taking and properties that the Association is actively using must undergo an "Att Korrettorju" to save the day, wherein the legal representatives of the Association must sit on eventual contracts for these to be corrected. The Chief Scout then referred to that property which does not fall under Government but property belonging to private entities. Again an "att korrettorju" needs to be done in each case. On issues of private rent, this has to be carefully assessed case by case.

Josmar Azzopardi (Xaghra, Gozo) referred to a property on Comino which used to be a bakery. The Chief Scout stated that there was a lot of confusion regarding this property as no legal instruments were found as to the rightful ownership.

Edward Vella (GSL, Mosta) said that it was unfair that those groups who have property bought by the Groups themselves would now have their property transferred to the Scout Association in general. The Chief Scout pointed out that even as presently in force, as per the POR such property even now does not belong to groups. However the Chief Scout stated that a new clause in future can state that such property is being bought by the Scout Association of Malta "Filfla Scout Group" (to give an example).

Joseph Abela Medici (AGSL, Dingli) again referred to the Comino property and mentioned that the word was going round that that property was given to Din I-Art Helwa. The Chief Commissioner said that the Scout Association has another two properties without any evident legal title.

The Chief Scout proposed that the new amendment to Article XXXVI as per above and document B attached be put to the vote. 46 members voted in favour with one abstention. This new amendment was passed and therefore the amendment as submitted in the draft Constitution document version 1.4.2 has been deleted in favour of the new amendment passed by the Assembly.

This new Constitution as amended and approved will be referred to as Constitution version 1.5 dated 7th December 2013.

A short coffee break was called at this stage but the time was 11:55.

5 Approval for the setting up of a Limited Liability Company in principle.

The Chief Scout stated that the National Scout Council had already agreed in principle to the proposal of setting up a limited liability company and a Scout Foundation but the National Scout Council wanted that the decision to proceed be submitted to the General Assembly for ratification since the management of the Association would necessarily be different in the eventuality that a Company is formed.

The Chief Scout referred to the report submitted by Mr Michael Grech and distributed to all eligible members of the Assembly well before the date of this Assembly. He introduced Mr Grech as the Chairman of the Victoria Scout Group, a former Scout and as a Financial Consultant registered with the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). The Chief Scout requested the Assembly to approve in principle the setting up of this Company and the Foundation. He asked Mr Grech to address the Assembly and to answer questions from its members.

Mr Michael Grech made a short presentation of his report and suggestions and stated that he carried out this consultancy work on a voluntary basis having attended an initial two meetings with officials of the Association. He referred to the fact that any Voluntary Association always required finances to work on modern principles and in an independent manner. He referred to issues of EU funding which he said would not be available to the Association or to its Company but would be available to a Foundation. This was the reason for the setting up of such a Foundation.

As for the requirement of a Scout Company, he said that the Association has much potentials for generating finances including the IHQ premises, Rinella Camp Site and Ghajn Tuffieha Camp Site. However one has to assess also the potential liabilities. With operating through a Company, the liabilities are borne by the Company and not by the Scout Association of Malta. So he proposed a triumvirate – the Scout Association of Malta, a Scout Company and a Scout Foundation.

Mr Grech suggested that some of the Directors of the Company should be from outside the Association who should be capable persons with experience of managing companies, depending on their individual capabilities. He also suggested that the Association employs full time employees under the auspices of the Company. He stated that methods of how the assets of the Scout Association of Malta can be transferred to the Company can be discussed at a second stage once the principle of its formation is accepted at this initial first stage.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) asked: if the liabilities of the Association would also devolve as liabilities of the Company. The Chief Scout stated that such liabilities are different. If a scout is injured this has nothing to do with the financial aspects of the Company. The Scout Association of Malta can continue with its core training while the Scout Company can focus on the financial aspects of obtaining funds for the Association to continue with its training programs. The IHQ would therefore be in a position to help the Groups financially. He mentioned the question of Solar Audit for the various available premises and properties of the Association. However if full time workers are employees of the Company, this would limit potential damages to the Association.

The setting up of the Foundation on the other hand is solely intended to access funds from the EU for training etc. This will not mean that the Association can make money from EU funds. But EU funds can go a long way to improving the training facilities offered by the Association.

James Baldacchino (GSL, Fgura) asked whether it is being proposed that the sites ownership is going to be passed to the Company. The Chief Scout stated that this is not being proposed. The Company will be given rights to operate these sites but will not be given legal ownership of these Sites. In any

case Ghajn Tuffieha and Rinella belong to the Government and it would not be possible to transfer ownership.

Mario Micallef (DC North) asked whether litigation liabilities within a group would be the responsibility of the Company or the Association. The Chief Scout submitted that such litigation would only be the responsibility of the Association.

The Chief Scout remarked that that was the reason why an insurance cover has been issued on the Association's registered leaders but the groups workings cannot be placed the responsibility of the Company. Any litigation within the Groups is the responsibility of the Scout Association of Malta.

Edward Vella (GSL, Mosta) asked whether groups could invest as shareholders in the Company. The Chief Scout gave an emphatic no since Groups, within the concept of the Voluntary Organisations Act do not have legal representation and only the Scout Association is legally represented.

Joseph Abela Medici (AGSL, Dingli) asked whether the start up fees of the Company and any eventual profits would devolve on the Groups. The Chief Scout said that any start up fees required for the Company would be issued by the Association. Profits accruing from the business of the Company would be decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Company appointed by the sole shareholder, the Scout Association of Malta. Any dividends awarded will be passed to the Scout Association who will use it to help the Association including its Groups.

Joseph Abela Medici again asked whether this new Company can tap into Government initiatives to help small Companies. Mr Michael Grech said that this venue can be explored further.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) asked: since the Company will be a legal entity on its own how can the Scout Association of Malta know and control its operations. The Chief Scout said that he is proposing that the Finance Department of the Association be converted into an Auditing system to monitor the workings of the Company and if problems are identified then this audit department can take action accordingly. Mr Michael Grech said that the Directors of the Company would have to receive remuneration for their involvement but a method can be found for the groups to have a level of control. Alexander Cutajar (SiC, Marsa) asked if a group has a camp site and he is renting it out to entities outside the Scout Association, who will take the risks. The Chief Scout said that such groups cannot rent out their sites especially as the Association is trying to limit potential damages.

Marco Cassar (GSL, Zabbar) said that if a group is renting out to another group and is exacting a fee, then where should these funds go to? The Chief Scout said that at present we are only considering the three properties mentioned above, namely IHQ, Ghajn Tuffieha Camp Site and Rinella Camp Site as falling within the remit of the proposed Company.

Cedric Salafia (AGSL, Hamrun) submitted that at this stage we need to see the advantages and disadvantages of what is being proposed. Mr Grech said that the Foundation would definitely be a non-profit making organisation while the Company will be designed to produce profit. The Chief Scout said that the scope at present is that the Company would take the management of IHQ, Rinella and Ghajn Tuffieha.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) said that at present the title to IHQ and Ghajn Tuffieha Camp Site devolves on the Association but Rinella is different. The Chief Scout said that as regards the title to Rinella, this must be corrected by an "att korrettorju".

George Cassar submitted that he agreed in principle with the formation of the Company. However he assumed that there will be a business plan. He asked whether the Company would be covered under Corporate Veil. The Chief Scout said that Corporate Veil is a means to distinguish between the barriers of the shareholders responsibilities and the Company's. The Chief Scout explained that the

“veil” can only be removed if it is proved that the shareholders have intentionally or negligently been involved in defrauding. He mentioned a particular instance when this occurred in Malta.

Joseph Saliba (GSL, Qormi) asked about the legal position of Ghajn Tuffieha Camp Site vis a vis the formation of the Company. The Chief Scout said that this was confirmed during a meeting at the Lands Department with the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner last October. The Lands Department informed the Association that as long as the Association is the only shareholder of the Company, then the Department has no objection to operate the Camp Site through a Company solely owned by the Association. The Chief Scout also gave assurances that the Chief Commissioner and himself have political assurances to this end.

At this point the Chief Scout asked the Assembly to vote in principle whether it was in agreement with the formation of a Company and the formation of a Foundation, as described above.

46 members voted in favour of the formation of the Company with 1 abstention.

44 members voted in favour of the formation of the Foundation with 2 abstentions.

Workshops and Discussion Groups

Four workshops were set up with the specific tasks as hereunder:

1. IHQ: our national scout headquarters, in name, but in practice is it?
2. Our Vision, our Mission, our Strategy
3. We should give a voice to our youth members in our organisation by
4. Should we change the way we choose our top posts in the SAM, if so, how?

The Chief Scout said that his idea was that each member present attended each workshop but there was no time left for this. The rapporteurs of each workshop reported their findings as hereunder:

Workshop 4: reported on by the Chief Commissioner:

The question as to whether the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner should both be appointed by the Assembly was raised. The decision reached by this workshop submitted that there should be only one elected body namely the National Scout Council with an election for the Chief Scout and for the members. The Chief Scout along with the National Scout Council should then nominate the Chief Commissioner and once approved, he in turn appoints his Executive. In this way past conflicts between the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner would be avoided. The General Assembly would keep full control over the workings of the National Scout Council, the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner.

Workshop 2: reported on by Kevin Camilleri

Interesting points were raised as for example:

1. Set up of a National resource centre
2. Quality standards for all groups
3. Concept of liability of the Association.

Workshop 1: reported on by the Chief Scout

Two aspects were principally considered: is the IHQ still a spirit of scouting. GSLs used to attend at IHQ regularly in the past and this spirit of scouting should be encouraged back.

The land can be used to give a service to the community and provide funds to the Association

The Scout Shop should belong to the Association and should be based in Floriana.

A child care centre can be set up at IHQ

A youth hostel can also be set up.

A training centre and a multipurpose centre are other possibilities.

A cafeteria would also provide funds for the Association.

It was however agreed that any financial activities to generate funds must also bear a social conscience in line with the Scout Promise.

Workshop 3: reported on my Mark O'Neill.

The results suggested were:

Inform the groups about the activities to be organised

Use the social media more actively

Activities organised should not be boring.

The Chief Scout remarked that of all groups out of all the ventures and rovers only 3 members participated in the discussions about the set up of the Youth National Scout Council. WOSM insists that youth involvement must increase. The Chief Scout augured that the NYSC would start functioning in 2014.

The National Assembly Meeting was declared closed at 13:15

Minutes approved on

Date

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