



Meeting of Commonwealth Scout Associations, 2005

A meeting of representatives of national Scout organisations of Commonwealth countries was held during the World Scout Conference at the Hotel Belisaire, Yasmine Hammamet, on Sunday 4 September 2005, starting at 1500.

The following Associations were represented:

- *Australia*
- *Canada **
- *Cyprus*
- *Malaysia **
- *New Zealand*
- *Singapore*
- *United Kingdom*

** = not for the whole meeting*

Apologies for absence were received from:

- *Belize*
- *Malawi*
- *Mauritius*
- *Seychelles*
- *South Africa*

A full list of National Scout Organisations of Commonwealth countries is attached.

The Chair was taken by Cyprus (Marios Christou, National Training Commissioner and Member, European Scout Committee)

NOTES

1. Notes of meeting held in Thessaloniki in 2002

The notes previously circulated were agreed as a correct record.

2. Council of Commonwealth Scout Associations

It was agreed to form the Council (it was noted that the Associations tendering apologies had indicated support).

The Constitution as circulated was approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments as suggested by the World Scout Bureau.

The approved version is attached.





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The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

- Nicholas Tang (Singapore) – Chairman
- Emma Barker (Australia) – Vice Chairman
- David Bull (United Kingdom) – Vice Chairman
- A representative of an African NSO

[Post meeting note: South Africa have been proposed to fill the vacancy; they will also make proposals for the Secretariat of the Council]

3. World Scout Committee and World Events Candidates

The number of candidates for election to the World Scout Committee or for World events from Commonwealth countries was noted and all were wished good luck.

4. Web Site and Scouting in the Commonwealth publication

It was noted that the domain scoutscommonwealth had been registered in anticipation of its use by the Council.

In order to make progress it was agreed that Associations will be invited to nominate young people with suitable skills to design and implement the web page. It was also agreed that the publication on Scouting in the Commonwealth discussed in Thessaloniki would be incorporated in the web site.

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Commonwealth NSOs:

Australia
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Botswana
Brunei Darussalam
Cameroon
Canada
Cyprus
Dominica
Fiji
Gambia
Ghana
Grenada
Guyana
India
Jamaica
Kenya
Kiribati
Lesotho
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Mauritius
Mozambique

Namibia
New Zealand
Nigeria
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Swaziland
Tanzania
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
United Kingdom
Zambia





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Title:

The Council of Commonwealth Scout Associations

Aim:

To promote the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of young people in the Commonwealth in accordance with the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement.

Objectives:

- To provide a forum to originate co-operation between national Scout organisations in Commonwealth countries.
- To provide opportunities for Scouts to improve their understanding of the cultures and lifestyles of other Commonwealth countries.
- To support the development of community based projects between Scout organisations in the Commonwealth in the field such as non-formal education, community health, leader development and poverty alleviation.
- To provide a vehicle for Scouting to be represented to other agencies, organisations and structures within the Commonwealth.
- To complement the existing structures of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and national Scout organisations within the Commonwealth.

Membership:

National Scout organisations of Commonwealth countries in full or accredited membership of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement. Consultative status, with the right to contribute to debate, but with no right to vote, is afforded to Scout organisations in Commonwealth countries which have not yet achieved full or accredited membership of the World Organisation.

General Assembly:

The Council of Commonwealth Scout Associations is governed by a General Assembly which shall normally meet every three years, immediately before or after the World Scout Conference.

Each member country shall be entitled to be represented by two voting delegates, one of whom should be under 26 years old. Additional observers may attend.

The General Assembly shall elect a chairperson and four vice-chairpersons of the Council, each vice-chairperson coming from a different region of World Scouting. Appointment is for the three year period between General Assemblies and may be renewable for not more than one/two consecutive terms.





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The presence of half the national Scout organisations having the right to vote shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the General Assembly. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee manages the business of the Council, as determined by the General Assembly. The Executive Committee is chaired by the chairperson of the Council and comprises the four vice-chairpersons and up to three co-opted members. A Secretary-General attends meetings of the Executive Committee, but does not have voting rights.

The presence of half the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Committee. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Secretariat:

The secretariat is provided by one of the National Scout Organisations. Nomination and selection is the responsibility of the General Assembly. The position of Secretary-General is filled by a nominee of the national Scout organisation which provides the secretariat.

Fees:

Member countries may be required to pay fees as determined by the General Assembly.

Plan of action:

The Executive Committee shall prepare and carry out a plan of action for each triennium to meet the objectives of the Council and the decisions of the General Assembly. Generally, the plan will be executed by sponsoring national Scout organisation/s.

