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### Executive Board, Sunny Land Council 1937

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Sea Scouting	Geo. T. Blakely
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Ten Year Program	Leo H. Wilson, Bradenton
Chm. Lee District	C. B. Hitchings, Sarasota
Executive	James C. Spooner, Ft. Myers J. A. Gaskin



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Mr. Paul W. Bergmann  
President  
Sunny Land Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Date: January 29, 1937

MINUTES, EXECUTIVE BOARD  
January 28th., 1937

The Executive Board, Sunny Land Council, met at the home of Paul W. Bergmann, President. The following members were present: Paul W. Bergmann, presiding, D. L. Thorpe, George L. King, Albert Yarn, Leo Wilson, W. D. Griffin, Carl C. Strode, W. A. Knight, Dr. H. J. Wendland, J. A. Gaskin, Secretary.

Mr. Bergmann called the meeting to order at 7:35 P. M. He read a letter from the National Council in acceptance of the renewal of charter and Annual Report, thanking the council for their promptness, and for the payment of Charter fees and quota, plus back quota for 1933.

The President asked the Scout Executive to mail each member of the Board a list of duties.

Mr. Bergmann urged the Finance Chairmen to complete the budget at an early date. W. A. Knight, Chairman Finance, stated that he believed he would be able to complete his report at an early date.

In the discussion of the National Jamboree Mr. Bergmann asked the Executive to advise the group as the general duties of sending Scouts to the Jamboree.

The Executive suggested that the Council keep handoff policy in regard to raising money for individual Scouts. To keep it on a troop basis and Scout basis, thereby putting it up to the troops to raise whatever funds they may require in sending a Scout. Scouts that are able to go at expense of their parents to do so. The Council will furnish publicity and aid to Troops in their efforts except in the actual raising of money.

The Board adopted these suggestions upon the motion of D. L. Thorpe.

Mr. President appointed D. L. Thorpe, Chairman Jamboree Committee. Members to cooperate being the Chairmen of Courts of Honor and Camping committees of each District.

Upon the motion of D. L. Thorpe the representatives going to the Regional Conference at Columbia, S. C. February 17th. to invite the Region to Sunny Land Council for their next convention. The motion was passed upon and accepted.



Minutes con'td.

Motion made by C. E. Hitchings that Sunny Land Council make every effort to have a member of this council elected to Regional Committee. Cause of the fact that Sunny Land Council has never been represented on the Regional Committee and has not received recognition the motion carried by vote. The President asked the Scout Executive to confer with him in regard to this matter.

In the discussion of individual awards to Scouts for participation in various suggested activities the Board decided to make the awards on a District basis, each District making awards to Scouts on the following activities: Scrapbook, Nature study, advancement, Reading, and others. The Council to award to the most outstanding Scout of the Council a grand prize. Motion made by C. E. Hitchings to adopt the grand prize for most outstanding Scout, with first second and third place awards. Motion carried.

Carl C. Strode was appointed as committee of one to see if the Sarasota High School band would participate in parade February 13th.

Each member of the Board was encouraged to be present and in the parade so that Dan Beard, National Scout Commissioner would be properly greeted.

Mr. Bergmann called upon all members to endeavour to attend the Regional Conference. Mr. Bergmann stated that he would go. D. L. Thorpe stated that he would try to go, as did Mr. Geo. King. The Executive will accompany them, and possibly Frank Stewart, Chm. Sarasota District.

The group decided to adopt the suggestion of the President in aid to Flood Refugees. The Scouts are to offer their cooperation with local red cross chapters and organizations in the collecting of food and clothing for the people in flood zones.

The meeting closed at 9:00 P. M. after refreshments were had. The entire group voted to hold future Board meetings at the home of Mr. Bergmann and they thanked Mrs. Bergmann for the cookies she had made.

J. A. Gaskin  
Executive.

The President outlined his program for the year in regard to the Board and District Committees. The District Com. to have charge of activities of their respective Districts and the Board to act as coordinator between the two. The District Chm. were advised to make up their committees and to get as much information about



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### Minutes of Executive Board February 25, 1937 Bradenton, Florida

Paul W. Bergmann opened the monthly meeting of Sunny Land Council at 7:40 in Scout Headquarters. Members present were: Paul. W. Bergmann, Frank Stewart, Geo. L. King, W. A. Knight, Geo. B. Gallup, D. L. Thorpe, Fred Gould, F. W. VanGilder, C. W. Sheldon, Dr. H. J. Wendland, C. E. Hitchings, J. A. Gaskin. Visitors: Mr. Spooner, Mr. Black, Mr. Moore, all of Fort Myers; Mr. Herbert Stuckey, Deputy Regional Executive, Atlanta, was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted upon motion of Dr. H. J. Wendland, seconded by W. A. Knight.

A Report on Regional Conference was made by the Executive, with additional data from the President and Vice-President.

The President especially dwelt upon the subject of raising \$10,000 in the Region for the placing of an extra Field man in this Region for the development of Rural Scouting.

Mr. Geo. B. Gallup made a report on Sea Scouting and stated that enthusiasm for this phase of Scouting was at its highest peak due to the acquisition of club rooms and a boat.

Mr. Frank Stewart made a report on Boy Scout Week Activities stating that the parade was a big success even though Uncle Dan Beard failed to arrive on schedule.

Herbert Stuckey, Atlanta office, was called upon to speak on subject of Fort Myers. He pointed out the desirability of receiving the old Royal Palm Council into Sunny Land Council, dwelling upon the feasibility of the amalgamation, and at the same time pointed out the Scouting spirit of fellowship and extending of right hand to a neighbor in need of help.

Mr. Spooner, Chm. FortMyers District, spoke on the desire of affiliation with the Council, and asked that they be accepted.



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D. L. Thorpe made an interesting statement in favor of the affiliation, and the desire of friendship between the communities. He said that Scouting has done much to bring about closer ties between districts.

After discussion a motion was made by C. E. Hitchings that: former Royal Palm Council become a part of Sunny Land Council. After discussion an amendment was discussed. To accept application of Royal Palm, but that only Lee County District become organized this year, with potential Districts from the rest of the old Royal Palm Council.

Motion was seconded and it was voted unanimously to receive them.

Motion was made to nominate Mr. Dean of Fort Myers as third Vice-President of Sunny Land Council to represent Fort Myers on Council as also District Chairman, Mr. Spooner. Mr. Dean was elected by vote.

The Board meeting was adjourned upon motion of Geo. B. Gallup.

After the Board adjourned a meeting was held by Paul Bergmann, Fred Gould, Treasurer, Mr. Spooner and the Executive to discuss budget. It was decided that the Fort Myers District would be on a money as per participation basis, their participation being upon the amount of budget raised.



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Minutes

Executive Board  
Sunny Land Council

May 20, 1937

The Executive Board, Sunny Land Council, met at the Sarasota Court House Thursday night, May 20, Sarasota. Those present were: Paul W. Bergmann, President, Frank Stewart, Vice-President, D. L. Thorpe, Fred L. Gould, Captain Ide, Dr. H. J. Wendland, George B. Gallup, James C. Spooner, Hoy D. Black, C. W. Sheldon, J. A. Gaskin.

The meeting was opened by the President at 7:45. The Executive read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were adopted by vote as they were read.

The Executive was called on for a report. His report included membership records, indicating a large increase over that of last year. Membership on this date: 440 Scouts, 145 Scouters, 9 Sea Scouts, 36 Negro Scouts. New Troops: Troop 3, Sarasota, Troop 10, Arcadia, and Sea Scout Ship Southern Cross, Bradenton.

Fred H. Gould made report on Treasure, stating that the financial situation was better at this late date than he could ever remember before.

C. W. Sheldon made report of Courts of Honor, stating that interest was picking up in Bradenton, and that large Courts had been held in Arcadia and Fort Myers. He was supplemented by statistics from the Executive. At this date advancement is far ahead of a year ago today.

Frank Stewart made report for Sarasota District. Camp Gumpertz is being put in shape by the Kiwanis Club, and a Committee is working on problem of acquiring park lands for a camp site. He also reported that the Kiwanis Club had donated six pup tents to Troop 5, and that plans were under way to send a boy to the Jamboree. He mentioned Troop 3, Methodist Church as being a new troop that was rapidly advancing.

D. L. Thorpe made the Jamboree report. Fear was expressed that the full number of 33 Scouts would not be reached, as only 19 had registered todate, June 1st. as deadline.

James C. Spooner reported on Lee District. He stated that a survey was being made in all schools in order that a full report can be made as to potentialities of the District. Four Scouts are also going to the Jamboree.

Geo. B. Gallup reported on Sea Scouting, and asked for financial aide in the purchase of equipment. This was tabled with understanding that it was a District proposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Colmitt was selected as Jamboree Scoutmaster. Executive asked to contact Joe. 16 tarpaulans are needed for Jamboree Troop, and it is suggested.



ted that the Circus be contacted for canvass.

The President stated that the Jr. Chamber of Commerce would loan costumes, excepting Spanish Costumes, for the Pageant Sara De Sota to be given at the Jamboree. Spanish Costumes may be rented in St. Pete.

James Hightower was approved for Camp Directorship for the summer at salary of \$15.00 per week. James Silver approved for Waterfront Director at \$7.00 per week.

The Executive announced that the Tampa Bay Council was holding a Scout Circus at Plant Field Friday night, and that all members should take advantage of attending as Sunny Land Council planned a Scout Circus for the next Fall or Winter.

Mr. James C. Spooner, Chairman Lee District, was nominated as 3rd. Vice-President of the Council by D. L. Thorpe, seconded by Capt. Ide: was so voted.

Motion to drop George T. Blakely from the Board was tabled until after the President could speak to Mr. Blakely. X

The meeting was closed at 9 P. M.



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Minutes  
Executive Board  
Sunny Land Council  
August 31, 1937

The Executive Board, Sunny Land Council, met at Sarasota Court House August 31st, at 7:45. Paul W. Bergmann President, presided.

Members present were: Paul W. Bergmann, George King, D. L. Thorpe, Dr. H. J. Wendland, George B. Gallup, Dr. George White, Fred H. Gould, C. W. Sheldon, Leo H. Wilson, Dr. Charles C. Montague, J. A. Gaskin.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved:

Committee Reports were read and adopted. Camping Committee: Reported that camp was largest ever held in the Council. The Chairman also stated that a fence to keep out hogs is needed, also restraining of cabins, new posts under Handicraft Lodge needed. Mr. Bergmann asks for report of approximate cost of fence so as to plan it in budget.

Dr. White stated that mattress and springs might be acquired from Furniture stores if approached properly. Dr. White and D. L. Thorpe were appointed to look into this, (Report attached).

Court of Honor: Advancement report attached.

Leadership Training attached.

Sea scouting Committee Chairman reports that three Sea Scout ships are now organized. Also reports the Bradenton S. S. have built raft at beach, and Radio transceiver sets ready for operation, and through G. F. Lampkin a more powerful set is also being prepared. The Sea Scouts have also opened up a Jr. Life Saving Class for boys. He asks that the budget raise sufficient money to care for Sea Scouts. Balance report attached.

Cubbing Committee report attached.

Health and Safety report attached.

Finance Committee report attached.

Organization Committee report attached.

Dan Thorpe, Dr. Montague, J. C. Spooner were appointed Nominating Committee for the new year.

The annual meeting was set for second week in December-- place to be determined.

A Budget Committee of the following were appointed: W. A. Knight, Fred Gould, F. W. VanGilder, J. C. Spooner.



Silver Beaver Committee composed of: Dan Thorpe and Paul W. Bergmann were appointed.

The annual Drive date was tentatively set for first week in October. Leo Wilson was appointed to confer with Chamber of Commerce Board so as to avoid conflicts.

Finance Committee appointed to select suitable Chairmen for drives; end Knight and Dr. Geo. White, Manatee; Montague and Knight, Sarasota, Spooner of Fort Myers.

D. L. Thorpe makes motion that Committee be appointed to investigate the various districts as to the feasibility of assigning an Asst. Executive to the enlarged territory. Committee appointed were: P. W. Bergmann, Finance Committee Chairmen and Executive.

Motion was accepted to hold Regional Sea Scout Regatta in Sarasota during Christmas Holidays, Paul W. Bergmann stated he would see Yacht Club for use of Sail boats. Committee appointed to further plans are: Joe Colquitt, Chairman, George Thacker, Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting closed at 9:45.



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September 3, 1937

Messrs: W. A. Knight, Fred H. Gould, F. W. VanGilder,  
J. C. Spooner, (copy Paul W. Bergmann)

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Sunny Land Council Executive Board you were appointed on the Budget Committee for the new year, W. A. Knight, Chairman.

Each District, as an active participant in conducting Council affairs, is represented on this committee.

Although you are widely separated it is imperative that our budget be made up at the earliest possible opportunity. Our Fiscal Year ends October 31st, and we are faced with only a few weeks before we begin our Annual subscription for funds.

A tentative date was set for early October for our concerted drive. The budget to meet our needs for 1938 must be fully subscribed, and I would urge your immediate action on this matter.

As Executive, and Secretary for Committees, I have prepared a tentative budget stating our needs, including allocations for each District. As I say, this budget is only a suggestion and should not, by any means, be taken as final. It is up to this Committee to make up the budget for the coming year, and the suggested budget may be used as a foundation only.

President Paul W. Bergmann will call a meeting of this Committee in the near future, as we are pressed for time.

Cordially yours,

J. A. Gaskin  
Scout Executive

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J. A. GASKIN, SCOUT EXECUTIVE

September 3, 1937

Messers: D. L. Thorpe, Dr. Chas. C. Montague, J. C. Spooner  
(Copy Paul W. Bergmann)

Gentlemen;

At the last meeting of the Sunny Land Council Executive Board you were appointed to the Nominating Committee, D. L. Thorpe, Chairman.

The duty of this Committee is to seek the most outstanding citizens of each of your cities for Board membership in 1938. This shall include President, Vice-Presidents (3), and Chairman for each of the functioning Council Committees. A list of the various offices and present chairman are enclosed.

The task is difficult, but upon it depends the entire success of the Council. We must face the realization that at the present time our Board is not as strong as it should be.

I would suggest to this Committee that each of you personally contact outstanding citizens and "sell" them Scouting in such a manner that they cannot refuse. When I say "outstanding" citizens I mean men of known business success, character, and Civic relations. I am sorry to state that we had one member on our board who did not have the complete respect of our contributing citizens, thereby losing us friends. Scouting to succeed needs those friends, those silent boosters who make or break an organization as ours.

I am writing this letter so as to impress upon you the importance of your commission. The right men as the governing board of this council can give us the impetus we need.

I am at your service in any way I may be of help.

Cardially yours,

J. A. Gaskin  
Sec. to the Board

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September 3, 1937

Messers: W. A. Knight, Dr. Geo. White, Dr. Ches. C. Montague,  
J. C. Spooner, (Copy Paul W. Bergmann)

Gentlemen:

The President and Chairman of the Sunny Land Council Executive Board has appointed you a member of the Committee on the selection of Finance Drive Chairman.

The duty of this committee is to select a suitable man, preferable an outstanding business man, who in your judgement would make a successful Finance Campaign Chairman. The Executive will be at your service.

Each campaign district must have a suitable chairman for this important position. The success of our 1938 service to boyhood will depend upon this man in his ability to organize, conduct, and successfully carry out the subscriptions for an adequate budget.

I would suggest that each District member of this Committee confer with the Executive in regard to the selection.

After the selection of this citizen I would further suggest that you sell him Scouting so that he will take over the job knowing its full significance. We cannot afford to accept a substitute who might fail, but must sell the real man on the importance of Scouting in our Communities.

Due to the fact that this drive has been set for early October, we have very little time to work on. The Chairman of Publicity should have the names for the newspapers within ten days.

Cordially yours,

J. A. Gaskin  
Scout Executive

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J. A. GASKIN, SCOUT EXECUTIVE

September 2, 1937

Messers: Joe Colquitt, Geo. Thacker

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of the Sunny Land Council Executive Board they passed upon a motion to hold a Regional Sea Scout Regatta in Sarasota, providing the following can be accomplished:

- (1) Aid of the Chamber of Commerce in building up the program and planning the Regatta.
- (2) Participation, and Sponsorship of Sarasota Yacht Club, with use of their sail boats.
- (3) Permission from City to use the waterfront lots on harbor for setting up the encampment.

Sea Scouts will be invited from the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The Regatta would be good publicity for the city of Sarasota, and coming as it will, latter part of Christmas holidays, many winter visitors will be on hand. The Sea Scout program is for boys 16 years or over, and provides the older boy a worthwhile program of advanced knowledge.

At the meeting of the Board the Chairman appointed Mr. Colquitt as harbor master to attend to the raising of interest, and Mr. Thacker as President of the Chamber of Commerce to aid and assist, through his organization, the Council in building up the Regatta.

I will be in your offices in the near future to further discuss this with you.

Cordially yours,

J. A. Gaskin  
Scout Executive

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BOX 864

INGENTON, FLORIDA

*Al Yarn*

Date:

### Leadership Training Committee

We have held only one training school this year. Twelve Scouters attended the session held at Camp Gumpertz April 3rd and 4th.

I understand that Lee District will hold a course within the near future.

A Cubbing Course will be needed in each of the cities in which Cubbing is to be organized, and without the courses Cubbing would be severely handicapped and prevent proper running of same.



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BRADENTON, FLORIDA

W. A. Lillyer

Date:

Cubbing Committee Report

Our objectives set last year were: two Cub Packs with thirty Cubs. As yet we have not organized the two packs.

Several requests from parents have been made for packs, and some of the boys from the North who are Cubs have asked for Cubbing.

We must find responsible institutions to sponsor the Packs and suitable leadership to carry on the work. Cubbing will not be permanent without these and the cooperation of parents.

We hope to find the institutions and leadership after opening of school, and then carry out our objectives.



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SEASIDE, FLORIDA

*Dr. Chas C. Montague*

Date:

Health and Safety Committee

As in the past, all Scouts entering special phases of Scout activities were given medical examinations. 140 Scouts were examined for Camp and Jamboree.

In six known cases Scouts were helped by the examination. One boy's parents discovered a need of eye-glasses for the boy. Another had his feet corrected. Two had tonsils extracted, and the fifth was discovered to have early stages of T.B. Since then he has been placed where he will have time to correct this before incipient stages sets in. The sixth had teeth trouble.

These are a few cases where medical examinations aided parents in correcting faults in Scouts. The main reason for examination is to prevent spread of contagious diseases among large groups. Two boys had early stages of mumps which kept them from Camp, but possibly prevented spread of the disease.



*Surf*

Date:

Organization Committee Report

On August 15 we had 28 troops  
On January 1st we had 14 troops  
A gain of 14 troops

Six of these troops were transferred from Royal Palm Council, giving us eight new Troops organized since first of the year.

On August 15th we had 483 Scouts  
On January 1st we had 244 Scouts  
A gain of 239 Scouts

Of which 120 were transferred from Royal Palm Council, giving us an outright gain of 119 new Scouts.

Several new troops are under organization. Notably Troops at Venice, Arcadia, Sarasota. Plans are under way for new Troops in Fort Myers, Terra Ceia, Sarasota and Samoset.

In predicting what our membership will be the last of December, I would say about 550 Scouts.