

CHAPTER 498

CEYLON SCOUT COUNCIL

Act No. 13 of 1957. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CEYLON SCOUT COUNCIL.

[27th March, 1957.]

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Ceylon Scout Council (Incorporation) Act.

(h) the honorary secretary elected at the annual general meeting of the council;

PART I

THE COUNCIL, ITS OBJECTS, POWERS AND DUTIES

(i) the honorary treasurer elected at the annual general meeting of the council; and

Constitution of the council.

2. (1) The council shall consist of—

(j) such other members, not less than thirty in number, as may be elected at the annual general meeting of the council out of persons who have interest in, and have given assistance to, the Boy Scout movement.

(a) the patron who shall be the President of Sri Lanka, or, if the President does not consent to be the patron, any other person who may agree to accept the office of patron at the request of the committee made with the approval of the council;

(2) The persons specified in the First Schedule* to this Act shall, unless they cease to hold office earlier, be the members of the council till the first annual general meeting of the council after the commencement of this Act.

(b) such number of vice-patrons as may be elected at the annual general meeting of the council;

(3) Any vacancy occurring in the council shall be filled by the council.

(c) a president elected at the annual general meeting of the council;

3. The members of the council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, a common seal and the name "The Ceylon Scout Council". The council may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(d) such number of vice-presidents as may be elected at the annual general meeting of the council;

(e) a representative of each of the branch associations;

4. The council shall carry out the primary objects of the association, namely, the development of good citizenship among boys of all classes by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance, inculcating in them discipline, loyalty and thoughtfulness for others, teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves and promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development, so that irrespective of race, community, caste or creed they may become good citizens of Sri Lanka.

(f) the Chief Commissioner, Honorary Chief Commissioners and Deputy Chief Commissioner all of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Scout;

(g) the Camp Chief, Assistant Chief Commissioners, Headquarters Commissioners and District Commissioners who shall be appointed in accordance with the rules made under section 8 (1) (d);

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

Powers of the council.

5. The council shall have the following powers:—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and to mortgage, lease, exchange, sell or otherwise dispose of, any property whatsoever;
- (b) to utilize the funds of the council for the purpose of meeting all expenditure incurred by the council and the committee in carrying out the objects of the association, in remunerating the employees of the council, and in the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the council and the committee;
- (c) to borrow and raise money, with or without security, for any of the purposes of the council;
- (d) to invest the moneys of the council in any securities in which trustees are required by the Trusts Ordinance to invest trust money;
- (e) to create or undertake any trust affecting property for the benefit of the association or any branch association;
- (d) to form branches of the association in accordance with the rules of the council; and to have general control over the activities of such branches;
- (g) to publish, sell or distribute papers, books, or pamphlets, and to supply information, for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the objects of the association, and to take other suitable measures that may appear to be necessary for providing and maintaining an efficient organization for the purpose of the association;
- (h) to form groups of Boy Scouts and to enrol fit and proper persons as members or officers thereof;
- (i) to supply with or without charge, and to deal in, equipment of all kinds

for the use of Boy Scouts, and to provide prizes, badges, certificates and other rewards of merit to be competed for by, and awarded to, them;

- (j) to grant such rewards and honorary titles as may be considered necessary by the council for good services to the Boy Scout movement;
- (k) to assist past or present Boy Scouts in obtaining any training in any trade or undertaking as apprentices or otherwise and in establishing themselves in life, and to establish, contribute to, and administer, special funds for that purpose;
- (l) to make and carry out any arrangement for joint working or co-operation with any other society or body, whether incorporated or not, carrying on work of a similar nature;
- (m) to enter into any arrangements with any educational authorities or departments of the Government for promoting the interests of the association;
- (n) to appoint all such officers and servants of the council as it may deem necessary and to pay to such officers and servants such salaries, pensions, gratuities and allowances as may, from time to time, be sanctioned by the council;
- (o) to delegate any of the powers of the council to the committee of the council;
- (p) to do such other acts as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the council or to the exercise of any of its powers.

PART II

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

6. (1) There shall be a committee of the council consisting of the Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief

Constitution of the committee.

Commissioner, Camp Chief, an Assistant Chief Commissioner elected to such committee at the annual general meeting of the council, a Headquarters Commissioner elected to such committee at the annual general meeting of the council, the honorary secretary and the honorary treasurer of the council, and not less than six and not more than fourteen other persons elected to such committee out of the members of such council at the annual general meeting of the council.

(2) The persons specified in the Second Schedule* to this Act shall, unless they cease to hold office earlier, be the members of the committee till the first annual general meeting of the council after the commencement of this Act.

(3) The chairman of the committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the council.

Powers and duties of the committee.

7. (1) The committee may exercise any such power of the council as may be delegated to it by the council.

(2) It shall be the duty of the committee to administer the affairs of the council subject to the directions of the council.

(3) The committee shall cause to be laid before the annual general meeting of the council a report on the work done, and of the progress made, in the past year, and a statement of the accounts of the council in respect of the past year showing receipts and expenditure, together with a balance sheet as audited by the auditors.

(4) The committee shall provide for the safe custody of the common seal of the council. Such seal shall not be used except with the approval of the committee previously given and otherwise than in the presence of not less than two members of the committee who shall sign the instrument to which the seal is affixed in token of their presence.

PART III

GENERAL

Rules.

8. (1) The council may make rules, not inconsistent with any provision of this Act, in regard to—

(a) all matters relating to the association;

" Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

(b) all matters relating to the council and the committee;

(c) all matters relating to branch associations;

(d) the appointment of Scout officials, and all matters relating to them;

(e) the finances and accounts of the association, the council, the committee and the branch associations;

(f) the appointment of auditors;

(g) all matters relating to the employees of the council; and

(h) the carrying out of the objects, and the management of the affairs, of the association, the council, the committee and the branch associations.

(2) No rule made by the council shall have effect unless it is approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the council present at a meeting of the council at which such rule is considered and unless it is confirmed by the Chief Scout.

9. All acts done at any meeting of the council or the committee shall, notwithstanding any vacancy in the council or the committee or any defect in the election of any member thereof, be as valid as if there has been no such vacancy or defect.

Acts of the council and the committee.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

11. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

" association" means the Ceylon Boy Scouts Association;

" Boy Scout" includes Senior Scout, Rover Scout and Wolf Cub;

" committee " means the committee of the council; and

"council" means the Ceylon Scout Council.