

The Boys' Brigade
East Antrim Battalion
Executive Meeting
In 1st Carrickfergus Church Halls
2nd February 2011

The following is a Minute of the Battalion Executive meeting on 2nd February 2011.

1. **Welcome and Opening Devotions.** The President, Mr. Drew Buchanan, MBE, welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev. McClure to conduct our opening devotions.
2. **Attendance and Apologies.** The following were present, D. Buchanan, M. McAdoo, A. McDowell, S. Lindsay, G. Armstrong, Rev. C. McClure and F. Picton. An apology was received from K. Hogg.
3. **Minute.** The Minute of the previous meeting which had been circulated by email prior to the meeting was confirmed and signed.
4. **Section Matters.** **Anchor Boys** –Suggestion that the Carol Service be rotated among the Companies in the same way as the Battalion Church Parade is organised AB/JS reps to draw this up. Fun and Games evening which had been cancelled due to the weather in December was won by 1st Ballylinney for the first time. **Junior Section**- Swimming Gala transferred from East Antrim as Larne pool is currently closed. Unihoc & Figure Marching arranged for 4th March and the NID Spring competition is Stoolball which will be hosted by 1st Whitehead on 18th February. **Company Section**- Letter received from 5th Carrickfergus regarding a letter of complaint they were told we had received. As the Executive had not received any letter or notification of a complaint the letter was read and it was decided that we inform 5th Carrick that their letter was noted.
5. **Finance.** The Treasurer reported that as fees and dues came in from the companies our finances are now healthy.
6. **Training.** 36 Boys completed the Skills Training Course in Ballyclare and already 21 Boys have enrolled for the course in Carrickfergus. The NID would be asking Battalions to host a Road Show on BB activities
7. **Visitations.** G. Armstrong and D. Buchanan reported on their visit to 3rd Carrickfergus. They noted the large number of leaders present compared to the number actually registered. They saw large numbers of boys enjoying a varied programme. The new Anchor Boy Leader had been invited to attend the next Council meeting.

8. **Nominations for NID Committee posts.** Secretary passed round list of current NID committee members and advised that several will complete 2 successive terms of office at the end of this session and would therefore have to stand down. The election was due to take place on 4th May so thought can be given to possible nominations and such discussed at the next Executive meeting.
9. **Any Other Business.** (a) Participation Project. Secretary read letter from NID regarding a meeting in Antrim on 5th March when various aspects of BB work would be discussed
10. **Close.** There being no further business the President gave thanks for the supper to be provided and the meeting closed with us all saying The Grace together.

Signed _____ date _____