



## 26<sup>th</sup> Perthshire Scouts (Dunning)

**Meeting:** Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 3pm

**Venue:** Kincladie Woods, Dunning

**In Attendance:** Rob Carr (Chair), Nathan Critchlow-Watton (Group Scout Leader), Pete Diver (Beaver Section Leader), Ruth Emond (Secretary), Kevin McKechnie, Sofie Wilkie-De Hertogh, Valle Ruiz (Treasurer), Sandy Hunter (Cub Section Leader), Sally Dawson

The meeting was also attended by a number of parents and carers as well as Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and siblings.

**Apologies:** Alison Cameron

### 1. Welcome

Rob welcomed parents, children and committee members and thanked them for their attendance.

Rob outlined the role of the Executive Committee - in summary, to support the leaders to deliver Scouting for Young People (through fundraising, equipment maintenance and ordering, information sharing through the website and newsletter, managing finances and policy requirements).

### 2. Financial Report

Valle presented a brief financial report. A written summary was provided to those attending the meeting. Overall, the group has a reserve of funds with clear plans for how these might best be used. Systems are now in place for leaders to access the small amounts of funding needed to cover resources for the weekly meetings. Larger scale events have, to date, broken even but monies can be accessed to support these if needed.

### 3. Executive Committee

The group will be applying for charitable status over the coming year and as part of this we are required to have an elected committee in place. The current committee was appointed at the EGM in June and was structured to meet the requirements of the Scout Association.

Nominations were received and confirmed as follows:

Treasurer: Valle Ruiz – nominated by Rob Carr and seconded by Ruth Emond

Secretary: Ruth Emond – nominated by Rob Carr and seconded by Valle Ruiz

Chair: Rob Carr – nominated by Kevin McKechnie and seconded by Sally Dawson

Kevin, Sally, Alison (in advance) and Sofie were asked if they would be willing to continue as Executive Committee members. All agreed. Rob invited other parents to be involved in the committee. They were reminded they could approach Rob at any time to note their interest. The committee will also be attended by Pete Diver (as section leader of the Beavers) and Nathan Critchlow-Watton (as Group Scout leader). A representative from the leadership team of the Cubs will also attend.



#### **4. Group Update**

##### *Beavers*

Pete reported that the Beaver group is thriving. In the last two years numbers have grown and the section also now include girls. There has been great commitment from the leaders, assistant leaders, young leader (Duncan Gardner) and parents all of whom were thanked for their contributions. A couple of Beavers have received their Chief Scout Bronze Award. The meetings have gone well with no incidents or accidents. Highlights have included the Halloween sleepover (another is being planned), hike away and trips to the Perth fire station and climbing wall.

##### *Cubs*

Sandy described the first year of the cub section. Numbers have risen from an initial 11 cubs to 34. There have been a couple of successful fund raising events – a highlight being the evening at the Kirkstyle Inn. The Cubs have had a busy year including two fun nights with the Auchterarder group, family BBQ, district camp, spring camp and lots of bushcraft in the woods. There are some Cubs who are close to achieving their Chief Scout Silver Award (7 challenge badges and 6 activity badges).

Sandy then invited a number of cubs to present their personal experiences and highlights of the last year (James Carr, Kaitlyn Hunter, Isla Scott, Lucas Diver and Milly Ritchie all did an excellent job of this!). Sandy thanked the assistant leaders and parent helpers for their support and assistance. Thanks were also given to Brodie Ramsay (young helper) and to the committee. Special thanks were given to Nathan's, often behind the scenes, work to keep the group moving forward.

##### *Group report*

Nathan gave his personal highlights of the last year and praised the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for their adventurousness and hard work. Nathan thanked the leaders and assistant leaders and expressed his pride in the work they had all done to develop the sections and their dedication to making each meeting worthwhile. Nathan made a special request for help with establishing a Scout section. This term a small number of Cubs have gone forward to 'scubs' (a temporary hybrid of Cubs and Scouts). For this to become an established Scout section, adults *need* to get involved otherwise it will fold after the October holidays. The plan is to structure the section in the same format as Beavers. This would mean that assistant leaders would only have to lead 1-2 meetings per term. Nathan outlined the plans for the year ahead including exploring the possibility of building a hut in the woods, of buying more gear and of camping more often. Nathan thanked parents and carers for all their support. We would welcome more help!

#### **5. Award of Badges**

A number of Beavers and Cubs were awarded badges. Curtis Latto was awarded the Chief Scout Bronze award and Duncan Gardner (young leader) was presented with the Chief Scout Gold award.

Rob thanked all those in attendance and Sofie and Duncan for providing such a brilliant BBQ.