



10th Perthshire (Perth Academy) Scout Group

Registered Scottish Charity (no. SCO11697)

Chairperson:	Peter Campbell
Secretary:	Mark McConnachie
Group Scout Leader:	Chris Kirk

10th Perthshire Scout (Perth Academy) Scout Group Executive

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 20th Sept 2019

Present

Mark McConnachie, Chris Kirk, Graeme Milne, Scott Walker, Ian Heywood, Peter Campbell, Hilary Kirk, Jill McConnachie, Bev McNab, Mary Stanger, Malcolm Stanger, David Thomson, Helen Still, Kevin Petrie, Sean Thorpe, Amanda Thomson, Michael Kelleher, Brian Still, Lesley Petrie, Jenifer McGregor, Meeten Shah

Introduction

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Sean Thorpe our District Commissioner. As Group Scout Leader my first role is to appoint a Chair. After 5 years as our Chair Graeme is standing down. Chris presented Graeme with thank you badge from Scouting for his support over the years. Chris was delighted that Peter Campbell has agreed to step in as Chair. Chris then handed the meeting over to Peter.

Peter thanked Chris, and confirmed it is an honour and a privilege to accept the role, although with Chris asking it was very difficult to say no!

Peter noted that from his experience the programmes run by the group seem to be great, and thanks to all the volunteer leaders and the wider teams for pulling it all together.

We've had a number of Chief Scout Awards presented across all the sections which is great to see, and a real credit to all concerned.

It's great to see so many kids attending camps which are always a highlight of the year, and it was very poignant to see the kids marching to recognise the anniversary of the Great War last year.

In terms of concerns we could always do with new leaders, Cubs have a particular struggle on one of their nights. Leaders are the lifeblood of Scouting and if you'd like to join the team and be a leader then please let Peter or Chris know, you would be very welcome.

It's also great to be part of an organisation which has prudently managed their funds and has a healthy financial balance which gives scope for spending on activities for young people.

Peter then moved onto the next agenda item.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

Accepted - Proposed by Bev McNab, seconded by Hilary Kirk.

Treasurers Report

Scott thanked Eoin Wilson for providing an independent review of the accounts this year. He also thanked Andy McKay for putting through 3 years worth of Gift Aid amounting to c£11,000. Largely thanks to Gift-Aid we have a surplus this year of c£9,000. Group funds stand at c£42,000 which is a healthy balance, in line with our reserve policy to cover 18mths of running costs and also allows us to have a programme of replacing and up-grading equipment.

There were no questions raised regarding the accounts and the accounts were accepted by the meeting, proposed by Jill McConnachie and seconded by Hilary Kirk.

Group Scout Leader Report

Our Scout group delivers fantastic scouting opportunities to over 200 young people across all of our sections. We have over 30 uniformed leaders who deliver a great and varied programme and it's great to see a number of our leaders, Jill, Pauline, Sylvia and Tom all be recognized and commended for their service.

The experiences the kids get are truly life changing. This year we had 3 of our group at the World Jamboree in USA – for all our young people they are all learning skills for life.

The number of Chief Scout Awards presented this year shows the enthusiasm from the kids, the range of activities that we can provide, and the strength of the leadership team to get the kids through to complete the awards.

This year we signed a partnership agreement with the West Perth Explorers, and its great to have them on board. For us this completes the picture as we can offer scouting to young people from 6 to 18, and a seamless transfer into leader roles if they want to stay on.

In addition to the support of the uniformed leaders we are very fortunate to have a fantastic number of people who provide essential support.

We have a fantastic building for our use but also available for non-Scouting activities, and Karen Bayne does a brilliant job looking after the bookings for the hall. Linda Munro has the unenviable task of managing the ever increasing waiting list for the group. Amanda Charters successfully runs our 200 Club providing regular additional funds. I'm very happy to confirm that all have agreed to continue for another year.

Scott provides invaluable support managing our accounts, and keeping us on the straight and narrow, and I'd like congratulate Scott on being elected to the board of Scottish Scouting. Mark looks after the background activities for the group, and of course Graeme has provided sound council as our Chair and I'm looking forward to working with Peter.

As a group we are very appreciative of the parents who are prepared to help out, particularly the core group who provide regular assistance. Without parent support a lot of our activities couldn't happen so a huge thank you to them.

We're very proud of the building we have for Scouting and it's great to be celebrating 10th anniversary of its rebuilding and extension. As with all things it needs to be maintained and we'll be looking to recruiting a working party to deal with cleaning, painting and minor repairs.

Elections

It's a requirement of the AGM to ask the section leaders if they would like to remain as trustees of the group. Ian Heywood, Bev McNab and Jill McConnachie have all agreed to continue as trustees, and Mark McConnachie and Scott Walker were nominated and elected as Group Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Chris proposed that we extend the trustees with two additional appointments to our Executive committee.

Recruiting new leaders is an ongoing challenge and he proposed that Amanda Thomson joins as Social Convenor to arrange events which are both a social activity for all those involved but also an opportunity to discuss and recruit new leaders.

With the building now 10 years old we need to ensure it is maintained and managed for the next ten and beyond, Chris proposed that Andy Walsh joins the Executive as Building Convenor, he has a great deal of experience managing the building estate for St Andrews University and is a former 10th Perthshire Scout Group member.

The meeting unanimously agreed to add both Amanda and Andy as trustees.

Group positions now are:

- Chairman – Peter Campbell
- Treasurer – Scott Walker
- Secretary - Mark McConnachie
- Hall Booking Convenor - Karen Bayne
- Waiting List Convenor - Linda Munro
- 200 Club Convenor - Amanda Charters
- Building Convenor – Andy Walsh
- Social Convener – Amanda Thomson

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No other business was raised.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

Peter thanked Graeme for his time as Chair, and looked forward to helping out over the next few years.

Peter thanked Chris for his report. The work that Chris does is exceptional for the Group, and he's even organized the weather for tonight!

The 10th Perthshire is a real asset for our local community, thank you to all of the leaders involved who deliver so much for the young people.

Peter thanked all who were able to attend tonight and wished everyone a safe journey home.

There being no other business the meeting was concluded.

Mark McConnachie
Group Secretary
September 2019