

Minutes Of Dunblane Sports Club AGM on Sunday 16th April 2023 at 4pm

Present – Stewart Milne, Maureen Carroll, Bernie Beattie, Philip Wilson, Nicola Wishart, Sharon Milne, Kenny Walker, Mark Goundry, Richard Gallagher, Brian Melville, Ash McClenaghan, Emma Morson, Simon Robertson, David Hamilton, Sandy Fleming, Katy Haddock, Alasdair Matheson, Jen Marshall, Dorothy Welsh, Celia Carman, Alasdair Cameron, Hilary Evans, Jenny Houston, John Smith, Bill Carman, Morag Sorbie, Tom Cunningham, Gail Williams, Joseph Leftwich, Gordon Morson, Matthew Pittam.

Apologies – Diana Bishop, Caroline Smith, Gay and Harry Burt, Lesley McConnell, Alison Brown, Helen Parkinson, Graeme Patrick, Hazel Lees, Alistair Martin, Moira Marsh.

Stewart Milne, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the 42nd Annual General Meeting and proposed to start as there were plenty of attendees for a quorum.

Minutes of AGM held on Sunday 20th March 2022 were proposed for approval by Ash McClenaghan and seconded by Mark Goundry.

Chairman's report

The Chairman informed the meeting that it was the Board's intention to develop the Club in consultation with Alistair Forbes Architects and produce a Plan to improve the Club, in accordance with members' views gained from survey.

The laying of the artificial clay carpet has gone well on courts 3 and 4. However the contractor noticed a fault on that being laid on courts 1 & 2 and has asked the manufacturer for a new carpet. This will arrive on the 18th April and laying of all courts should be completed by 25th April.

Dunblane Sports Club is 100years old this year and the Board intends to celebrate our centenary with a Fun weekend on 10 and 11th June and a Centennial Dinner on Saturday 16th September.

Tennis Club Championships winners were:- Mens singles Harry Carman
Ladies singles Juliet Robertson
Boys singles Elliot Burke
Girls singles Juliet Robertson

The Chairman declared the Club's finances healthy although we have yet to pay for new courts.

Reporting Accountants' Report, Accounts and Remuneration

Bernie Beattie, Club treasurer, stated that the Club is in a healthy position financially. We have sufficient funds to pay for the new court carpets and may even get some compensation for the delay in fitting them.

Jen Marshall proposed to approve the Accounts and Katy Haddock seconded.

Appointment of Reporting Accountants

The Board has used McDonald, Gordon and Co Ltd for a number of years and the Board is happy with the service they provide.

Bernie Beattie proposed continuing using Reporting Accountants and Dorothy Welsh seconded.

Appointment of Directors

All current Directors have offered to remain on the Board. There were no offers to go on the Board. Therefore, Board of Directors will stay the same.

Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer

Maureen Carroll and Bernie Beattie have agreed to stand again for the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Maureen was proposed as secretary by Jenny Houston and seconded by Ash McClenaghan.

Bernie was proposed as treasurer by Nicola Wishart and seconded by Jen Marshall.

Any other competent business

A number of members asked about the procurement of mats to drag and brushes to remove sand from lines of the new artificial clay tennis courts. The Chairman replied that he has ordered line brushes from Germany and has made drag mats. He has also used pieces of the flawed carpet to be placed outside of court entrances/ exits to catch the clay sand on players shoes. A member suggested asking players to take off their tennis shoes before entering the Clubhouse.

Members also asked about Alistair Forbes Architects role in taking us through a process to develop plans for Dunblane SC's Club Masterplan. This will enable us to determine what we would like and what is possible. A member suggested building an indoor court as there are not many in Scotland, despite Tennis Scotland's plan to increase the number. Other suggestions were taken from members replies to the club survey. In the final stages of the process, members will be given the opportunity to comment on the plans. Judy Murray has been informed of our plans and other stakeholders will also be consulted.

Stewart thanked everyone for attending the AGM and stated that the Board would discuss members comments and questions at meeting following AGM.

Meeting closed at 4.17pm