

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 25th April 2022 at 8.00pm

Present: Stewart Milne, Bernie Beattie, Maureen Carroll, Bill Perrie, Phil Wilson, Emma Morson, Nicola Wishart.

Apologies: Mark Goundry, Richard Gallagher.

Minutes of last meetings on 23rd February and 20th March 2022 were approved.

Item 1: Buildings & Grounds

1. Improvement of indoor ventilation is no longer required.
2. Stewart has contacted Robertson electricians to give a quote for electrical work required after Club's electrical inspection.
3. All lights at front of the Club are now working apart from one over noticeboard.
4. Stewart has purchased a Keter storage unit for storage of coaching equipment and mini nets and installed it on court 1.
5. DOE have quoted about £5,000 for repainting mini courts. Other quotes will be sourced and work done when main courts are being renewed.
6. Stewart will remind Halliday Lighting to return to check Lux levels at the tennis court surface.

Item 2: Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances.

It was agreed with Mark that he will give the Club £1,567 in non-member fees, half to come from current coaching block and half from next block. Club received £184 of non-membership fees from Easter tennis camp and Mark received £2940. An advance of £10,000 against the next block of tennis has been paid to Mark on 21st March.

Item 3: Membership

We have about 506 paid up members. Approximately 100 people have not yet renewed will be contacted and informed of the cancellation of their access fob.

Some people have renewed as new members and have been charged a pro rata subscription rate, when they should be paying whole annual fee. Articles of Association includes a cap of 500 full (adult) members.

Item 4: Tennis

A member has complained that they cannot book a court after school as courts are all booked with coaching. Bernie checked and there are only 2 hours available this week. Mark has all 4 courts booked on Wednesdays and on Mondays and Tuesdays, some mini red coaching could be on mini courts. A meeting will be arranged to discuss freeing up courts for members. Courts allocated for Friday Junior night from 4-6pm could be reduced to 2.

Singles box leagues are again popular with 50 players in divisions of 6. TCS league matches started with success – Mens 1st team lost to Falkirk, 2nd's beat Falkirk 2, 3rd's won, Ladies 1st's beat Bridge of Allan and 2nd's match v Linlithgow was rearranged to July, as Linlithgow are having their courts resurfaced. More match balls will be purchased once Phil calculates how many are required for the year.

There is a WhatsApp group for junior teams, 2 at U12 and 2 at U16, with 13 juniors in each age group. The A team is strongest and B team will provide experience for all squad members.

Sandy held a successful Road to Wimbledon tournament on Sunday 24th April with Juliet Robertson and Freddie Mailer winning girls and boys event respectively.

WhatsApp group and courts for men's Sunday club night will be restarted.

Emma will organize a new date for Board members to try courts at Whitecraigs LT&SC (Sportex artificial clay laid in 2015) and Lenzie TC (new artificial grass). Members who played on Bridge of Allan's new Sportex artificial clay courts stated that courts played very much like our present courts.

Item 5: Squash

Club Championships were played at the end of March with Men's Champion Chris Duffy and runner up Duncan Hegarty and Ladies Champion Sabine Mackenzie and Bernie Beattie runner up. Plate champion was Mark Goundry and Euan Donegan runner up. Tuesday Club night is busy. 1st team finished 2nd to Mariner and 2nd team finished 7th in same division.

James Dougan is continuing junior coaching with around 8 participants.

Bernie and Pauline Douglas were selected to play for Scotland in the recent Home International in Galway, where they came 2nd to Wales.

Item 6: Social

Nicola will organize a social Mixed Doubles Tournament on Saturday 26th May starting at 6.30pm. Other events could be quiz nights and wine tasting night.

Emma will compile a newsletter including dates of future events and Club Championships.

Item 7: House

Pilates has started again on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mice have been getting in and have been caught in humane traps. Bernie has taken COVID notices down but left cleaning materials for those who want to use them. CO2 monitors can be checked to ensure ventilation is adequate.

Item 8: Centenary Celebration

The 100th anniversary of the opening of the tennis courts is on 11th July next year being the date of the inaugural tennis match in 1923. A subcommittee could be formed to arrange a celebration event.

Item 9: AOCB

Maureen attended Clubsport Stirling virtual AGM, where new Chairman is Gillian Gibson and Christopher McKenna is Active Stirling co-ordinator. Clubsport Stirling receive funding from Stirling Council (about £1,300 last year) and Sport Scotland (nearly £9,000 last year) and money from Club affiliations (£50 from about 95 clubs in 2021). In previous years, they have also received about £20,000 from Active Stirling, but during and after COVID this was no longer possible. This year they expect to have about £17k to fund Club and Coach development.

A tennis player has asked to use a court at the Club at the beginning of July and asked for a volunteer to participate in his plan to play at a large number of clubs across the country to raise money for MND. Board has agreed.

Date of next meeting: week beginning 23rd May 2022