

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 6th December 2022 at 8pm

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

Apologies: Richard Gallagher.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Andrew Hamilton of Halliday is coming on Tuesday 13th December to decide if the lights need adjusted following the results of the light level monitoring on the tennis courts carried out in October.
2. Leaves on tennis courts continue to be cleared by Stewart and Sharon.
3. Light in Gents changing room is working.
4. Lines in car park need redoing when weather conditions improve.
5. Temperature on squash court 1 and 2 seems Ok.

Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances. Bernie has asked for money in Shawbrook bank account to be moved to an instant access account which has a higher interest rate. Cambridge & Counties account matures on 21/12/22 and money will be moved into another 1 year Fixed rate account. Money in other accounts should cover new courts.

Club have been successful in sourcing funding and has been awarded grants towards tennis court refurbishment. Stirling Council Communities Fund awarded £1500 and CSET £10,000.

GoCardless has now been setup on Clubspark to handle monthly membership payments in January 2023.

Membership

There are currently 572 members. Bernie has cancelled the fobs of people who have not paid.

Tennis

Stewart is completing LTA Venue Registration. Welfare Officer, Gail Williams has completed a Child Protection course at school which needs to be acknowledged by Tennis Scotland.

No-one was able to attend Tennis Central Scotland AGM. Ladies 1st team retained the trophy for winning Division 1.

Winter box league has 35 participants. Club has blocks of courts at Stirling University on Wednesday evenings for 2nd and 3rd teams to share. Winter league matches start in January 2023 playing fixtures at the University on Wednesdays and Sundays. University also offered the Club courts on Sundays, which Mark will be asked if he would like.

Squash

1st team are 2nd and 2nd team are 2nd to last in Crieff and District League. Tuesday social evening is busy and Ladies Wednesday evening has a number of new members and is picking up.

Social

Paul Forsyth has offered to run a quiz night on Friday 20th January 23. It was decided to have tables of 4 at about £5 per head and to pay on the night and bring your own beer/wine.

Nicola suggested a Fun Weekend on 10th and 11th June 23 for club's Centennial Celebration, probably child centred on Saturday and adults on Sunday.

Suzanne Gillies sent a request re; Racquet Café, asking for permission to some building improvements i.e. dropping window down to serve as a hatch, adding swing door to side of counter desk, open shelving, menu boards, new light fitting, wall and ceiling painted and displays and baskets.

Bernie responded that at present, Club is classed as "unlicensed sports club" which gets us rates relief. (We are allowed to purchase a licence to sell alcohol 6 times a year. Board decided at last meeting that no alcohol would be sold at the café). Club also gets exemption from Water charges. Bernie will check whether we still retain exemption if we have a café. Suzanne said that her builder husband could do most of the improvements and a joiner could fit the new window/hatch. Nicola will discuss window with Richard Gallagher and ask for Suzanne to pay joiner. If club can have Racquet café without significant costs, then improvements will be discussed further and a contract with Suzanne set up.

House

Bernie has texted new cleaning company to improve quality of cleaning.

AOCB

Board agreed to increase fees by a small amount of about £1 a month for adult membership to avoid a larger increase in future years. Bernie will decide on exact numbers to make administration easy.

Update on Master Plan for extension/refurbishment of Clubhouse will be discussed on Thursday 15th December. Richard has received a proposal from Nicholas Lindsay and due to receive another from Alastair Forbes.

Date of next meeting- January 2023.