

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 20th June 2022 at 8pm

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

Apologies: Maureen Carroll, Mark Goundry.

Minutes of last meeting on 23rd May were approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Tennis courts – Luke from Sportex will be visiting this week so he can provide a quote for the upgrade. DOE have already quoted.
2. Robertsons Electrical are starting on the work required by inspection this week.
3. Noticeboard light requires repair.
4. Halliday lighting have not come back with a date to check lux levels but will be reminded in the autumn when darker evenings return.
5. Stewart has repaired the toilet in the gents.
6. The flower tubs have been tidied up and members have been asked if they would like to adopt one to look after.

Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances. New Shawbrook 45 day notice account with 0.9% interest has been opened and funds transferred. All bills have been paid.

Membership

A few more new members have joined. Emma is chasing people who haven't paid since joining/renewing or have stopped their payments unexpectedly. Members that have not renewed will be removed from the membership database.

Tennis

Congratulations to Freddie Mailer on winning the county level of the Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition.

Euan has been accepted as a Tennis Scotland apprentice so will be around for another year and they will put him through his level 3 award. Sandy should be completing the final level 3 video assessment this week.

Mark texted Bernie this week to say coaches are very happy with the new store. Euan delivered 12 hours of coaching at Dunblane Primary as part of their health week. Bernie told him that Clubsport Stirling application for funding for school sessions had been rejected. One of the parents has asked if Mark can send a coach in to St. Mary's primary after the summer. The board see little point in this as the club is not currently looking for new members and the coaching classes are very busy already. Lots of juniors are now playing for the adult teams.

Stewart spoke to Pete Kelly about the issues with the new ranking system. He was told no other clubs had complained about it. Nicola and Emma will check with Falkirk and Dollar as we were led to believe they had passed their comments to TCS already.

Ladies teams current standings : 1sts are top, 2nds are 3rd in division 1. 3rds are 2nd in division 3.

Mens teams : 1sts are 2nd in division 1, 2nds are top of division 2, 3rds are 4th in division 3.

Over 55s teams are near the bottom of their league. Some crunch matches this week for the ladies and mens teams.

The singles box leagues are busy. There was some discussion about having doubles leagues, particularly for the ladies who are looking for more doubles play. It was decided it might be better to have occasional doubles evenings/afternoons.

Sunday Gents social tennis is not well attended and court bookings will be cancelled. Stewart will move this to a Sunday afternoon to see if that attracts more.

Club championships dates will be 28th August to 11th September. To attract more ladies to play in the singles, a qualifier round was suggested to be played the week before excluding the top seeds.

Squash

Tuesday mixed social night still attracting some players. Bernie has signed up for the "Try Squash" week at the beginning of August that will be promoted by Scottish Squash. James will be asked to help out as this should attract players into his coaching sessions that will restart later in August.

Social

The Mixed Night tournament on Saturday 28th May was well attended and enjoyed by all. Nicola has spoken to Shane Dunning about the wine tasting event on Friday 30th September. We decided the ticket price should be £20 and Shane will choose appropriate wines with that budget in mind with some profit for the club. We will look at setting this up in the ClubSpark events module so that all money is collected in advance. Centenary celebrations were discussed with possibly an evening talk by a local celebrity at the Hydro and maybe a wooden rackets competition. The golf club centenary committee will be approached to avoid clashes and see if there's any prospect of joint events.

House

Stewart still attempting to catch the evasive mouse that visits the squash viewing cupboard. Bernie has spoken to the Cleaning company to revert to pre-covid hours, 2 hours on Monday and Friday, but they don;t seem to have auctioned this yet.

AOCB

Emma will finalise the Diary of Events and prepare an email to members.

Stuart Falconer will now arrive at the Club on Friday 1st July at 2.15pm for his Fast4Forty challenge. Bernie, Emma and Stewart will join him for doubles play.

Stirling University want to be invoiced for their booked tennis courts during the summer rather than holding a credit towards winter courts.

Dunblane High School technical department will be approached to see if they do community work, making benches on wheels and possible picnic benches for the club. Other schools do this.

The future club master plan was then discussed. Richard suggested we get an architect involved to hold an evening for members to come along and give their ideas for how they would like the club to be developed. Bernie suggested we contact the council, our landlord, as a first step, to see if they would be supportive of a major redevelopment, and to discuss the lease which runs out in 2039. Architects will then be approached. It would be great to have a plan drawn up in time for the centenary celebrations.

Date of next meeting – to be decided by Doodle poll.