

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 23rd May 2022 at 8pm

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

Apologies: Phil Wilson, Richard Gallagher, Mark Goundry.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Stewart will remind Robertsons Electrical to quote for the work required by inspection.
2. Noticeboard light requires repair.
3. Halliday lighting have not come back with a date to check lux levels.

Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances. Mark has been paid the balance of current coaching block, £6204. Mark asked Bernie to take non-member fees owing to club, £507, out of summer camp fees. Interest rate of Shawbrook account is quite low, so it will be put in a higher rate account. All bills have been paid.

Membership

There are 520 paid up members. A couple of people have paid fees for a couple of months and then stopped their payments. Emma will speak to them. There are about 40 members that have not renewed and will be removed from membership database.

Tennis

Mark has agreed to free up 2 courts from coaching on Mondays at 4.30pm. There are also not many juniors in Friday classes which could enable more courts to be freed up for members to book. Mark wants Euan to go into local schools for Health Week to try and get more juniors into coaching. Summer camps have been organised for Mark to free up some courts early in the morning and at lunch time.

Euan has completed Level 2 coaching award and Sandy has one item to complete for his Level 3.

LTA have introduced separate rankings for Singles and Doubles and juniors competing in TCS leagues must play according to their rankings. The rankings do not reflect juniors ability at present and are making matches difficult and inefficient timewise. It is also discouraging juniors from wanting to play. Stewart will speak with Pete Kelly. Falkirk and Dollar have already passed their comments to TCS.

Board members went to Whitecraigs TC and enjoyed playing on their Sportex artificial clay courts, where play was noticeably slower. Their groundsman tops up sand, costing £1,000per ton on a regular basis. Courts also need to be dragged after games. Courts need more maintenance than our present courts. Lenzie TC have recently laid DOE artificial grass courts. They were thought to be slightly slower than ours. Sportex have stated that they cannot hold the price quoted now, as costs are increasing. Quotes will be revised closer to work commencement.

Squash

Crieff and District league will ask for affiliation fees for 21/22 season and 22/23 season when fees become liable in September. Bernie and Maureen met Stuart Monteith, Scottish Squash's Club Membership Development Officer, who is talking to Clubs to ascertain how squash membership is faring.

Social

There has been a good response to Mixed Night tournament on Saturday 28th May, which is to be played in a round robin format, with semi-finals and finals. Entry is £2 with maximum of 32 players and BYOB. Nicola suggested a wine tasting event on Friday 30th September. Club usually limits numbers to 80 in clubroom. Centenary celebrations will be discussed at next meeting when Golf club plans may be known.

House

Mice in the kitchen appear to have stopped but those in the squash viewing area electrical cupboard have still evaded the trap. Traps are to be improved. Bernie has spoken to the Cleaning company about lack of vacuuming by the cleaner. Hours are returned to pre COVID times, 2 hours on Monday and Friday.

AOCB

Emma has made a draft of Diary of Events at the Club, which will be issued after Mixed Night tournament accompanied by a note for suggestions and volunteers.

Stuart Falconer is raising money for MND by playing 2 sets of Fast-four tennis over 4 days at 40 different clubs from Orkney to East Lothian. He will arrive at the Club on Friday 1st July at 3.15pm. A maximum of 3 volunteers are required. Other members could support by playing at same time and donating.

Stirling University wants tennis courts for summer camp on Monday 8th to Thursday 11th August. Cost will be £6 per court per hour or credit for winter courts. Phil provisionally agreed to let them have 3 courts plus mini courts from 13.30 – 16.30pm.

Date of next meeting - in week beginning 20th June 2022.