

## **Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 8pm**

Present: Stewart Milne, Bernie Beattie, Nicola Wishart, Maureen Carroll, Mark Goundry.

Apologies: Phil Wilson, Bill Perrie, Emma Morson, Richard Gallagher.

**Minutes of last meeting-** in Buildings and Grounds “Squash noticeboard light” should read “Outside noticeboard light” otherwise approved.

Board welcomed Suzanne Gillies, who has 20 years experience in catering, front of house etc. in a number of different countries. She outlined her plans for “Racquet Café” in the Clubroom catering for breakfasts, coffee and cake, lunches and teas for club members and members of the public. She produced a sample menu and sample cakes for board to try. She would like to open in the New Year at the unveiling of new tennis court surface. She would like promotion on Club’s facebook page and website and will also advertise on her own pages. The Board thanked her for her presentation and agreed to give her a year to assess profitability etc. She has her own public liability insurance which is acceptable to Club’s insurers. Suzanne will bring a portable extractor fan to expel cooking odours.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Loose vent on exterior squash court wall has been replaced.
2. Stewart met with a contractor from Halliday to monitor light levels on tennis courts. Results showed 700 Lux in middle between court 1 and 2 and 100 at corners of courts. Stewart asked if Lux levels can be improved at corners.
3. Lines in car park need redoing.
4. Stewart checked squash court roof and improved vent cover with heavy duty polythene. Drains were also checked.
5. Leaves on tennis courts have been cleared.
6. Light in Gents changing room has been replaced as water is no longer leaking into fitting.
7. Central heating boiler has been serviced.
8. Temperature on thermostats on squash court 1 and 2 have been monitored and court 1 heated up to 19.5 before switching off and court 2 reached 18.5 degrees during evening. Court temperatures will be monitored as heaters appear to be coming on when no-one on court.

### **Finance**

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances. Mark has been paid in advance of new coaching block with balance to be paid once all fees are in. Bills have been paid. Money is coming in for tickets for Battle of the Brits in December. Jamie Murray is paying for 2 coaches up to Aberdeen venue.

Club has received free tickets for Billie Jean Cup at Emirates Arena, Glasgow. 20 for Thursday, 50 for Saturday and 50 for Finals on Sunday. Club Presidents have been invited to day of tennis, lunch and wine on the Sunday. Stewart is unable to go so Phil will attend instead.

### **Membership**

There are currently 579 members. Members will have to pay by direct debit from January. Current standing orders take too much time to check.

## **Tennis**

Stewart is completing LTA Venue Registration. Welfare Officer, Gail Williams requires a PVG update.

Tennis Central Scotland is looking for new member to their committee. Absent Board members will be asked, as those attending did not feel able to volunteer at this time.

Mark has asked for start and finish date for new court works and if we have a back up plan for coaching. Board decided to address this in New Year when dates might be better known. Having 2 courts renewed then other 2 after usually costs more and prolongs works.

Sandy and Kirsty are doing a Pickleball trial at the Dunblane Centre for a few weeks on a Monday at 2pm.

Mark wanted courts on Sunday for a Orange tournament but courts are already booked by members.

## **Squash**

Handicap tournament went well, with Sabine Mackenzie winning and Bernie Beattie runner up. Plate winner was Karen Robertson with Hugh Sinclair runner up.

There are 2 teams playing in Crieff and District League.

## **Social**

Nearly 60 people attended the Wine tasting evening which was a great success.

Phil spoke to Judy Murray to discuss a date for centennial celebration talk, but she could not say anything about Andy and Jamie's schedule for 2023.

Nicola will ask Paul Forsyth to run a quiz in January.

## **House**

New cleaning company is OK. Stewart found dead mouse in back of electrical cupboard.

## **AOCB**

Bernie will chase up the Council for a reply to getting our lease extended by 25years and refurbishment of clubhouse.

Club email was down for a couple of days.

Board discussed the risk assessment questions provided with the Howden Insurance section in the Venue Registration.

Draft of Centennial Master Plan for extension/refurbishment of Clubhouse will be discussed at next meeting.

**Date of next meeting-** 1<sup>st</sup> week in December 2022.