

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 28th February 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Phil Wilson, Bill Perrie, Richard Gallagher.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Andrew Hamilton of Halliday has not been in touch about floodlights.
2. Car park lines will be renewed in better weather.
3. Stewart has put in two new strainer wires and repaired holes in tennis court fencing. Tennis balls will no longer get under fence on court 3 as new court level will be higher when new artificial clay surface is applied.

Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances. Club accounts are very healthy with a £40,000 profit for year ending 31st December 2022.

Bernie and Stewart will assess the new annual contract for Head Coach, Mark Walker and include the option of Mark taking in the coaching fees. At present this is done through Clubspark.

Membership

There are 443 renewed members (571 at the end of 2022). Some have cancelled their membership and 83 have not yet paid. Some only renew when they want to sign up for coaching.

Tennis

Winter league team has been successful, winning 2 out of 2 matches. Indoor tennis on Wednesdays at the Gannochy is going well.

Mark has agreed with Stirling LT & SC to use their courts for some of his Dunblane coaching while our courts are being re-laid. Stirling would like a donation, which Mark would like Dunblane Club to pay.

Progress is going well on works on courts 3 & 4 and Sportex are waiting on delivery of artificial clay carpet.

Bernie has entered the Club in the Road to Wimbledon tournament for juniors and adults. Dates are required for tournament days. Adam Brown has asked for clubs to run tournaments for mini red, orange and green ball players and other age groups.

Team entries for Scottish Cup doubles will be made by Richard. Emma could not get enough ladies to play.

TCS leagues affiliation and team entries have been sent to Judith Wilder.

Trophies have been engraved with 2022 Club tournament winners.

Squash

1st team are 2nd and 2nd team are 3rd last in Crieff and District League. 1st team reached the final of McLaren Cup.

Social

Suzanne Gilles has decided not to go ahead with plans for a café at the Club. Nicola spoke with her saying we could be flexible with the startup costs, but her position remained the same. Nicola will approach James to see if he would like to bring his coffee van to the Club on Saturday mornings and gauge take up.

DSC Centenary celebrations

Nicola outlined Saturday 10th June 23 as a Family Day of celebration, suggesting pickleball on mini courts, kids' cardio, tennis, games, ball pit for wee ones, assault course, face painting, a person making balloon animals, throw sponges at coaches etc. While Sunday 11th June can be an adults' day with fun tournaments, cardio tennis, fastest serve etc. Nicola will ask James to bring his van both days and cater for a barbecue at say 5pm. We could have a Centennial banner and sell Centennial caps, racket string dampeners and water bottles. We should have a Master Plan stall explaining architect's suggestions. A bake-off cake competition was suggested. Local shops may like to have a banner. Mark Goundry offered to design a logo. The car park would be busy so no car parking on the weekend. Neil Dickson has offered to speak about the history of the Club and Mark has offered to create a collage of old photos. Bernie has offered to speak with Judy to try and get a date for evening speech by Jamie or Andy Murray. Emma will ask the Hydro Hotel for the availability and cost of a room for dinner with speaker.

House

Cleaning is Ok.

AOCB

Alastair Forbes has agreed to take on building masterplan, with meetings in March and regularly afterwards.

Date of AGM is Sunday 16th April 2023 at 4pm.

Date of next meeting - March 2023.