

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – after AGM 16th April 2023

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

Apologies: Bill Perrie.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Appointment of Directors

Chairman – Stewart Milne

Secretary – Maureen Carroll

Treasurer – Bernie Beattie

Membership Secretary – Emma Morson

Tennis Convenor – Phil Wilson

Junior Tennis Convenor – Richard Gallagher

Squash Convenor – Bill Perrie

House Convenor – Bernie Beattie

Social Convenor – Nicola Wishart

Buildings and Grounds

1. Andrew Hamilton of Halliday has not been back about floodlights. Lux readings on courts have been taken and members comments have informed of dark areas in back corners, a disparity between ends and difficulty when serving, with Court 2 and bottom court differences particularly noticeable. Stewart will contact Andrew to come and rectify the situation.
2. Car park lines to do.
3. Stewart has put new strainer wires in court fencing.
4. Emma will speak to Sportex re: date for painting of Mini courts.
5. Sycamore seedlings are growing along the wall of court 3 & 4 adjoining courts 1& 2. Stewart will apply weedkiller.
6. Stewart has laid areas of carpet outside of court 3 and front door for people to wipe their shoes on to remove sand and hopefully stop sand getting in clubhouse. If the latter is a problem, brushes to remove sand can be sourced. Members will be emailed to remind them to use carpet already laid.

Finance

Bernie provided a brief summary of the current state of bank balances.

Bernie proposes opening a new savings account with Buckinghamshire Building Society with better interest than the Shawbrook account. The board agreed with the proposal.

Artificial clay carpet on courts 1 & 2 was found to be flawed and a new carpet was sourced resulting in delays to works. Sportex have asked the club for a figure for compensation for delay caused.

Emma has asked Mark to provide a number for his losses for impingement on coaching.

Mark Walker, Head tennis coach has set up a Clubspark account to accept bookings for Easter Camp. Bernie will ask him to report on numbers of non-members and members attending. He hasn't signed his contract yet and the Board is not keen on him booking all 4 courts.

Membership

There are 458 renewed members (571 at the end of 2022). Emma will remind those that have not paid. Members are not picking up their stickers for 2023, which are in the hall.

Tennis

New box leagues have been issued with more members joining.

Sandy is organising Junior teams and Richard will chat with him re: organising dates for tournaments in reply to Adam Brown's request.

Bernie has received Road to Wimbledon notices. Charlie Robertson has been selected to enter Junior Wimbledon.

Board agreed to give Ali Collins and Charlie Robertson Honorary Membership of the Club in recognition of their ongoing achievements.

There is an LTA Forum at Stirling Court Hotel at 7 – 9pm on 17th May 2023, where Active Stirling will give a talk.

Squash

Club Championships start week beginning 24th April 2023.

1st team are 3rd and 2nd team are 2nd last in Crieff and District League.

Social

Centenary Celebration Dinner

Dunblane Hydro Hotel has been booked for Celebration Dinner on Saturday 16th September. Judy Murray will do a Q & A session, Duncan Murray will supply a short video, Neil Dickson has compiled a history of Dunblane Tennis Club and Josh Berry will entertain and compere the Raffle and Auction. Mark Goundry and Allan Jazz Band will play a selection of music. Also local youngsters, including Juliet Robertson and others have offered to play music.

The Hydro has offered to supply microphones but its prices seem high. Mark has offered to help with an alternative. The Hydro has a choice of rooms depending on the numbers of attendees. Ticket prices are estimated to be in the region of £65 for early bird tickets and £70 for later purchase. Posters will be made and put up around Dunblane. A separate email address and payment method will be setup for Centenary function.

Centenary celebrations

Saturday 10th June 23 – Kirstie will play an Exhibition match, Alison suggested family doubles tournament, basketball hoop, spikeball and fastest serve competition. Pamela from Rubber Chicken Theatre has agreed to do face painting in return for a donation to RC Theatre, Nicola has found a man who does balloon modelling, and hire of a bouncy castle. There will be a stall showcasing DSC's Masterplan for building development by Alistair Forbes Architects. Mark is also planning a stall selling tennis gear. James can provide his food van on Sunday but can't do Saturday. Emma will ask another company. James has been asked to sell beer and Bernie will apply for an Alcohol Licence.

Sunday 11th June – Phil is to organise a fun tournament, Sandy has offered to run a cardio tennis session, fastest serve etc. Centennial caps and water bottles will be available for purchase.

Centennial Tennis Fund

A member of the Club, Celia Aitken proposed that as part of its Centennial Celebrations, DSC could put together a package to provide a number of children with the opportunity to play tennis at DSC, in order to help children develop a skill that they would otherwise not be able to access. DSC could offer a tennis fund for those kids who cannot afford to play. Members would be asked if they would like to add, say £30 to their membership which would be added to the fund. Bernie will investigate if other sources of funding are available. Nicola will see if Celia and Gail Williams, Club's Welfare Officer would be interested in overseeing this.

House

Bernie has reduced heating in the clubhouse.

AOCB

Meetings with Alastair Forbes Architects to discuss building masterplan, are Fridays 12 – 4pm on 5th May and 2nd and 30th June.

Date of next meeting - May 2023.