

## **Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

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

Apologies: Phil Wilson, Mark Goundry.

**Minutes of last meeting approved.**

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Andrew Hamilton of Halliday has not been back about floodlights. Lux readings on courts have been taken. Stewart will contact Andrew to come later in the year.
2. Car park lines to do.
3. Emma will speak to Sportex re: date for painting of Mini courts.
4. Resurfacing of courts is complete and Stewart has added half a ton of sand onto courts 3 & 4. There is more sand, if needed.
5. Tubs have been weeded and planted.
6. Court maintenance – Sportex has sent instructions for maintenance to enhance play and keep the courts in good order. Courts should be swept every hour and direction of sweep varied. Tractor and brush should be used once a week to help spread the sand from edges onto court. Sportex suggested 2 times, 3 times or 4 times a year for their maintenance visits. Board decided to engage them for 2 visits per annum on 3year contract, with 1<sup>st</sup> visit at the end of the season and 2<sup>nd</sup> before the season starts in 2024.

### **Finance**

Bernie provided a summary of the club's finances. Club has received £10,000 in funding from Stirling and Clackmannan Trust. New savings account has been opened.

Sportex have asked the club for a figure for compensation for delay caused by having to replace court surface. Emma will ask Mark to provide a number for his losses.

Mark Walker, Head tennis coach has signed his new contract.

Emma received an email from one of players attending the Friday Mixed night and Maureen has also had complaints about lack of court time for Mixed Social. The problem is when matches are on, which is for 10 weeks, when 3<sup>rd</sup> teams have 3 courts from 7pm on a Friday for home matches. 3<sup>rd</sup> teams have a large number of players who are keen to improve and provide much needed match experience for top juniors. It was suggested that Mixed could be extended to Saturday or Sunday night when the courts are quiet. Emma will reply to email, explaining the situation.

### **Membership**

There are 474 renewed members, which is well above the LTA recommendation for 4court clubs. The Club's Constitution states a cap at 500 adult members. Courts are very busy with coaching and matches at present.

## **Tennis**

Summer camps – Mark has asked for 4 weeks of camps with 4 courts and Mini courts from 9 – 12. Board agreed 2 courts 9 – 10 and 4 courts 10 – 12, allowing social play at 9am. He would also like 2 courts from 1 – 4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for squads and some courts for adult coaching after 4pm. Mark will be asked to reduce the number of courts if coaching numbers are low.

Only flat shoes are to be used on court, no Astro boots. A sign will be put up on gates. Emma will email membership reminding them to cancel courts if they are not going to use them.

Schools Tennis festival is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May using all 4 courts. O55 match has been changed to away.

LTA is asking for assistance with Scottish National Disabled Sport Tennis Competition at Stirling Uni on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Bernie will email Road to Wimbledon Competition forms to Richard to enable him to liaise with Sandy on dates.

## **Squash**

Club Championship went well with some highly contested matches.

Gents winner Chris Duffy with runner up James Stewart

Ladies' winner Sabine Mackenzie, runner up Karen Robertson

Gents Plate winner Ash McClenaghan, runner up Paul Forsyth

Ladies Plate winner Millie Duffy runner up June Hegarty

## **Social**

### **Centenary Celebration Dinner**

Posters for Celebration Dinner on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September will be put up around Dunblane from the beginning of June with tickets costing £72. Nicola has had a large number of offers of items to be auctioned and raffled. Expensive items will be auctioned and other items will be in the raffle.

Andy Murray's t-shirt will get framed. Nicola was asked about U18's attending the dinner but Board agreed not to allow them. Judy has offered to do childrens' coaching on the day of the dinner. A separate email address and payment method will be setup for Centenary dinner function.

### **Centenary celebrations**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 23 – Bernie has obtained a Licence to sell alcohol at the Club for both days. Volunteers selling alcohol must ask to see ID of anyone who looks under 25, under new law.

Day timings will be advertised on Facebook together with a 10day countdown. Parents and some teenagers have been asked to help on the day. Mark has ordered 3 Centennial banners for the courts. Nicola and Emma will notify all the neighbours about the celebration days and inform them that people have been asked not to park on the street and have invited them to join us for the event. Judges will be asked for the Bake Off competition.

On Sunday, Phil is organising a fun tournament, with some play with old wooden racquets. Centennial caps and water bottles will be available for purchase. There is a sign up to participate in tournament and for the barbeque. Centennial T-shirts are popular.

### **Centennial Tennis Fund**

Celia Aitken and Gail Williams, Club's Welfare officer, contacted LTA and Tennis Scotland about the proposal to offer 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. Stirling TC has obtained a grant from LTA and Berwick TC's scheme was LTA funded for 3months. Active Stirling are also keen to help. Celia and Gail are looking for other funding bodies. Celia will consult with local head teacher about determination of suitable youngsters. Mark Walker has also been consulted about his role in the scheme. Club could also provide a Preloved Sports Stand for rackets and clothing.

### **House**

There is some sand from tennis courts being brought into the gents changing room and on coaches baskets into the clubhouse. Although it is not too bad at the moment.

### **AOCB**

Coaches will be invited to meeting with Alastair Forbes Architects on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss building masterplan. Discussions will also be had with Dunblane Centre.

ClubSport Stirling are looking for a volunteer Treasurer.

Graham Lees has looked at the conditions of the new Lease from Stirling Council and has raised concerns about the rent. Bernie has forwarded these to Council.

**Date of next meeting** - June 2023.