

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 26th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Stewart Milne, Bernie Beattie, Maureen Carroll, Phil Wilson, Bill Perrie.

Apologies: Nicola Wishart, Emma Morson, Richard Gallagher, Mark Goundry.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Stewart will contact Halliday to come later in the year to improve court lighting.
2. Car park lines to do and tables need moving from car park to grassed area.
3. Mini courts have been painted and look good.
4. The sand left after renewal of courts has been taken away. Sportex will return 1 ton of sand, which will be added to courts when needed.
5. Bernie has bought a watering can, making watering of tubs much easier.
6. Door entry system is not working. Pointer have assessed it and are ordering a new part.
7. Fire door exit from clubroom needs the knob to be turned to engage the deadbolts.
8. Broken step down to courts 3 & 4 needs repairing.

Finance

Bernie provided a summary of the club's finances. Bernie has paid Mark Walker, Head Tennis Coach, the balance due for the coaching block, which was £15,854.79. £310 non-members fees were retained by the Club. Mark is collecting fee money for Summer Camps.

Plusnet have stopped offering Business Wi-Fi. Bernie has changed Club Wi-Fi to BT.

Membership

There are 2 or 3 new members. Subscriptions remain at full yearly fee on Clubspark.

Tennis

Men's 1st team came 3rd or 4th

Ladies 1st team won Div 1

Men's 2nd team came 3rd

Ladies 2nd team are relegated to Div 2

Men's 3rd team are promoted from Div 4 to Div 3

Ladies 3rd team are relegated to Div 3

Gillespie Cup – Dunblane lost to Inchyra TC.

We have 2 teams in Men's Singles league and 2 in Ladies O45 leagues starting this week.

Box leagues are ongoing. Phil has asked Sandy Fleming for names of Juniors who are good enough to play in adult teams with a view to enabling them to practice with team members.

Club Championships start on 27th August for 2 weeks with Finals on 9th and 10th September.

Bernie will put up notices on court gates telling players to wear flat shoes, no Astro boots and to drag the court after play and include back of courts when dragging. Dragging courts with the tractor takes longer than anticipated to spread sand.

Social Mixed tennis court time can now be increased to 6 – 8pm on courts 3 & 4.

Technical Surfaces (part of Sportex) suggested April and September as best for maintenance.

Social

Fun Day Centenary Celebrations went well and was well attended.

Centennial Tennis Fund

Bernie had a meeting with Celia Aitken and Gail Williams to apply for funding. Active Stirling and schools are also keen to be part of the initiative.

House

Cleaner comes in on Mondays and Thursdays.

AOCB

At the meeting with Alastair Forbes Architects on 2nd June, Alastair produced variations on development plans. It became obvious that if we went for some aspects others were then not possible. AFA received valuable feedback from members at Fun Day.

Stewart, Phil and Sandy had a discussion with Dorothy Welsh about Dunblane Centre plans. They are hoping to offer more activities, some similar to our own possible plans e.g. badminton. Sandy would like to run pickleball and red ball winter tennis coaching and possibly cardio tennis at Centre. Dunblane Centre will let us know fees for this.

The new Lease from Stirling Council has been finalised and signed with 20 more years at the same rent.

The Captain of Dunblane New Golf Club, Andrew Rattie would like to chat with a member of our Board. Bill volunteered.

Date of next meeting – middle of August 2023.