

Dunblane SC Board Meeting – 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Richard Gallagher, Mark Goundry.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Halliday will come and replace lamp under warranty and will try to improve light distribution on tennis courts.
2. Stewart has added 10 bags of sand to court 2 and 7 to court 1. Nicola suggested the service lines were prominent on court 4. Stewart will look to see if spreading sand from sides will remedy the situation.
3. Broken step down to courts 3 & 4 has been repaired.

Finance

Bernie provided a summary of the club's finances. Bernie is expecting invoices for coaching hours from all tennis coaches. Ruaridh is the only coach to have done this and he has been paid. Mark and Sandy's fees are about £6,000. Bernie will settle with all coaches.

Membership

Club has 518 members, about 50% are juniors. There were 570 last year.

Tennis

Club Championships went well.

Men's champion Harry Carman runner up Richard Gallagher

Ladies champion Juliet Robertson runner up Emma Morson

U18 Boys champion Freddie Mailer runner up Elliot Burke

18U Girls champion Juliet Robertson runner up Eilidh Wishart

Emma's weekly meetings with tennis coaches are working well. There is a 3 day tennis camp when school strikes are on. Juniors need to play more matches, not just come to coaching. The recent tournament was successful and friendly matches with other clubs will be arranged. Coaching is going well.

Euan finishes his Apprenticeship in October and will continue coaching outside his hours of study at Stirling University.

Friday's preschool coaching is very popular and quite a lot for the clubroom. We will talk to Dunblane Centre to see if it can be held there.

Squash

At the meeting of Crieff and District league, club reps were told that clubs must affiliate to Scottish Squash to play in the league. Dunblane SC has to pay £100 and players £15 each. Team players must sign up on SportyHQ. If player does not want to pay, they may pay £5 each time they play for the team.

Cup matches start on 12th October and league starts on 2nd November.

Bill is organising a Handicap tournament 23rd -27th October.

Jane Martin is running a 4week block of junior squash coaching on Mondays. There are not many juniors yet but more have asked to join coming session.

There will be a Come and try session for Teen girls and Women on Wednesday 4th October to celebrate Women and Girls in Sport week.

Safeguarding

On points raised by Matt Hulbert from safeguarding meeting, the option of asking if juniors will be picked up from coaching or are allowed to walk home, is not available when booking course on Clubspark. The coaches would have to ask individuals. Matt also recommended that we should get feedback from those who give up coaching. Emma suggested that we get feedback from all pupils on coaching sessions.

Social

Judy Murray's pickleball coaching was good. Emma spoke with Dorothy Welsh about running pickleball at the Dunblane Centre. Club members would like to play pickleball at the Dunblane Centre in the evening but evenings are fully booked. Nicola Cunningham has offered to run a pickleball WhatsApp group, if we find a venue. Dunblane Centre usually closes at 9pm, although it has been flexible with Bill's dancing group on a Saturday night.

Centenary Dinner was fantastic. A big Thanks to Nicola and Emma and Mark and all involved in organisation. Dinner made a profit of about £12,000.

Emma will produce a Newsletter, with input from coaches and others.

Nicola Cunningham wants to display her concrete art on last Thursday in November and provide mulled wine and mince pies.

James is offering to do a Thai food night. Nicola suggested February would be a good time.

House

Squash court heating timing needs checking for autumn/ winter usage. Heating comes on on both courts, but not always.

AOCB

Development Masterplan – we are waiting for final report from AFA, which will be included in Newsletter. Members will be notified when plans are put on Club website.

Centenary Fund – 3 children will be chosen to have coaching and attend camps and be supplied with a racquet and balls. They will be supported by Club's Centennial Fund for 2 years. The first £3,000 profit from DSC's Centennial Dinner will go into Fund. Celia would like a good quality second hand clothes rail to cater to all. "Recycling kit" is extremely helpful when applying for grants. Bernie has applied for a Windfarm grant. £720 was donated to the fund during the pickleball event plus another £100 from Maureen McClelland. Bernie has asked contributors to sign a gift aid form and will claim back gift aid from HMRC. Membership renewals in January will include the option to donate an additional amount to the fund which will also be supplemented by Gift Aid.

Bernie and /or Emma will attend Dunblane Sports Hub meetings, which will be every 6 weeks and share information between local clubs.

Neil Dickson's history of Dunblane Sports Club at the Centennial Dinner was very informative. He will share his report when finished and Club can create a Club history board. We would need Council permission for an outside Board.

Date of next meeting – end of October