

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 27th JANUARY 2022

Present: R. Kidd, A. Rennie, J. McGarry, M. Nish, A. Wilson, J. Kidd,

Apologies: L. Williamson, D. Neil, S. McCallum, G. Russell

Finance and Banking

The finance report to 31st December 2021 had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a total loss for the month of £3,206.84 but this included a payment of £3,105 for 6 lighting columns and a reimbursement of £546.00 to the rugby club for the hire of a cherry picker. In January the club had also received £8,900 in Covid Business Restrictions grants due to Government restrictions in December and January. The Running Section had paid a further £1,000 in subscriptions bringing their total to £3,000. A. Wilson of rugby said that he would update the board in February regarding the payment of junior subscriptions.

Board vacancy

Jim Whyte, who had been co-opted onto the board at the December 2021 meeting, has now submitted his resignation as a director via an email to the secretary on 25th Jan. 2022. It was agreed that the secretary should contact Clark Drive Girls to invite them to nominate a person to become a co-opted director in place of Jim Whyte.

Allocation of playing/training areas to the sports sections

The board members present unanimously agreed to the following proposal which had been submitted by Andy Rennie and Lorraine Williamson:

“The allocation of playing/training areas to the sections should remain as decided at the special board meeting held on 17th June 2021 and no further discussion at board level should take place on this matter during the term of the current board”.

Investing in Communities Fund 2023 – 2026

G. Russell is currently trying to set up a sub group involving representatives from all of the sections to prepare a bid to this fund. Both A. Rennie and G. Russell have drafted some preliminary suggestions about the nature of the club's bid.

Development Manager report

G. Russell had issued a comprehensive report to board members in advance of the meeting. His report covered: proposed bar openings; grants being pursued; staffing; Time to Talk; Heartstart; various materials available to sections; updates on Marress kitchen, new reception area, and relocation of coffee machine; proposed club open day with Active Schools in May; new lets and classes being pursued.

Scotrail/AMCO access to playing fields to undertake repair work on the railway bridge

AMCO were allowed two days of pedestrian access in January to assess the situation. Major works are required and a legal contract will be agreed before this work commences, likely to be Summer 2022.

Proposal to upgrade facilities in the cricket pavilion

Derek Neil has been pursuing grants to upgrade and restructure the facilities in the cricket pavilion. He has been granted £7,750 via the Landfill Trust. The receipt of this grant requires a 10% commitment from a third party and the board agreed arrangements to facilitate this. The upgrade to the internal facilities in the pavilion will need to be accompanied by some roof work to make the pavilion/garage watertight and it was agreed to allocate a preliminary budget of £2k from Sports Club funds for this work.

Update on proposal to develop bowling green area

The 6 lighting columns have been delivered but no other progress due to weather.

Building maintenance

G. Russell had issued a separate sheet on costing for the upgrade of the Marress kitchen, estimated to be approx. £1,500.

Ground maintenance

The club has now received an invoice from Hamilton Brothers for the tractor repair but G. Russell is disputing the amount.

Playing Sections and Gym

Hockey – The section is building player capacity and will play friendly games in the summer. Still looking at a range of funders to floodlight the pitch as player availability would make evening games more viable in the winter. The board agreed for hockey to remove the present dugout which is in a dangerous state – plans being progressed to replace it.

Rugby – A. Wilson requested that a fertiliser spread for their main playing areas be scheduled for the spring. The board agreed to purchase the fertiliser with the rugby section spreading it using hand spreaders as the cricket and running sections had done in 2021.

Running – A. Rennie requested that the running section be included in the ongoing debate about cupboard space as their cupboard in dressing room 2 is proving to be inadequate for their needs. The section has a major food bank collection planned for week ending Saturday 29th January.

Gym – A theft of two sets of dumbbells took place on 24th December. The person responsible has been identified using cctv and the police have been informed. These are the most popular dumbbells used by the gym members and replacement sets have been purchased at a cost of approx. £150.

AOB

An email was received from NAC on 26/01/22 to say that there is a hitch with the Asset Transfer of the strip of land but they are resolving the issue.

The residue of the Clark Drive Amateurs funds has still to be transferred to the Sports Club but John Kidd will progress this.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 24th February 2022.