

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 17th NOV. 2022

Present: J. McGarry, A. Rennie, L. Williamson, S. McCallum, A. Wilson.

Apologies: R. Kidd, D. Neil, M. Nish, J. Kidd, G. Russell

Issue of minutes of the previous board meeting to board members

In an email sent to all board members on 12th November Angela Keenan had requested that the minutes of the previous board meeting be issued at least 2 days before the cut off for agenda items so that sections can discuss the minutes and submit agenda items. The board spent quite some time discussing this request. The dilemma which exists is that the minutes which are emailed out to board members are not ratified until the board actually meets and should not really be discussed with anyone else before the meeting. This is common practice at all board/committee meetings universally. Those present discussed whether the process could be shortened by ratifying the minutes by email but that incorporates an extra admin burden for whoever is secretary. In the absence of a workable alternative it was decided that the status quo would continue.

Finance and Banking

The finance report for October had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a loss for the month of £20,670 but this included expenditures of £5,514 for the new cutting deck and £14,736 towards the cricket pavilion upgrade. On the plus side there had been good income from functions in October and the Running section had made a further payment of £2,000 towards their subscriptions. However it was also noted that gas and electricity payments for October still had to be made.

Club AGM to be held on 7th December 2022

The directors were provided with a number of documents relating to the forthcoming AGM including: a copy of the notice for the 2022 meeting; minutes of the 2021 AGM; accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022; agenda for the 2022 AGM; nomination form for election to the board; one special resolution proposed by A. Rennie and seconded by R. Kidd, one special resolution and one ordinary resolution both proposed by A. Rennie and seconded by L. Williamson. After discussion amendments were made to the notice of the meeting and the agenda document to clarify proxy voting arrangements and the voting requirements for a special resolution. Glen will communicate the AGM arrangements to all members by email to meet the 14 days notice requirement. The three elected directors on the current board who will stand down are: Derek Neil (elected 2018), Andy Rennie (elected 2019) and John McGarry (one of 3 board members elected in 2020 but who volunteered to stand down). This means that there are 3 elected director spaces to be filled at the AGM.

Upgrade to cricket changing - update

A number of issues are still outstanding including: resolution of the narrowing of a corridor caused by a structural pillar; provision of emergency exit signs; provision of an emergency pullcord in the disability toilet.

Development Manager's report

Glen was unable to attend the meeting but had issued a comprehensive report to all board members in advance of the meeting. The Chance2Be project which involves young people using the club as a base for off-site activities has started and there have been no issues. Krav Maga (a form of self defence training) has made an arrangement with Glen for them to hold 'Trainers Sessions' over 4days at the club in March at a cost of £675.

Glen is continuing to pursue a number of significant grant applications involving use of club premises and, if successful, could result in good income to help pay for club staff and club running costs. These grants include: Investing in Communities Fund(decision expected Feb. 2023); Digital Lifelines Small Grants Fund 2022(decision expected early Jan. 2023); Cost of Living Support Fund, including the club establishing a 'Warm Room'(decision expected Jan. 2023); Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund; Community Learning and Development Device Fund 2022(club awarded £15,000 towards laptops for training projects). Glen also continues to be actively involved in North Ayrshire groups which could provide the club with routes to employ staff on placements. This includes his involvement with an NAC group which is linked to The UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Playing Sections and Gym

Archery – A. Rennie reported that he had been in email contact with Sally Walters and that the Archery section accepts that it is not realistic for them to continue as a section. She requested that the club consider allowing them to continue to use the existing area used by them on a 'pay for let' basis and that we liaise with them about when/if their storage container has to be moved. S. McCallum said that he felt that cricket could be agreeable to allow some continued use of the cricket outfield on a letting basis.

Cricket – The senior team currently has indoor nets practice sessions at Kilmarnock Arena.

Football – A. Keenan was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update on CDG activities. All teams continue to train and have been doing well in all festivals and scheduled matches. The attendance at the free Saturday morning sessions for P1 and P2 girls held at the Circuit was well attended. Thanks to all of the volunteer coaches for all of the hard work that went into organising this. The annual presentation events are scheduled to take place in the function hall on December 3,4,10 and 17. Re-registration of players for 2023 will take place at the end of November. CDG would like to thank the Rugby section for allowing them the use of their training area.

Rugby – The 1st XV lost their most recent game with Glasgow University Medics. The Ladies team will play in the League Final on Sunday 20th November and coaching for the juniors resumes this week.

Running – The senior team was narrowly beaten into 2nd place at the Ayrshire cross-country relays but won the team championship at the Ayrshire cross-country championships. The club also had junior teams competing at the Ayrshire cross-country with one of the boys teams winning bronze medals. The club was nominated for the Scottish Athletics Mental Health Award and came second. The banner to promote the running section has been

ordered and both the Cyclists V Harriers and the Christmas Handicap will be held from the club in December.

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CDG had made a further request for them to be allowed to use the hockey pitch for matches. The board members decided that they would take no immediate action on this request as two proposals had been submitted to the AGM on 7th December which were relevant to this matter.

CDG had again raised the issue of the erection of a further 'No Dogs' sign. All present were in agreement about progressing this and it will be attended to as soon as staffing allows.

CDG also requested that they be allowed to use the wall space in the club corridors to promote their section. There was no objection in principle to this suggestion but the board requested more detail of what was being proposed.

A Wilson raised the issue of all sections being prudent with the use of training lights and all present were in agreement with this. He also pointed out that some of the taps in the clubhouse needed replaced to ensure no unnecessary wastage of water.

A Wilson also suggested that the sports club should have a foodbank collection.