

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 20th JULY 2023

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

Apologies: M. Ingram, A. Keenan, G. Frater, M. Nish, G. Russell

Finance and Banking

The finance report for June had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a profit for the month of £2,178. This was partly due to no payment being made to HMRC for PAYE in June and reduced payments for electricity as our energy provider is again reassessing what we should actually be paying. This has temporarily stabilised our bank balance but two payments totalling £3,700 will be due for work to the electrical wiring which is required for insurance purposes. A grant payment of £10k is due from NAVT as the final payment of an arrangement to share the cost of employing a Development Manager for a three year period (2021 to 2024).

Continuation of discussion on proposals to improve income streams

Membership income – it was agreed that any decision on increasing membership subscriptions could be left until the Sports Club AGM.

Hall Lets – discussions with Krav Maga about them being allocated the Marress room with provision for storage of mats is ongoing. A. Wilson said that he knew of a physio who would be interested in a let and this was approved subject to discussion about his room requirements. It was also agreed that Glen should be asked to bring proposals for revised room let rates to the next meeting.

Playing field lets – it was agreed that the proposal to let the hockey pitch to Girdle Toll Amateurs was only acceptable under the following conditions: the let would be for one year only and would only be for weekend games as the area is used for training by running and hockey during the week. In addition the let fee would be £100 per game with Girdle Toll Amateurs providing the goals and the pitch size would be 100yds x 60yds (same as hockey pitch). Glen will contact Girdle Toll Amateurs to see if this is acceptable.

Bar Functions – G. Frater and G. Russell still to hold discussions regarding the club promoting some major bar functions.

Crowdfunding – A. Rennie said that he had still to fully investigate this proposal. S. McCallum said that he was willing to help.

Development Manager's report

G. Russell had provided a separate report covering all current grant applications and the monitoring reports which he has completed for grants monies already used. He will also attend two conferences in August and September which are targeted at the 'No One Left Behind' and 'Digital Lifelines' grants. The 'No Dogs' sign has still not been erected as we still do not have the fence posts – S. McCallum said that he could help with this if he was provided with the size required for the fence posts.

Club Keyholders and locking up rotas

In addition to M. Ingram and A. Keenan, L. Williamson and M. Nish have both offered to be include in the lockup rotas.

Playing Sections and Gym

Cricket – The 1st X1 are not doing well but the 2nd X1 are top of their league. The junior team is operating as a joint team with Ayr and the summer camp held at Marress has been very successful.

Football – The U14 team and some coaches from the other teams are having a well earned break during July. Training and friendly matches have continued where there has been coach availability. Some of the girls, parents and coaches enjoyed a day out at Hampden where they undertook a tour of the stadium and they were able to visit the museum and see all the great historic memorabilia. The Summer camp will be run by Coerver and takes place between 31st July and 4th August and so far 70girls have signed up for this. CDGFC players will be in the Marymass parade on 26th August and will also have a stall at the moor on the day.

Rugby – The player situation is slowly improving and the men's team have played some friendlies. A Summer camp for juniors will take place during week beginning 24th July. The section will be represented in the Marymass Parade.

Running – The junior section is continuing to develop with 20 to 30 attending the coaching sessions. J. McGarry reported that moles in the area of the track continue to be a problem and A. Rennie said that he would try to help with this.

Gym – R. Kidd reported that there have been some instances of vandalism in the gym changing rooms recently including taps being jammed on to cause flooding of the floor. G. Russell will continue to try to identify those responsible by using cctv, etc. In the meantime it was agreed that the single toilet in the gents changing room should be permanently closed until funds are available to upgrade it, this would allow water to be shut off in that area.

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1 A. Wilson requested that the Sports Club support a bid to the SRU Sustainability Fund for maintenance work on the pitches. It was agreed that the Sports Club will commit to supporting the application and a decision on any financial commitment from the club will be taken when more detailed information is available.

2 A. Wilson requested that the Sports Club pay half the cost of a skip to remove scrap items from their old container and this was agreed up to a maximum skip hire cost of £300.

The next board meeting was arranged for Thursday 31st August 2023