

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

Present: R. Kidd, J. McGarry, A. Rennie, A. Wilson, S. McCallum, G. Russell

Apologies: L. Williamson, D. Neil, M. Nish, A. Keenan, J. Kidd

Finance and Banking

The finance report for September had been prepared in advance by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a loss of £24,116 for the month despite two significant grants being received during the month - £10,000 from NAVT to part fund the Development Manager's post and £7,748 from Viridor towards the cricket pavilion upgrade. The main reasons for the loss were the £37,800 paid for the new tractor and a payment of £1020 for water which is the subject of an investigation by our water provider, Kinex. A Rennie highlighted that we have our lowest bank balance in over two years and that we should try to avoid any non-routine payments this winter. On the positive side the club is due a quarterly VAT reimbursement and income from functions is improving. It was noted that rugby had now made a payment of £382 towards their annual subscriptions. A. Rennie also highlighted that he was having difficulty making changes to our bank mandate to allow the club accountant access to our banking. The reason for this is that our bank, RBS, has noticed that the club is registered as the wrong 'business entity' on our bank account. This is a historical issue which should have been corrected when the club changed to be a 'company' and it will need to be corrected as soon as practicable.

Club AGM for 2022

The club AGM was fixed for 7th December 2022 and it was agreed that the three elected directors who need to stand down are: D. Neil, A. Rennie and one from R. Kidd, J. McGarry, L Williamson- to be decide at the November board meeting. It was confirmed that the AGM notice should be sent out 14days before the meeting and that the notice should include any Special Resolutions as required by Article 31.

Progress with club priorities

Roof of the main building – still in the process of obtaining quotes for the work.

Reinstate soak away drain outside garage – not to be progressed meantime due to finance.

Upgrade to cricket changing

An issue has arisen with regard to the width of the new corridor which was created and the contractor has stated that he will rectify the matter.

Development Manager's report

Glen had issued a comprehensive report to all board members in advance of the meeting. Staffing of the clubhouse via funded placements continues to be a concern as most of the previous sources of funding have been discontinued. Glen is now investigating an alternative route to get funded work placements by registering the club as an official supplier as opposed to just a placement provider. He is pursuing this via both the Department of Work and Pensions and the Scottish Government Tender departments.

Glen has been in discussions with Engie due to a mystery bill asking for £13,485 in backdated charges. This has come about as a result of Engie being audited by HMRC and the charges seem to relate to the climate change levy which the club does not pay. Glen is confident that we will not require to pay this bill. On the positive side Glen continues to be successful at both booking weekend functions and attracting new lets. In addition he has secured a grant of £14,625 from the Community Learning and Development Fund to purchase I.T. equipment for the delivery of training. It was also highlighted that we might be able to take advantage of 'crowdfunding' opportunities which are available through partner organisations. This seems to mean that if we put a sum of money into a project then one of the partner organisations would automatically match our sum. The club is currently in the process of being registered for this scheme and Glen will continue to advise

Complaint from cricket section about cars parked on cricket outfield

An incident happened on Sunday 9th October where a number of vehicles belonging to persons attending a girls football event parked on the cricket outfield. Cricket submitted a complaint to the board about the matter and a number of emails were exchanged involving cricket and girls football. The board restated its position that no one (other than emergency vehicles) should drive onto the club playing field without permission and that it is the responsibility of every section to ensure that this does not happen. When any section is organising an event which is likely to involve significant people bringing cars to the club then that section has responsibility to ensure that they are parked appropriately and, if necessary, by appointing someone to steward the car parking.

Playing Sections and Gym

Archery – A. Rennie sent a letter to Archery by 'signed for' delivery asking that they confirm that they are leaving the club and asking for their intentions regarding the portacabin.

Rugby – A. Wilson reported that the 1st XV had suffered some heavy defeats and had now withdrawn from the shield. The Ladies team remain undefeated. A 'touch rugby' day has been arranged for the Irvine players to get together and their dinner was a success.

Running – the junior section is doing well and now competing in races. Teams competed in the West District and Ayrshire X-country relays and 14 members did the Great Scottish Run including Jennie Jackson who is now Scottish half marathon champion in her age group. Steven Daye had a top 3 finish in the Dunoon 33mile event in a time of 4hr 11min. The club has been short listed by Scottish Athletics for the SAMH mental wellbeing award.

AOB

A letter had been received from CDG requesting that they be allowed to use the hockey pitch for matches at weekends. There was no agreement to progress the request. This decision was based on the board having previously allocated the area being requested to hockey as part of a long term plan to regenerate hockey at Marress and in addition there was no one from hockey present at the board meeting to give their view on the request. The next board meeting was arranged for Thursday 17th November.