

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 30th MAY 2024

Present: R. Kidd, A. Rennie, J. McGarry, S. McCallum, M. Nish, A. Wilson, M. Ingram, A Keenan

Apologies: L. Williamson, G. Russell

Finance and Banking

The finance report for April had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed that the club had received a final reimbursement of almost £14k from NAC for the scheme which paid the salaries of reception/cleaning staff in the previous few months. However on the expenditure side there was £5,664 for roof repairs along with increased rates for staffing and insurance since 1st April resulting in a net profit for the month of approx. £1k. Decisions on a number of grant applications which the club has made where the funds originate from central government sources are currently being delayed due to the upcoming general election. The situation with monies owed to the company which administers the club membership package(Virtuagym) is still not resolved.

Review of Club Priorities

A Rennie pointed out that some items on the list are now resolved and there is a possibility of a few others being resolved in the near future. He suggested that when there is clarification on these items that the priority list be updated and, at that stage, the board reconsider the order of the priorities.

Update on Asset Transfer of a strip of land from Irvine Common Good Fund

A Rennie provided board members with a copy of emails which had been exchanged between the club and NAC on this matter since the April board meeting. The net result of these is that no progress has been made with the Asset Transfer as the Legal department of NAC has still not provided feedback on the proposed changes to the club's Articles of Association which were submitted in February 2024.

Development Manager's Report

Glen had provided a separate report covering a range of issues. The following is a summary for inclusion with these minutes.

- **Staffing** – it was confirmed that L. Williamson and R. Kidd would continue to have an overview role in the work of the groundsman.
- **New rotary mower** – the board agreed that Glen should liaise with the groundsman about purchasing a replacement rotary mower up to a cost of £500.
- **Forms for OSCR** – all board members were requested to complete the forms required by OSCR which are detailed on a separate email sent out by Glen.
- **Club Business Plan** – the club business plan is now dated and requires a substantial rewrite. It was agreed that Glen should email a copy to all board members and he should look at the possibility of funding for an external consultant to assist with this.

- **Premise's Licence** – Glen has been the club's premise's licence holder for the past five years and his licence is now due for renewal. He will undertake a refresher course organised by NAC on Monday 3rd June.
- **Wildflower project** – Glen has put forward a suggestion that we stop grass cutting on areas which are not required for training and playing purposes, thereby saving on labour, fuel and machinery maintenance. The board agreed that the priority for grass maintenance should always be the actual playing surfaces and that we should now stop cutting areas which are irrelevant to this purpose. Glen will look at the possibility of grant funding to seed these additional areas with wildflowers.
- **Grants** – Glen is to be asked to revert to presenting the information about grants in a table as this gives board members a better overall picture about the stage each grant application is at.

Playing Sections and Gym

Cricket – the teams had a poor start to the season but the 1st X1, 2nd X1 and the mid-week teams have all now had wins. The 1st X1 will travel to Dingwall on Sunday to play a Scottish cup match. The section currently has 20-30 players.

Football – The under 14 team is doing well in the league with two wins, one draw and one defeat and is in the last 16 of the League Cup. The under 16 team is also doing well in the league after three games. Four girls in the P7 to S3 group have been selected for the Emerging Talent Programme. The Coerver session went well and a summer camp is planned for 29th July to 2nd August.

Hockey – the section is now training on a Saturday morning as this is the most suitable time for the majority of their members. They plan to organise some 7-a-side friendlies and are trying to organise a partnership arrangement with the Phoenix junior hockey group. They are looking for funding for PVG and first aid training and they requested wall space to put up a notice board in one of the club corridors.

Rugby – the 1st XV won the National Bowl at Murrayfield on 27th April. Both Tartan Touch and 1st XV training are ongoing with very good turnouts. A presentation day for the juniors is arranged for Sunday 9th June and a summer camp is planned for July. The replacement floodlights will be fitted next week and the new 2nd XV posts are in the garage to be fitted during the summer.

Running – A. Rennie reported on a wide range of recent events which members have participated in including: The mile races held on the track on 19th May to celebrate the centenary of the club were a huge success with the Provost of NAC in attendance and being extremely complimentary about the facilities and the family atmosphere at the club. The Chick Forbes Trophy race was successfully held from the club on 5th May. In recent weeks members have competed at the Troon 10k, the Land o' Burns 10k, the Edinburgh half marathon, the Mull of Kintyre half marathon, the Edinburgh marathon, the Manchester marathon, the London marathon, the Toronto marathon and the Kaim Hill race.

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- A meeting involving Football, Hockey and Running was arranged for 11am on Saturday 1st June to see if Football's request to play a small number of 11-a-side games on the hockey pitch this season can be agreed on a goodwill basis.
- It was noted that some changing room doors are still being wedged open and all staff and keyholders should be reminded that these are fire doors and must not be left wedged open.
- There is an ongoing issue with the inlet water to the storage tank in the main clubhouse running continuously. The club's monthly water charges are currently £500+ per month and any avoidable water usage needs to be addressed – G. Russell, R.Kidd and A. Rennie will investigate.
- A complaint was raised about the Marress room/kitchen not being tidied after use and the section concerned agreed to address the situation.
- A request was made for further training on the use of the heart defibrillator and G. Russell will be asked to organise this.
- An email had been received from the cricket section expressing concern about the behaviour of a former member whom the cricket section feels is trying to create a problem for them. It was agreed that cricket will continue to take action as a section to discourage this person but if they are unsuccessful then they will request that the Sports Club help to try to resolve the issue.
- The cricket section has now met with an official from NAC to resolve the remaining difficulty with the issue of a completion certificate for the refurbished changing rooms and cricket is confident that the completion certificate will be finalised in the next few months.

The next board meeting was arranged for Thursday 27th June.