

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 25th AUG. 2022

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

Apologies: L. Williamson, S. McCallum, D. Neil, M. Nish, J. Kidd

Finance and Banking

The finance report for July had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a loss of £12,974 for the month but this included £11,324 for the work on the garage/cricket roof. There were also expenditures on accountancy fees, security repairs and a service for the zero turn mower. The club is still waiting on the second year payment from NAVT of £10k which is used to part finance the Development Manager post. It was highlighted that the monthly electricity cost is approximately twice the gas cost and this reaffirmed both the need to progress the Utility-Aid analysis of our energy usage and to investigate installing roof mounted solar panels. Girls Football has paid their annual membership as a lump sum of £3,825, Running has made a payment to account of £2,000 with further payments to follow in Oct and Dec and Cricket has adjusted their monthly payment to take account of the sports club no longer giving a covid discount.

Establishing priorities for upgrades to the club facilities and equipment

Glen had prepared a summary of the responses received from the board members and this summary is attached to these minutes. In the capital works list the top two priorities are the replacement of the roof of the main building along with mounting solar panels on the roof and Glen will try to obtain quotes and investigate sources of funding for this work. A. Keenan expressed surprise that 'pitch levelling' only appeared at number 10 on the priority list. In the list related to safety, security and saving the top two priorities were replacing the Marress room windows and repairing the tarmac on the access road. Glen is already looking at grants to replace the windows and the tarmac repair will be undertaken in the near future as an 'inhouse' project. A number of other priorities on the second list are also being progressed e.g. repairs to the roughcast on the main building. The Rugby and Football representatives would like verti-draining of their playing areas along with some seeding work to be undertaken in the spring of 2023. A. Rennie said that he would attempt to locate the soak away drain outside the garage so that the extent of any work to alleviate flooding in that area could be assessed.

Upgrade to cricket changing

Work is still in progress. There was a request from cricket for the cost of an additional door to be added to the budget and this was agreed at a total cost of £576 including fitting.

Development Manager's report

Glen had issued a comprehensive report to all members in advance of the meeting. The club currently has three staff on placements at the club (Andrew, Jade and Sarah-Jayne) and, at present, they can cope with the daily reception and cleaning duties. R. Kidd said that he would like to compliment these staff on the pleasant way they undertake their duties.

The Camera Club has now relocated to the club and will be holding an open night next week. Glen confirmed that the Chance2Be programme will operate from the club for a 12 week period in October and that this will give the club an extra income of £1260. The board agreed to a skip hire at a cost of £288 to clear excess rubbish from various areas of the building. Glen continues to pursue various grant funding and, in particular, he has submitted a bid to Cashback for Communities for a total of £385,340 for a 3 year employability-based wellbeing project. A. Rennie congratulated Glen on preparing this major bid on a very short timescale. A bid to the Community Capacity and Resilience Fund for £8k will be submitted tomorrow.

Playing Sections and Gym

Football: All teams are now back training and playing. The under 14 which has been having a very successful season has been moved to another league. The Ladies team are currently 6/11 in their league. The recent summer camp was a huge success.

Rugby: All groups are back training – male/female/juniors – and the 1st XV will play their first league fixture on 3rd Sept. The Ladies team will be taking part in a new league format with multiple games played at each venue followed by a Finals Day in Glasgow. S1 to S3 pupils come to Marress for training on a Wednesday supported by Active Schools. The club is holding its 60th Anniversary Dinner on 30th September.

Running: The Marymass 10k was successfully held and the junior section is still doing well. Club members continue to be involved weekly in a wide range of running activities including parkruns, road races, track events, hill races, triathlons and duathlons.

Gym: The gym membership remains steady.

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Glen highlighted that he had obtained 5,000 sim cards, each lasting 6months from Vodafone. These cards will be made available to club members and members of the public and he will publicise their availability as widely as possible.

A Keenan reported that when they played a recent game a number of items of equipment had been left in dressing room 5. Glen said that the most likely cause was due to cricket using the changing rooms in the main building while the cricket pavilion changing rooms were unavailable and that he would attend to the matter.

A Keenan made a request on behalf of Clark Drive Girls that the board of Irvine Sports Club meet with the committee of Clark Drive Girls to discuss access to floodlit training areas at the club. In response to a question from A. Rennie she confirmed that girls football were specifically requesting access to areas allocated to Running and Hockey. A discussion then took place about the appropriateness of the Sports Club Board's involvement in a matter which had already been decided at a special board meeting in June. Some strong views were expressed about the situation and no formal decision was taken.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 22nd September 2022.