

## **IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022**

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

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

### **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 £1,577, this was mainly due to grant income and this income is ring fenced for specific purposes. A. Rennie reported that a draft of the club accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 is now available and that these accounts show a loss of £66k compared with a profit of £39k the previous year. This loss is mainly due to overall grant income dropping by £100k from the previous year when grant income related to covid made a unique contribution. On the positive side income from subscriptions and lets had gone up by £21k. The club is also due a further payment of £10k from NAVT in respect of financial support for the Development Manager post.

### **Establishing Priorities for upgrades to the club facilities and equipment**

Board members had been issued with two lists of potential priorities. Ten related to capital works and ten related to works associated with safety, security or a saving, and they had been asked to prioritise each list from 1 to 10. The majority of board members had made a return and Glen will chase up the remainder and then present an analysis of the results to the August board meeting.

### **Upgrade to cricket changing**

The internal works have now started and will take several weeks to complete.

### **Development Manager's report**

Glen had issued a comprehensive report to all board members in advance of the meeting. He highlighted how changes at National and Local level about how funding for staffing placements is allocated is making it more difficult for the club to maintain a staff presence in the building for reception and cleaning duties. He provided a possible short-term solution which would involve extending the contract of one of the current placements (Jade) for six months, part funded by the NAC Employer Recruitment Incentive scheme. The board considered this to be a good option and Glen was authorised to go ahead with it. Glen has been invited to join the Third Sector Employability Forum Executive Committee and the board confirmed that they will support him taking up this post as it will be good for both the club and for his own personal development. Among the other items which were included in Glen's report were - ongoing discussions on the possibility of the 'Chance:2:Be' project using the club for its base, confirmation that the Camera Club will hire the club for 3hours on a Tuesday evening and a report on strange circumstances surrounding vandalism to the door of Glen's office which may require a replacement door.

An update on grants being pursued was also highlighted with recent successes including £2,000 from the Swinton Trust and £3,500 from Chance to Flourish. Glen is currently involved in applications to a number of major National Funders, both directly on our behalf and in partnership with NAC as part of his role in the North Ayrshire Third Sector Employability Forum. These applications include - Cashback for Communities Fund, Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, North Ayrshire Council Multiply fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

### **Playing Sections and Gym**

**Cricket** – a summer school has been running for 4 weeks with 12-20 kids per week including significant numbers of girls.

**Football** – there has been a break in July for some coaches and teams with league games restarting in August. A summer camp is organised from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August and the section has received funding from the SFA for a Sat. morning club for P1/P2. The race night went well and a Sally Buxton night is arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

**Rugby** – the 1<sup>st</sup> XV has had 12-20 players at pre-season training and the Ladies team are joining the league.

**Running** – the Marymass 10k road race will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The junior section has restarted and is progressing well with sessions twice per week.

**Gym** – A number of repairs have been necessary recently but all areas now functional.

### **AOB**

A Rennie highlighted that the Club Business Plan finished in 2020 and requires updating. Glen said that he would have a look at the parts which could be readily changed but it was acknowledged that significant work would be required in respect of financial projections. A Keenan asked for clarification on the continued use of the pitch within the running track by the hockey section. A. Rennie said that, in his view, the club had made a commitment to help hockey regenerate at Marress and that this was likely to be a long-term project, possibly as much as ten years. Glen confirmed that the hockey section currently had 14 adult members.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.