

IRVINE COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB AGM 7th DECEMBER 2022

Present: Robert Kidd, John McGarry, Andy Rennie, Lorraine Williamson, Allan Wilson, Mike Ingram, Angela Keenan, Liz McGarry, Ian McManus, Michelle Frost, Alyson Bowman

Apologies: Stuart McCallum, Megan Nish

Proxy Forms: S. McGilvray, R. Nicol, F. Collier, I. Berryman, F. Dowell, A. Douglas, M. Sands, J. Robertson, M. Flinn, G. McFarlane, P. Taylor, J. Stewart, G. Irving, K. Figgins, G. McNally, J. Jackson, J. Sneddon, J. Kidd, A. Kirk, R. Paterson, C. Porteous, S. Rhodes, L. Duncan, S. Moffat, S. Baldwin, N. Tyler, J. Stevenson, C. Miller, S. Alderson, M. Hendry, R. Dale, S. McDougall, N. Tulloch, M. Livingstone, D. Campbell, L. Thompson, J. Coyle, D. Leison, W. Shields, L. McCarthy, B. Flinn, R. Kirkpatrick, M. Miller, R. O'Connor, A. Allardyce, C. Austin, H. Morton, CB Miller, M. Rimicans, M. Nish, R. Rodgers, G. Walsh, S. Wilson, G. Davie, R. Cook, G. Holmes, H. Singh, D. Neil, D. Ingram, G. Owens, G. Dees, A. Waseem, Y. Bhai, L. Anderson, R. Wilson, J. Roy, P. Selva, Naseeb, S. Lynn, J. Wilson, C. Mullan, S. Masood, B. Mentiplay, J. Conway, A. Carless.

Total present + proxies = 86

Approval of the 2022 minutes

Proposed by John McGarry and seconded by Ian McManus

Chairman's Report given by Bobby Kidd

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to attend this year's AGM. As you know running any club is not easy and this was certainly a difficult year for our club and, if forecasts are believed to be correct, it is predicted that next year will present many difficult choices and challenges but they will need to be made.

For instance if we look at our machinery which was overworked and underserviced you then create a problem with regard to cost effectiveness as the repairs cost more than what the ageing equipment was worth. Again temporary solutions were not cost effective and were expensive. The board worked hard at looking at every situation and costings and made the decision to purchase a new tractor and cutting machine from a local supplier with a good reputation.

In the past year the Marress room kitchen has been refurbished and we are indebted to Allan Wilson for his time and effort in doing this work. The garage roof has been recovered and new full width beams inserted to stabilise the roof, this included the cricket pavilion. The internal of the cricket pavilion has been upgraded to a standard which is now acceptable to invite visiting teams into and a big thanks go Mike McGuire and the cricket committee for their efforts.

With regard to staffing we relied heavily on monies in the form of grants from various Government and Local Council sources. Each month at the board meeting a list of all other grants for which we have applied to and the up-to-date progress is circulated for your attention. This shows all Sections of the club that we are actively pursuing all avenues for possible revenue. During the year all grant funded staff were released due to their six-month contracts expiring.

We did, however, manage to secure partial funding to retain one member of staff(Jade). Funding was also secured for one LTU(Long Term Unemployed) member of staff(Andrew). Unfortunately that contract is now finished but we have continued to employ Andrew from our own funds when required.

I appreciate that all of the Sections like all areas of society will be finding life extremely difficult at this time. At the club we try our hardest to provide affordable facilities to the best of our abilities and we will continue to strive to do so. I know that my nephew in Dublin has two girls aged 9 and 6 and they go to the GAA where the fees are 260euros per year and this must be paid upfront and he informed me just last week that the facilities are not any better than here. Again I would reiterate that I hope everyone at the club appreciates the time and effort by not only this board but also by previous boards to keep our facilities in the best condition possible.

One of our biggest problems for the coming year will be the utilities i.e. heating and lighting. As I see it every Section has a responsibility to be vigilant in closing doors and only using the floodlighting in actual training. As you will see from the accounts we have made a loss this year and next year will be a real challenge.

Unfortunately this year we lost Archery due to lack of members. I know that they were only a small section but it was another minority sport lost to the area.

We have had a few functions recently and some new long term bookings i.e. Camera Club and Krav Maga which have produced some welcome income.

Finally I would like to pass on my appreciation to all the members who organise each section. I would also like to say a thankyou to Glen and Andy for all the work they do and, to be honest, I doubt this club would exist in its present form and condition if they were not as dedicated in procuring the grant funding.

Treasurer's Report given by Andy Rennie

The following points were highlighted with reference to the annual accounts

- The accounts are for the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, a period when our activities were still being affected by the covid restrictions.
- Total income fell by £62k from 2021 to 2022, and grants fell by £96k from 2021 to 2022. This highlights that 2021 was a very unusual year due to the covid grants. This reduction in grant income almost entirely accounts for the change from a profit of £39k in 2021 to a deficit of £66k in 2022(overall change of £105k).
- The grants breakdown (to the nearest £1k) was: NAVT(£10k), Irvine Common Good Fund(£4k), Furlough(£8k), Business Closure Fund(£32k), The Scottish Council(£63k).
- It is good to see that our income from charitable activity(subscriptions + lets) has gone up to £59k in 2022. In that financial year we gave the playing sections a subscription reduction of 40% and, if that is taken into account, we are not so far away from the pre-covid income figure of £67k.
- The gross bar income was only £3k which meant that we operated the bar at a loss but that was compensated by the covid grants while we were closed.

- There was considerable expenditure on wages as we took advantage of government work placement schemes and these were funded by grants.
- During 2022(and 2021) we also spent considerable amounts of the covid grant income on upgrades. Expenditure in the year ending March 2022 included: new radiators in three areas, new multipurpose flooring in the function hall, new tables and chairs, an upgrade to the patio area and purchase of a ride on mower.
- Our loan interest payments for the year were low as we had a payment holiday for part of the year. We continue to have long term loans of approximately £103k(Jessica Trust, £63k and Covid Bounce Back loan, £40k). The total monthly payments on these loans is £1650. The covid loan funded our new tractor and cutter.

We can be reasonably comfortable about our finances but we should not be complacent and I would like to make the following points:

- We have limited income streams (section subs, gym subs, room lets, bar income) and the income does not currently cover our regular expenditure commitments (wages, loan repayments, utilities, insurance). We need to improve our income streams and at the same time be careful about our expenditure commitments – we need to be particularly careful about our everyday energy usage.
- Funding staff for routine club activities - cleaning, reception duties, opening and closing the club – is becoming more challenging. Government funded work placements for young people have virtually stopped and we need to find different ways of undertaking these tasks. The board and Club Manager have made major grant applications which would allow us to fund alternative staffing models at the club and, at the same time, would allow us to have the clubhouse open more often. One of these grant applications is called Investing in Communities and is for £350k.
- Another major priority for the board at present is funding a replacement roof for the clubhouse. Ideally this would be accompanied by improved roof insulation and solar panels. The Club Manager is currently getting quotes for this work and then we will target funding sources.

The accounts were proposed by Ian McManus and seconded by Liz McGarry

Resolution 1 – change to article 1.3 and article 16 Requires a 75% majority

Article 1.3 currently reads ‘The PLAYING SECTIONS – which shall consist of Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Running, Football and Archery. The company shall maintain facilities for these sports and ensure that members of the company have appropriate access to these facilities’.

Resolution 1 proposes to change Article 1.3 to read ‘The PLAYING SECTIONS – which shall consist of Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Running and Football. The company shall maintain facilities for these sports and ensure that members of the company have appropriate access to these facilities’ And to omit the word archery from Article 16.

The resolution was passed with 86 votes in favour (100%)

Resolution 2 – change to article 1.3

Requires a 75% majority

Resolution 2 proposes to add the following wording to Article 1.3 'The playing and training areas for each of the playing sections shall be as defined by the attached plan submitted to the 2022 club AGM'

The resolution was passed with 84 votes in favour and 2 against (97.7%)

Resolution 3 – Ordinary Resolution

Requires a 50% majority

The original resolution was amended to read 'Resolution 3 proposes that the club board which is formed following the AGM in December 2022 accepts and respects that the allocation of playing and training areas for each of the playing sections shall be defined by the attached plan submitted to the 2022 club board and that no further discussion at board level takes place before 31st March 2023'

The resolution was passed with 82 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions (97.6%)

Election of Directors

There were three vacancies for elected directors and three members had been nominated. The following were elected to the board without a vote being necessary – Andy Rennie, John McGarry and Mike Ingram

The meeting closed at 8.50pm