

IRVINE SPORTS CLUB BOARD MEETING on THUR. 25th APRIL 2024

Present: R. Kidd, A. Rennie, J. McGarry, L. Williamson, A. Wilson, M. Ingram, A. Keenan.

Apologies: S. McCallum, M. Nish, G. Russell

Finance and Banking

The finance report for March had been prepared by Glen and issued in advance of the meeting. The report showed a loss for the month of approx. £6k and there are also outstanding payments due to Virtuagym and for the recent boiler repairs. On the positive side the management accounts for the 12months up until 31st March 2024 indicate only a slight overall loss of about £2.5k and if this translates into a similar figure in the annual accounts then this would be a relatively good outcome. The club has now renewed its annual insurance cover with Isure at an annual cost of £8,198 which is an increase of £868 for the year.

Review of club priorities

Glen had managed to add more costings to the current list of priorities. Some discussion took place on the following items: the existing coffee machine – agreed to remove asap as it is surplus; replacement of the Marress room floor – its priority rating is dependent on Krav Maga's requirements; upgrade to main kitchen – a costing of £30k makes the priority unrealistic, need to rethink what is actually needed; floor repairs to Marress corridor may need to be added to the list.

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

A Rennie updated the board on emails which he had sent on 8th and 24th April pressing NAC for a definitive timetable on progressing the matter to a conclusion. NAC (Anne-Marie Hunter) replied on 25th April to say that NAC has appointed a new legal representative who will review the proposed changes to the club's Articles of Association.

Development Manager's report

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

OSCR – new paperwork requirements

All trustees(directors) will need to update the information held by OSCR and Glen has created paperwork for all of the directors to complete. This is a result of the Charities and Investment(Scotland) Act 2005 being replaced by the new Charities(Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023. This new act also provides new rules on co-opted directors who now need to be selected through a process which can be detailed and recorded.

Rugby Pitch maintenance

As agreed at the last meeting grass seed and fertiliser has been ordered for the 1st XV pitch with the spreading to be undertaken by the rugby section.

Legionella testing

Glen is making arrangements for a new round of Legionella testing on the club's water supply to comply with health and safety requirements.

Time to Talk

The club continues to provide mental health and wellbeing support via this initiative. Over the past month the club has: delivered 327 mental health chats online and by telephone; provided connectivity to 280 people; delivered 120 online training placements; provided support 28 times via the out of hours trauma line; secured employment for 4 people from our pre-employability courses.

Grant funding

A number of further funding applications have been made including: Friends of Provident (£10k); Miller Homes (£2k); Thomas Wall Trust (£5k)

Investigation of a written complaint submitted by a member

A sub-committee of R. Kidd, A. Rennie and L. Williamson carried out an investigation into this complaint. The sub-committee then reached a decision on the matter which has been communicated to all parties.

Proposal submitted by Clark Drive Girls

A written proposal was received from CDG requesting the use of the Hockey Pitch for a number of 11-a-side games each year. The CDG proposal further stated that it was willing to make a payment per game to the Sports Club for the use of this area. A. Rennie pointed out that the Articles of Association of the club now clearly defines the training and playing areas allocated to each section and that any use of an area allocated to a particular section could only be a goodwill arrangement between the two sections concerned. A. Rennie said that he had consulted hockey on this matter prior to the meeting and that they have clearly stated that they do not consent to this proposal. Further discussion followed and the outcome was that Lorraine Williamson undertook to meet with the groups concerned to see if any temporary arrangement might be possible.

Playing Sections and Gym

Cricket – The season starts on Sat 27th April with a home game. Training is ongoing on a Tuesday and a Thursday and the junior group is progressing well. The Overseas amateur has arrived. The Sportsman's Dinner went well with 80+ in attendance

Football – the under 16's lost 2-1 in the Scottish Challenge Cup and also lost their first league game. The under 14's lost 11-1 in the Scottish Challenge Cup but won their first league game. The next Co-erver coaching session is on Sunday 12th May.

Rugby -The 1st XV will play the final of the National Bowl against Blairgowrie on 27th April at Murrayfield and they have also been promoted to West 2 for next season. A Sponsors' Dinner is planned for late May in the Riverside Hotel. The club AGM is on 9th May and a Summer Camp is planned.

Running – Preparations are going well for the Centenary Mile races to be held on the Marress track on 19th May. The junior section continues to consolidate.

AOB

A Keenan reported the following issues:

- Changing room doors (which are fire doors) are being left wedged open
- Taps are occasionally being left running
- The football section may also make a request for fertiliser for their pitch
- Stephen Watson does not want to pursue becoming a co-opted director
- Recent board minutes have not been posted on the club website

It was noted that cricket has not yet secured a completion certificate for the pavilion upgrade but that the issues requiring to be fixed are being dealt with.

Date of next meeting was provisionally set at 30th May but will be confirmed after the secretary has checked if Megan Nish can manage that date.