**AGM**

27 May, 2014

Dunblane High School

7.30pm

Minutes

**Present**

Youth section: Fiona Inglis (1995), Neil Grant (1997), Garry Edwards (1999), William McQuillian (2000), Jochen Clasen (2001 and club secretary)

Children’s section: Jackie Heeps (2003), Owen Hutchison (2004), Gail Miller anMark Talbot (2005), Carol Wilkie (2006), Paul Rodger (2007)

David Pollok (chairman), David Yates (treasurer), Fiona Clasen (administrator)

John Alexander, Donna Ireland, Andrew Peel, Peter Gouw, Brendan Adams,

Apologies: Linda/Gary Samson (1995/6), Ian Wilson (1998), Yan Stewart (2002), Gary Hall (child protection officer)

**2013 minutes**: approved and seconded

**Chairman’s report**

DP reported that DSC is in good health. There are a lot of children involved, especially in the younger age groups. The Player Pathway is well organised.

DSC is the only football club in the Stirling area with so many children involved over the spread of all age groups.

The oldest age group too is well established, and it is hoped that this will continue with the new under 19s next season (96s/97s).

The 2008s soccer school will start after the summer.

The main success of the year was that DSC finally achieved Quality Mark status which has been a major challenge over a number of years, particularly as the club is so large. Its final achievement is a tribute to all the coaches who helped make this happen.

Pitch availability has been improved this year (the rugby pitch at the High School is now available for booking, with portable football goals on site, and the Laighills drainage work was completed),

but this will continue to be an issue with the possibility of a new 3G at Wallace High (or even at Dunblane?).

An aim for the future is to come together as a club to fundraise.

Contacts have been made and maintained for instance with Dunblane Community Council, with Riverside football club and with Stirling Council.

DP singled out Garry Edwards for particular praise as he runs both the 1999s and the 2006s.

Thanks to all office bearers and appreciation to David Yates the Treasurer and Jochen Clasen the Secretary.

All year groups have done well, and the 1997s enjoyed unprecedented success last season (more below).

**Secretary’s report**

-JC thanked DP for all his hard work on the Quality Mark.

-PVG will become easier now as it can be done ‘in-house’. Fiona Clasen and Gary Hall can sign off PVG applications and pass to Volunteer Scotland for processing.

- 2008s soccer school will start next season.

- at the Laighills the lower pitch has been improved by the drainage work (though this has taken quite a while to settle) but the upper pitch is more problematic, and the goalposts are unsafe.

**Treasurer’s report**

2012/13: the budget for YE 30/06/13 predicted a surplus of £4000. The actual surplus was £5133, giving closing bank reserves of £9301 at 30/06/13.

2013/14: the management accounts for the 10 months to 30/04/14 show gross income of £23,329. After costs DY expects the surplus for the full year to 30/06/14 to be around £6000. This would give the Club a bank balance of around £15000 at 30/06/14.

DY therefore proposes that the Club put aside a reserve fund of £10,000 to protect the future of the Club, with this money to be used only for exceptional projects. This would leave c£5000 in working capital towards next year’s normal running costs.

Due to the secure financial position of the Club, there will be no increase in the majority of fees for the 2014/15 season. We only propose an adjustment to the fees charged to the Soccer School for 14/15 (2007s and 2008s), up from £80 to £100pa. Previously the Soccer School did not

participate in matches, but they do now so the fees have to cover the FVFDA fees. All fees for the other age groups remain unchanged. This is the second year that there will be no increase.

**Soccer School fee**
It was proposed that the Soccer School fee be increased from £80 to £100 p.a. to take into account extra training and matches on a Saturday. Seconded.

**Age group round-up**

A representative from each age group gave a quick report on the season.

**2007s: Paul Rodger**
2 coaches (and 2 parents wanting to join them soon). 14 kids. Moving up the 5s.
Only started in Jan 2014 and have made good progress.

**2006s: Garry Edwards**
10 coaches, 25 kids, 4 teams
**2005s: Mark Talbot**
20 players. Play at Springkerse. Now training twice a week which has helped as there is a Friday clash with BBs for some. 5 coaches. Craig Tully from E Stirlingshire has been helping.
Got sponsorship from The Riverside which has paid for strips.

**2004s: Owen Hutchison**
24 boys, 3 on waiting list. 2 teams. Play at the Raploch.

**2003s: Jackie Heeps**
A recent coaching crisis has been averted as John Inglis has stepped in to help. 10 or 11 boys at present.

**2002s**: Yan Stewart not present. JC reported that he has been advising on the step up from 7s to 11s.

**2001s: Jochen Clasen**

18 players. Finished 4th in the league. Down from 5 coaches to 3. Decided to strengthen team by running trials. A tension between loyalty to current players vs competitive playing. All still in flux but to be decided v soon.

Going to St Andrews for a pre-season festival in early August.

Positive experience of the first year at 11 a side.

**2000s: William McQuillian**
Started the season down to 10 players. Owen Hutchison helped a lot in first few months. Now up

to 17 and started to get good results. Play starting to get rougher and experienced first player sent off.

**1999s: Garry Edwards**

Were down to 10 players but up to 15 now and results better. Need more confidence and physicality, with the aim for mid table next season.
**1998s: Ian Wilson** (by email)
Thanks to Dave Gilhooly whose assistance at training and match days has helped me greatly.
Thanks to Jochen and Fiona Clasen, David Pollok and David Yates for their excellent work on the administration side of the Club.
1998's have had a good season in the League currently on 30 points with 1 game to go. 4 points have been deducted due to teams folding, so 34 points played for and won. Last season finished on 14. Highest ever total for 98's is 19 at U14. A win on final game will be 1 short of double their highest total. Currently have 14/15 boys wishing to play next season hopefully can get 1 or 2 better quality to replace those leaving, not sure how that will happen though.

**1997s: Neil Grant**

A fantastic end to last season, winning both the league and the cup. It would have been a challenge to continue at that level, but still reached the semi-final of the League and Regional cups. Had a bad start to the season with one player banned by the SYFA for 10 matches as a result of some comments he made on Twitter about other teams. The 97s will probably merge with the 96s next season.

**1995s/96s: Linda Samson by email**

Reached the semis in the League cup and third in League. Going to have a bif barbeque to celebrate end of season and say farewell to some players.

**Registration for next season**

Please try to get all your players registered before the summer – best to have a signing evening. Deadline end June.

**Election of executive for 2014/15**

The Committee consists of a representative from each age group, plus the office bearers.

Some changes:

Alastair Couper will take over from Ian Wilson as the 1998 rep.

Owen Hutchison will take over from Eirian Jones for the 2004s.

Carol Wilkie will now be the 2006s rep to help out Garry Edwards.

Jochen Clasen is standing down as Secretary. His position needs to be filled asap.

**Any other business**

Need to check who is responsible for the condition of the Laighills pavilion as it’s in a bad state.

The Lower Laighills took a long time to improve after drainage works. The Council did not follow up on the work to make sure it was of a high enough standard.

David Dale asked whether, now that the Club has the Quality Mark, it will try for the next stage – is there an aim to work towards Community Club status?

DD also asked if there is a plan to fundraise as a Club, rather than just individually.

Garry Edwards wanted to know if the Club will pay for the next stage in coaching training after Level 3 ie the C Licence. As this is so expensive (£2000?), it was agreed that this would need consultation.

DD suggested the Club might associate with the professional players who live in Dunblane.