



## **AGM**

7th June, 2016  
Dunblane High School  
7pm

### **Minutes**

#### **Present**

Youth section: Ian Wilson (1998), Jochen Clasen (2001 United),

Children's section: Ben Samson and Cooper Inglis (2003), Owen Hutchison (2004), Gail Miller and Mark Talbot (2005), Carol Wilkie (2006), Paul Rodger (2007) Graham Hesketh (2008), David Gunn (2009)

David Dale (Chair and 2001 United), David Pollok (Secretary and 2001 City), Judy Livingstone (administrator)

John Alexander, Gary Hall, Alex Goodfellow, Kieron Gallagher, Craik Taylor, Jim Riddell, Frazer Oliver.

Invited guest: Scott Kinross (Scottish FA Football Development Officer – based at Active Stirling),

Apologies: Jochen Clasen (2001), Brendan Adams (Treasurer), Derek Cartner (2000), Neil Grant (xxxx), Yan Stewart (2002), Mira Novak.

#### **1. Welcome**

Chair David Dale welcomed all, including a number of guests from external organisations - Dougie Porteous and Scott Kinross (Active Stirling), Alan Morgan (SFA) and Ian Mitchell (Riverside FC/2003 parent).

#### **2. 2015 minutes**

These were approved (MT) and seconded (IW).

#### **3. Chairman's report**

David Dale, Club Chairman, provided an outline from the season. It has been a very busy year for the whole club, with a lot happening.



DD has now been Chairman for 2 years. DD had 3 aims for the Club over three years:

1. Coach development across all age groups
2. To achieve Community Award Status
3. Facilities eg 3G pitch.

The club has already achieved objective (1), as all age groups have coaches at level 1.2 and 1.3. This has been an enormous commitment from the coaches who have taken part in training. In addition, the club now has 3 C-licence coaches, and may try for B- or A-licence as well. This gives coaches a different perspective in terms of what they do.

Objective (2), Community Award Status, has not been achieved yet however the club has gained a Development Award and hope to get Community level by end of the year. Outstanding requirements are a girls team, and further coach education.

In terms of objective (3), Facilities, whilst the Park of Keir proposal didn't go through, the good news is that the council have approved a 3G pitch for DHS. Work on this will take from June until August 2016. It is envisaged that the club will fully book the pitch Monday-Friday evenings, and most of Saturday. It may be difficult to fit all teams in.

Highlights of the year:

- The club has done really well achieving most of the objectives in 2 years instead of 3.
- Successful in fund raising £4000 from the Dunblane Trust. This money has not been used yet, discussions on how to spend it are ongoing.
- Selected to have CCO – applied, went through a selection process and were selected. Mira has been here for a number of weeks, with a replacement coach for the last 2 weeks of the programme as Mira had to leave early. Targeted to specific age groups, to develop these age groups. Also helped develop the philosophy and curriculum for the club which has now been issued to all coaches. We are still working on 11 a side document.



- Nearly have common strip across all age groups, with updated collar. Home/away/training kits as standard.

There are 2 new committee members - Brendan Adams (Treasurer) and Judy Livingstone (Administrator). There was a seamless transition for both posts. The club still needs a replacement for David Pollok and are actively looking for a Secretary.

Thanks go to David for all his help and hard work over the last 5 years, working diligently in the background and getting things done.

Committee meetings get good attendance and are a positive forum. Actions are given and completed, and all age groups are represented. We are trying to involve everyone taking the club forward. All teams are well run and a part of local community, and we should always keep that integral to the club.

All teams are developing nicely, and have coaches in place to develop players and the person. We would like to leave a legacy for future generations – what's the future? 3G pitch would allow us to develop club further. Club house – maybe that will happen as well. Why not a professional club in Dunblane?

The club is in a really strong position – financially, members, participation, coaching etc. We have created a platform from which the club can go from strength to strength.

#### **4. Secretary's report**

DP said DD does a huge amount of work for the club, and progress is fantastic.

It has been quiet in terms of administration of the club this year. We have not been involved in any problems or issues, which suggests coaches and players are behaving well. There was a single incident of car damage but this has been resolved.

PVG – DP has been through this twice but it is now sorted.



Committee meetings are tremendously constructive – the club should maybe have more frequent committee meetings to allow more to be done. There is a need to spread the workload, DD is going to be busy so will have less time to dedicate to the club. There is a vacant post of vice-chair, which would allow DD to delegate certain tasks, e.g. kit, fund-raising. The club also needs a replacement for secretary for DP. Can see the way club interacts as a whole rather than from a team perspective e.g. with external agencies. Support from the community council was very important, and they are to be thanked for putting the case forward to the council. Looking for new CPO as well as the current CPO is stepping down.

Development award – a huge thanks to coaches who took part as this is a big commitment. Thanks also to John Alexander for looking after Laighills and acting as point man at the community council.

All 11-a-side teams need to be registered with Forth Valley and SYFA.

All age groups need membership forms and bank mandate forms for distribution to parents. This is needed to register players to the club. The form has been updated with new questions, e.g. medical issues, and revamped membership forms are required for all players. All forms are to be completed and handed back to the coaches, who should record all medical issues. All players are to re-register every year.

DP finished his last report as office bearer for the club.

**5. Treasurer's report** (*Brendan was not available for personal reasons.*)

**David Pollok provided the meeting with a printed financial summary as at 02/06/15:**

In a nutshell club finances are healthy, however may be making too much money for not for profit organization. £37k balance, although there is still expenditure to come out of this e.g. pitch hire, coaches expenses, kit etc. There is a predicted surplus of £7,500. The club has tried to build up a surplus in order to pay for large items, e.g. to contribute



to 3G pitch etc. However the need for this has disappeared as the pitch is going to be provided by the council. Will look as a club at how best to spend the money, or part of it. This will be discussed at a committee meeting. May be able to have facilities to go along with the 3G at DHS which will be seen as the home of DSC. May scale back use of Laighills due to maintenance costs, we need to speak to council.

New interim head at DHS from a PE background, will be a great ally for the club to have the school as a home e.g. having storage on site etc.

There is no need for an increase in fees, this will be reviewed again next year. We are cheaper than surrounding clubs, but there is no need to increase our fees at the moment.

Income is increasing as funds raised by individual age groups have been processed through the main club accounts, so they now appear in the accounts when they didn't before. Age groups can spend all funds they raise themselves, but they must be banked centrally.

2003 have not had a new strip, they have always had recycled strips from older teams. The head coach is coaching 2 teams and has no time for fundraising. The coach has done C licence as well. John ?? thinks it is obscene that club has lots of funds in the bank but the strips are a disgrace. DP/DD agree that all teams should be well kitted out. Policy is that £500 is available for each team to get a DSC strip. Other kit should be bought with fundraising. Maybe not coaches but parents who should get involved with fundraising. A central fundraiser would be great, to co-ordinate and help individual age groups. It costs approximately £25 per strip.

There are some girls playing in younger age groups (2007/2008/2009/2010s). The club is trying to get a girls team up and running. This needs a coach to start it up, which is the bit the club is struggling with. Looking to get under 9s or under 11s. It might be possible to pay someone to coach the girls team if this would get it off the ground. There



might be some school children club but they would need a lot of schools to see if any parents are interested in coaching girls. There are a couple of players in the 1999 team who are interested in coaching, they might be able to link in with this. They could do work experience with another team for a year or so, then maybe take a team.

coming through to volunteer for the support. Maybe send flyer round

Footballs – general rule is that every child should have a football. This would be in addition to the £500 per age group for strips.

## **6. Age group round-up**

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

### **2009: David Gunn**

Thanks to the whole club for the welcome to DSC and the help provided through the whole year.

The team has 30 players (7 girls) every Monday, with 24 registered for Saturday matches.

There are 5 coaches (three with 1.1, one with 1.1&1.2, and one with an expired 1.1)

Have had great support from 2008s and 2007s.

Finding it challenging to engage parents, and to fundraise. Also dealing with admin from SYFA and FVFDA – found this a real struggle with no real sense of why so much paper work is required.

### **2008s: Graham Hesketh**

The team has 27 players (2 girls) and play on Wednesdays. They have 3 teams in the 5s at Forthbank on Saturdays.

There are 5 coaches (two with 1.2, two with 1.3 and one with Early Touches).

The parents are very engaged and do a lot of stuff together, e.g. parents and kids nights, social at Christmas time etc. Makes it easier for coaches if they have good relationship with parents.



**2007: Paul Rodger**

There are 40 boys in the squad, so they are at capacity. Play on a half pitch.

There are 8 coaches (6 with badges, 2 helpers). One is going to do 1.1, one has 1.3, some have 1.2.

They are doing sevens, and the teams are coming on well. There has been debate about team set up and mix ability teams.

They are going to tournaments over the summer, they have enthusiastic parents and a fundraising committee. They also have someone taking over secretary duties for the age group.

**2006: no report**

**2005: Mark Talbot**

They have 24 players, with 2 teams registered. They play using mixed ability teams.

There are 5 coaches, all qualified to at least 1.2, two have 1.3 and C-licence. Four coaches have done 1.1 in preparation for moving to 11-a-side next year.

They have been rotating all players through all position every week. Out of 26 matches, they have won 20 with this system. They have a couple more games then a festival.

They also have 2 Duke of Edinburgh helpers. Coaches are looking forward to the summer break. Thank you to the committee for their support, and for helping get the 3G pitch in Dunblane.

**2004: Owen Hutchison**

They have 23 boys, with a waiting list of 6.

They are moving to 11-a-sides next year, so will need to reduce the numbers. Riverside are short of numbers so some players may be able to move there.

Good help from BB boys doing Duke of Edinburgh.

Michael from 1999s has been a great help. Onwards and upwards to 11-a-sides!

**2003: John**



They have 18 boys (combined with of 16 at 11-a-side, and are in the received 2 yellow cards all season. At the Armadale tournament they were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8, and were given a fair play award. Overall they have had a good season, the boys enjoyed it and are going to have an awards evening next week. Socially not as joined up therefore fundraising not as easy.

Riverside). They finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in the final of the league cup. They only

### **2002s: Yan Stewart (via DP)**

They have 18 boys, and finished second in their league. They were fully supported by the parents and have had a good year.

### **2001 United: Jim Riddell**

They have 17 boys in their squad.

They had a tough but enjoyable season, and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league with a cup final next week. The boys are really enjoying it.

One player has been signed for a pro-youth team by Airdrie. Have an end of season get together planned for next week.

### **2001 City: David Pollock**

This is the Developmental team for age group. They had 1 sending off this year, for dissent. They improved on the previous year, with some new players in squad. They support one another very well.

There are 17 in the squad, who rotate to make sure everyone gets a game.

There are 4 coaches and a supportive parent group, which makes a big difference to squad.

### **2000:**

There are 22 in squad, a great bunch of lads. It is a social group rather than a competitive team. They are near the bottom of the league, but have improved over the course of the season. They have supportive parents, and good attendance at matches.

### **1999: Michael Connolly**

They have 19 in the squad, with a couple of new players this season who have integrated well. The performance has improved over year, to maintain focus for the full

90 minutes was the target and they the league, so a good positive next season.



have achieved this. Finished 9<sup>th</sup> in season. All are hoping to return

### **7. Election of executive for 2015/16**

DP finishing so need new club secretary who will work closely with DD. This can be a coach, a parent, a helper etc. Also want to fill Vice Chair role, to spread workload fairly. Administrator role also to be filled. DD/BA happy to continue. No objections so to continue.

### **8. AOCB**

Ian - Proposed adding amateur (adult) team to DSC. This would involve Alan Campbell, Neil Grant and 2 others as coaches, and players from older teams who have come to end of road at DSC. 96-97 age group interested in going forward as amateur team. Would be good for the club to give them an opportunity, retaining skills that could be used for coaching etc for younger teams. Extra dimension to club, bigger group and different skills. Have an outline plan, late for joining leagues (Caledonian league – no; Stirling and District – maybe; their AGM is 16 /06/16. Asking club to consider the proposal. Coaches and players have experience necessary to start a team. Need a pathway into adult football for community status, this would fit in well. All attendees were very supportive, the general opinion is that this is a good idea to take forward. Can sort out administrative side of things as a club. The coaches need to get a proposal in to the club about what is required. Agreed in principal. Saturday afternoon matches, need to book 3G for this. Will also need training slot for 3G.

JR – weather issues with pitches. Can we use 3G later on Saturdays or on Sundays if the grass pitches are unplayable? DD says yes. However, it may be that the 3G pitch is unplayable as well..

Alan - progress of club has been fantastic, which is one of the reasons Mira was selected to come to the club. Post also comes through funding from Macdonalds, they put money into supporting grass roots football. Club appreciated having Mira and the benefit he provided.

Scott Kinross also praised the coaches, and has great vision for put into the club.



progress of the club, and the future. Value the work DD and DP

IM – Riverside. Impressed how well the club is doing. Going to take points back to Riverside AGM next week. They are a significant distance behind. They would support an amateur team at DSC.

DD thanked kind words from all guests, and said that we are happy to forge links with other clubs, as this would be mutually beneficial.

OH – 2004 trip to St Andrews for weekend. Should coaches have to pay to go for the weekend? DD – not wanting to set precedent across the club, as in the past coaches, parents etc have paid themselves. Club decision how to spend available money. To be discussed offline.

Dougie (Club Sport Scotland) – would be happy to sit down with DD/DP to discuss the financial set up of the club, and how to distribute / spend surplus. To discuss offline.