**AGM**

2nd June, 2015

Dunblane High School

7pm

Minutes

**Present**

Youth section: Ian Wilson (1998), Derek Cartner (2000), Jochen Clasen (2001 United), Yan Stewart (2002).

Children’s section: Ben Samson and Cooper Inglis (2003), Owen Hutchison (2004), Gail Miller and Mark Talbot (2005), Carol Wilkie (2006), Paul Rodger (2007)

David Dale (Chair and 2001 United), David Pollok (Secretary and 2001 City), David Yates (treasurer), Fiona Clasen (administrator)

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

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

Apologies: Neil Grant and Alan Campbell (1996/7), Michael Connolly (1999), Graham Hesketh (2008), Dougie Porteous (ClubSport Stirling).

1. **Welcome**

Chair David Dale welcomed all.

1. **2014 minutes**: approved (DY) and seconded (CW)
2. **Chairman’s report**

DD reported that, after being invited to become Chair at last year’s AGM, he has had a good first year with just a few challenges.

Thanks to Jochen Clasen the outgoing Chair for his support.

DD has 3 aims for the Club over the next three years:

* Facilities
* Coach development (already had one coaching evening)
* Community Club Status, which is linked to coach development. This will take time but will lead to access to more funding eg for a 3G pitch.

DD has been in discussions with the Park of Keir proposed development – new plans have been submitted for this, which would include a 3G pitch for DSC.

DSC is one of the biggest local Clubs with over 250 children.

The new 2009 soccer school should get started after the summer.

It has been a very good year for fundraising. The large fundraising night in the autumn organised by the Big Fat Fundraisers raised over £4000, and there was also money from the Wind Farm Fund and a one off from the Thistle Centre.

Other activities such as bag packing and sponsorship also raised money.

There has also been an effort to develop a common identity across the age groups, starting with the same colour strips.

DD feels that the success of DSC is shown first and foremost in the number of children now involved, and that this development comes before results. It’s also an achievement for the 2001 age group that they have now got two teams up and running.

Having said that, success has also been enjoyed this year by the 1997s who have already won the Forth Valley Cup and are still to play in two more finals: the League and the Regional cups.

2001s United also last week won the league.

DD expressed his thanks to the committee, all coaches and age group reps.

Particular thanks to David Pollok as Secretary, David Yates as Treasurer and Fiona Clasen as Administrator – DD is in contact with all three by email most days. Thanks to DY and FC who are now stepping down

1. **Secretary’s report**

David Pollok, Club Secretary, reported that it has been a busy year including meetings with Stirling Council and involvement in the Football Forum and with ClubSport Stirling etc

An unexpected major issue last summer was the sudden introduction by the Council of a new charging system for all football pitches. Laighills charges were thus increased from a previous annual charge of £250 to around £1600 this year, and the club now also has to pay for every grass pitch booking at Dunblane High.

There have been other difficulties:

DP has had to deal with two cases of racial abuse. He reported that the processing of the complaints were a fiasco by the League who didn’t deal with the cases properly, and then the

SYFA was not much better. One case was dropped by the individual as it had taken so long to be dealt with, the other case went to a hearing but with an unsatisfactory outcome.

DP is to meet with David Little of SYFA about this.

After years of waiting long spells for coaches to get their PVG documents signed off by the League PVG rep, we thought this year that the matter had been resolved by Fiona Clasen becoming a signatory for the club. Unfortunately we have recently discovered that the SYFA does not accept PVG certificates signed for by the club itself for SYFA registration, even though they are perfectly valid as far as Disclosure Scotland is concerned, so we are now back to long delays before new coaches are checked, which is an unsatisfactory situation.

New First Aid regulations have also been issued by SYFA - First Aid courses must now be of 12 hours in length and run by an SYFA approved provider. This is thought to be a tall order for coaches who are already giving up so much of their time. One solution may be to organize a course in house over several evenings.

DP expressed his thanks to the larger committee who attend several meetings a year.

Looking forward, the Club is still hoping to find a volunteer to coordinate fundraising for the club as a whole. This would also improve communication between age groups.

The outgoing 1997 coaches have offered some support to the younger age groups. A manual for coaches has been discussed before and would be useful to have.

Thanks to John Alexander for his assistance at the Laighills.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

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

‘2013/14: you may recall that the budget for YE 30/06/14 predicted a surplus of £6000. The actual surplus for the year was £4,094 giving closing bank reserves at 30/06/14 of £13,395. An amount

of £10,000 is effectively ring-fenced as an Emergency Fund to secure the Club’s future, leaving £3,395 in working capital going forwards to 2014/15’.

‘2014/15: The management accounts for the 9 months to 31/03/15 show gross income of £40,017. After costs we expect the surplus for the full year to 30/06/15 to be around £10,000. This would give the Club a bank balance of around £23,000 at 30/06/2015. Excluding the Emergency Fund of £10,000 leaves projected working capital going forwards to 2015/16 of £13,000’.

‘It should be pointed out that Sponsorship and Fundraising activities in the 2014/15 season have amounted to £12,886 so far, a massive increase over the prior year figure of £4,025. If we exclude this income from the current year’s projected surplus of £10,000, it can be seen that fees do not quite cover the running costs of the Club.

We therefore propose an adjustment to the fees charged for 15/16 as follows:

11 a side teams fees to rise from £200pa to £210 pa.

All others stay as before’.

Approval of last year’s accounts: proposed DD; seconded CW

David Yates is stepping down as Treasurer. He will be replaced by Brendan Adams.

Discussion:

* Outstanding player fees shown in the Income & expenditure account to be £1,299.20.

DY still chasing so should eventually be less than this. Some players have left during the year and not paid. Also some hardship – this is taken into consideration.

* Individual age groups need to fundraise but DY and DD would prefer this to be put through the books of the Club to make it official, rather than to be kept separate.
* There had previously been mention of teams ordering kit items through Club website. Is this possible? Unfortunately not as new website not yet developed.
1. **Raised fee for 11 a sides**
It was proposed that the fee be increased from £200 to £210 p.a. No objections: agreed
2. **Age group round-up**

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

**2008s: Graham Hesketh by email**

Started year with 14 children – now up to 18. Aiming for 20 plus.

2 teams – playing each week at Little Kerse - and should be 3 teams next season (1 girl).

**2007s: Paul Rodger**
3 teams playing 5 a side. 26 boys and 2 girls. 6 coaches. Going well and making good progress – possibly up to 4 teams next season.

**2006s: Carol Wilkie**
6 coaches, 27 kids (some just come to training), 2 teams playing 5 a side at Forthbank and aiming at 3 teams after the Summer. Good support from parents.
**2005s: Mark Talbot**
25 players and 4 on waiting list. 5 regular coaches and 1 helper. Play at Raploch.

Getting more competitive.
**2004s: Owen Hutchison**
24 boys, 8 on waiting list. 2 teams. Looking forward to playing 11s at the end of next season. Losing one coach, but appreciated help from 5 BB boys volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh’s award.

**2003s: Ben Samson and Cooper Inglis**
John Inglis helped Ben and Cooper get started as coaches. Around a dozen boys at present. From August they will be playing 11 a side and players who left the team are now wanting to return. They are hoping to get parents involved with fund raising and other help, and are encouraging players with individual honours such as ‘player of the month’ which has proved to be a good confidence booster.

DD congratulated the coaches who until recently played for the 19s team. Delighted they have stayed on with the Club as coaches. They will be mentored by Yan Stewart during their progression to 11s.

**2002s**: **Yan Stewart**

First year at 11s. The team has kept some boys throughout. It has been a challenging first year, and towards the end very tiring for the boys as they have been playing two or three games a week. Parents are very helpful which is now essential – a team would struggle without.

**2001 City: David Pollok**Riverside 2001s folded last summer which meant, with these new recruits, that the 2001s could manage two teams. The aim is that 2001 City is the inclusive, development team. It was a struggle at first but a positive aspect is that the weaker boys are now much more involved and get more game time. The team has been at the bottom of the league for most of the season but recently stronger and ended the season with a wonderful win. Parents very supportive.

**2001 United: Jochen Clasen**

16 players. The two 2001s teams are registered separately but train alongside each other twice a week. Half of the team was new at the beginning of the season so difficult at first. They had a tight and exciting end to the season and won the league. Parents very supportive.

**2000s: Derek Cartner**
This age group has struggled with a coach leaving early in the season and no qualified parents willing to take over. The boys treat it more as a social club and are lacking in skill, therefore bottom of the league. Parent support is lacking and a qualified coach is needed before they can register for next season. Advertising with the SYFA has not been a success

**1999s: Michael Connolly (by email)**

16 players. The team is struggling but will keep going.
**1998s: Ian Wilson**
In general in this age group across the league this year has been difficult with some teams folding during the season and some younger players going to play for older teams. The 1998s lost their goalkeeper which was a blow. The team will not continue next season, but it would be good if some of the players go on to help out with the younger age groups.

DD: thanks to Ian for all his efforts over many years with the Club.

**1997s: Neil Grant with coaches Alan Campbell, Ian Wilson, Norman McColm (report by phone to DP)**

Ended second in the league, winning 30 games. Won one trophy last weekend and have two cup finals still to play. This team has come to an end but the coaches have offered to give general support to the younger age groups.

1. **Election of executive for 2015/16**

DD and DP happy to continue. DY replaced by Brendan Adams. Still need a replacement for FC.

1. **AOCB**
* Registration forms will be sent out by email by DY now that the new fees are agreed.
* Scott Kinross pointed out that clubs get 25% reduction in pitch hire costs once they have Charter Mark status. He also expressed his willingness to arrange in house training sessions at Dunblane High (just a minimum of 12 participants needed but these could be recruited from other clubs too). Scott also expressed his thanks to the Committee for all their efforts, which he feels is crucial for the game in Scotland.