

Basingstoke & District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

6th August 2014

at

10 Tyfield, Sherbourne St John

Present:-

Gill Larking, Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Charlie Smith, Terry White, Tony Amies, Dave Partridge, George Hellens, Ron Powell, and Pete Martin.

Gill welcomed the new chair-person and secretary to their first meeting in their respective posts.

1. Apologies for absence: -

John McClarty, Dave MacDonald, Sarah Whithorn.

Secretary's Note: Apologies to Bill Bavister for failing to notify him of the meeting.

The Chairman sent best wishes to Dave who has recently undergone hospital treatment.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:-

Gill noted that the entry regarding George White's resignation from the committee and request to remain as a co-opted member wasn't quite clear. George has said he will attend meetings as, when and if there are any developments regarding council issues.

All other entries were accepted as accurate and unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising:-

6.7 Terry produced a draft copy of this year's Handbook. There is still information required to finish but the committee expressed thanks to Terry for his hard work.

ACTION: - TERRY

7.5 Terry reported that Patrick had very kindly painted the floor at Essex Road.

7.7 Tony reported that he had added a selection panel to the web-site to enable captains and nominated persons to add the game scores of each match.

Terry asked if it was possible to put a QR code on the cover of the handbook which would enable players with an appropriate phone app to connect to the web-site.

Tony will look into this and liaise with Terry.

ACTION: - TONY

7.7 John Upham had requested permission to transfer information from our web-site to publish on u-tube and facebook.

The committee agreed that this was the property of BDTTA and therefore decided not to give permission for this.

John has been advised of this.

8. Mike will speak to George regarding Data Protection.

ACTION: - MIKE

9. Mike will liaise with George re the development plan.

ACTION: - MIKE

10.6 All Aldworth teams are now playing at Essex Road and therefore the care of the tables is no longer an issue.

4. League Format:-

Ron reported that 4 teams had withdrawn from the league and 2 had entered. This left a balance of 10 teams in the first division and 11 in both the 2nd and 3rd divisions.

The structure for the forthcoming season was approved and Mike thanked Ron for his work in compiling this.

It was proposed that the matches commence on Monday 22nd September.

5. Plastic Balls:-

Terry has printed in the Handbook the current information from TTE regarding the introduction of plastic balls into all competitive matches.

It was decided that the Basingstoke League would defer use of the new ball until next season when hopefully any anomalies with manufacturing the ball would be sorted.

All matches will be played with the current celluloid balls.

This decision will be published in the Handbook and highlighted on the web-site for all clubs to see.

ACTION: - TONY TERRY MIKE

6. Officer's reports:-

6.1 Treasurer's report:-

Charlie distributed a copy of the current account showing all transactions since the AGM
The committee approved the accounts.

Charlie asked that we set up new signatories for the league's bank account. This will be Mike Wood, Chair-person and Terri Allison, Secretary.

ACTION: - CHARLIE TERRI MIKE

6.2 Child Protection Officer:-

Terri agreed to take on the post of CPO.

6.3 Web-Master:-

Tony reported that the web-site for the season 2014-15 would be operational by September.

Captains will still be responsible for updating the match scores and score cards should still be sent to Ron Powell.

6.4 Press Officer:-

Dave reported that the 'Gazette' would continue to publish reports on table tennis.

Additionally they will publish the link to our web-site.

Dave will try to get the 'Observer' on board as well.

ACTION: - DAVE

Tony will provide a link to the 'Gazette' on our web-site

ACTION: - TONY

6.5 Essex Road:-

Terry reported that shortly after the floor had been painted, someone had dragged a table across the floor without using the wheels and unfortunately the floor is now marked.

Spare bulbs have been taped next to the light fittings for replacement should a bulb blow during a match.

Dave advised the committee that Health and Safety do not insist on ladder training for this sort of exercise but warn that due care and attention be given at all times when carrying out this task.

Charlie asked Terry for a meter reading.

ACTION: - TERRY

7. Any Other Business:-

7.1 Gill asked what thought had been given to acknowledging George White's long involvement with the committee; being its chairperson for many years and filling in as secretary as well when the post was vacant.

Ron suggested that George be awarded 'Life Membership'.

This was unanimously agreed by all.

Mike will speak to George to confirm he will accept this at the next AGM

ACTION: - MIKE

7.2 Mike raised the issue of coaches for Saturday mornings saying that Terry had run the sessions tirelessly for many, many years often with no help at all.

Recently the league had paid for coaching courses for several players.

It is hoped that those who are qualified and any other adult player would take a turn at helping out at these sessions. Terry is hoping to 'wind down' over the next season and it would be a pity if we cannot offer any coaching to youngsters.

It was suggested that this be advertised on the web-site.

ACTION:-TONY

7.3 Terri suggested that copies of the minutes of the committee meetings be published on the web-site in order that all players know of the work of the committee and would hopefully contact committee members if they have any offers or suggestions of help or improvements.

ACTION: - TERRI TONY

7.4 Tony reminded the committee that Patrick is no longer able to devote his time to running the annual 'Closed Championships'.

It is hoped that someone will come forward to organise this. Sue has very kindly offered to contribute with advice and guidance having run this for some years.

Terri suggested this should be highlighted on the web-site.

ACTION: - TONY

7.5 Charlie mentioned that since so many players were not now playing regularly in the Aldworth teams is there any chance there may be some who would be interested in joining Oakley either 2nd or 3rd division standard as they have teams in both.

It was suggested that Jared Binner would be a good point of contact.

ACTION: - TERRI

8. Date of Next Meeting:-

The next meeting will be held at Mike's home, 94 Roman Road, Basingstoke, on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm