

# Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

## 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

At  
10 Tyfield, Sherborne St John.  
RG

### **Present:**

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Charlie Smith, Gill Larking, Dave Partridge, Dave McDonald and Bill Bavister

### **1 Apologies**

John McClarty, Pete Martin, Sarah Whithorn, Sue Tompsett, Terry White, Ron Powell and Tony Amies

### **2 Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved.

### **3 Matters Arising**

7.8 Mike had received a Data Protection policy from George and this is to be posted on the web site.

Action: Closed

6.4 Dave has had no success with reports being published in the Observer as yet. The paper has now moved its base to Abingdon. Dave plans to pursue this.

Press reports have been sent to Tony in order that they are 'linked' on our web-site.

Dave added that since table tennis has never been a top priority with the paper; reports are generally printed if he keeps the content shorter.

Action: Closed

7.4 Mike has spoken to Pete Martin regarding Queens Club helping to run this year's 'Closed Championships' and it was hoped that Pete would discuss this at the next Queen's club meeting.

Action: Closed

4.1 Mike has spoken to Aldworth re alternative days and times for coaching but unfortunately nothing has changed; the sports hall is booked up. We can only keep trying to see if someone else relinquishes their slot.

Action: Closed

4.2 Terri contacted Bishop Challoner School to see if there was a possibility of using their Sports Hall for evening coaching. Unfortunately they do not hire out the hall in the evenings as they have no one to lock up. Terri will contact Everest and a couple more local schools.

Action: Terri

5. Development plans; Mike has formed a sub-committee to discuss the way forward and will address this separately.

Action: Closed

6.1 Tony sent a report regarding twitter which is shown in his Officer's report under item 5.

Action: Closed

6.3 In the absence of both Ron and Tony the item regarding a registered player swapping teams, is still to be concluded.

Action: Tony and Ron

7.1 Terry was to have advised Tees Sports of the decision to have the new plastic ball supplied next year. In his absence this is to be concluded.

**Action: Terry**

7.2 Terry has been paid expenses for attended his coaching course.

**Action: Closed**

7.8 The discussion regarding fundraising etc is now under Development Plans as a separate item on the agenda.

#### **4. Development Plan**

Mike reported that a meeting of the Development Committee had been held on 4<sup>th</sup> December. This initial meeting had been to decide what we thought "development" means to us. The meeting had also discussed the HTTA development grant that had been offered and we had decided to suggest 2 possible schemes along the lines previously discussed. We are awaiting feedback from HTTA.

#### **5. Officers' Reports**

##### 5.1 Trophies

Dave McDonald reported that he had nothing new to add re the trophies except to say he will be asking for their return early next year for engraving.

##### 5.2 Essex Road

Terry sent an email regarding Essex Road premises.

On the last two Mondays the match room door left open on the latch.

The toilet was left unlocked and the light was on.

All teams should ensure that the toilet is kept locked throughout the evening. The key is readily available.

The fan heater has been mended.

The leak in the roof at the far corner of the match room has been reported to George who will let the council know.

##### 5.3 Treasurer's report

Charlie submitted a copy of the account of all monies in and out from April until 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Copy attached.

##### 5.4 Press Officer

Dave said that progress is slow in getting an established slot in the Gazette but he is pursuing this.

##### 5.6 Registration Secretary.

Ron sent a report saying there were now 154 players registered this season. There are no problems.

##### 5.7 Web-Master.

Tony sent the report below:-

First, we've exceeded 12000 hits on the website since start of season, that's about 1000 hits per week. More than I was expecting.

We lost the Twitter feed at the start of the season and I've tracked this down to a fault with our hosting service (Streamline). In fact there have been a few outages over the last few weeks which are down to them as well. Although they won't admit it, it looks like we've been moved to a different/older server which has less functionality and appears to be slower. This server is unable to support the technique I use to send Tweets, but these were working fine end of last season, so they've definitely changed it. Streamline have offered to upgrade us to a new server (probably our old one!) but this will mean a few hours downtime. I'm considering doing this over the Xmas break when there are no matches, but if it's too risky, it will have to wait until season end. Although I'm not impressed with their service at the moment, we pay peanuts for it, so I guess we get value for money! It may be worth considering a new provider for next season, there are plenty to choose from and they are all relatively low cost.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Steve NG has very kindly offered the use of his restaurant for next year's finals night. He has taken over as manager at A&M at the top of town.

The committee were all very grateful for this and Mike will liaise with Steve to discuss.

**Action: Mike**

Charlie gave everyone a heads up that he will not be standing for re-election as treasurer next year. It is essential that this post be filled; a possible candidate was suggested and Mike is to make an approach to see if he is interested.

**Action: Mike**

Charlie and Gill asked for 3 additional copies of the handbook.

**Action: Terry**

As is the custom, it was agreed that the committee (and their partners) should meet up after Christmas for dinner. Several venues were mooted and the secretary volunteered to ascertain approximate numbers and to identify a suitable restaurant. The date for this will be 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Action: Terri**

Mike thanked Gill for her hospitality and also thanks to Bill who brought along the mince pies!!

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Gill's home. 10 Tyfield, Sherborne RG24 9HZ.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

**Basingstoke & District Table Tennis Association - AceMoney**

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Withdrawal	Deposit	Total
	01/04/2014	Balance C/F			16143.87	16143.87
	01/04/2014	Championships Entry Fees	Other Income		328.00	16471.87
712	01/04/2014	Jeanettes, Trophy engraving	Trophies	120.00		16351.87
713	01/04/2014	Coaching - March	Coaching	148.00		16203.87
715	08/05/2014	TT Table Insurance	Administration	293.20		15910.67
716	08/05/2014	Championships Hall Hire	Championships	295.00		15615.67
716	08/05/2014	Coaching - April	Coaching	37.00		15578.67
716	08/05/2014	Exchange Visit Hall Hire	Administration	37.00		15541.67
717	08/05/2014	Essex Rd Electricity	Essex Rd	139.31		15402.36
	22/05/2014	Essex Rd Fees; KG Club	Essex Rd		375.00	15777.36
	22/05/2014	Essex Rd Fees; Alpha Cars	Essex Rd		180.00	15957.36
	22/05/2014	Exchange Visit Hall Hire	Administration		37.00	15994.36
719	05/06/2014	Coaching - May	Coaching	185.00		15809.36
720	05/06/2014	Jeanettes Engravers	Trophies	321.90		15487.46
	05/06/2014	Fine Returns	Administration	307.50		15179.96
722	08/06/2014	HTTA Block Matches	Administration	111.28		15068.68
721	08/06/2014	Gift for Secretary	Gifts	48.00		15020.68
721	08/06/2014	AGM Hall Booking	Administration	30.00		14990.68
721	08/06/2014	Chairman's Expences	Administration	29.63		14961.05
	08/06/2014	Balls for Coaching	Coaching	34.99		14926.06
	08/06/2014	Light Bulbs for Essex Rd	Essex Rd	20.97		14905.09
	08/06/2014	Fine Return, Pegasus	Administration		10.00	14915.09
	19/06/2014	Essex Rd , Aldworth	Essex Rd		465.00	15380.09
	19/06/2014	Team Registrations	Registrations		50.00	15430.09
	21/07/2014	Team Registrations	Registrations		450.00	15880.09
	21/07/2014	Team Registrations	Registrations		1100.00	16980.09
	21/07/2014	Essex Rd , Pegasus	Essex Rd		135.00	17115.09
723	08/08/2014	Coaching - June & July	Coaching	222.00		16893.09
724	08/08/2014	Essex Rd Electricity	Essex Rd	136.78		16756.31
725	08/08/2014	Hand Books	Administration	92.00		16664.31
727	19/10/2014	Coaching - September	Coaching	148.00		16516.31
728	19/10/2014	First Aid / Child Protection Course	Coaching	800.00		15716.31
728	19/10/2014	Toilet Rolls for Essex Rd	Essex Rd	3.49		15712.82
729	06/11/2014	Coaching - October	Coaching	148.00		15564.82
730	09/12/2014	HCTTA	Administration	384.00		15180.82
732	09/12/2014	Coaching - November	Coaching	185.00		14995.82

