

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
12th January 2016
At 10 Tyfield
Sherborne St John
RG24 9HZ

Present:

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Keith Russell, Ron Powell, George Hellens, Terry White Tony Amies and Gill Larking.

1 Apologies for absence

John McClarty and Dave MacDonald

2 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2015 were approved.

3 Matters Arising

4(3) In view of Alan Palaczky taking up coaching qualifications again with intent to be joint lead coach with Terry White it was agreed not to trawl for more coaches at this time.

Action: Closed

4(1) George had attempted on several occasions to get table tennis started at Ruckstall School and Carpenters Down Village Hall but to date they have had various reasons why they have been unable.

Action: Closed

5(5.4) Tony reported that he was able to access details of the league tables and would look into why Ron was having difficulties doing this.

Action: Tony

6 The web-site has been updated to show The Closed Championships are to be held on Saturday 23rd April.

Action: Closed

KG Club are kindly running this year's Closed Tournament and Mike is in touch with them regarding updating the entry form. On completion this will be put on the web-site.

Action: Mike and Tony

7(7.3) With reference to the proposed Memorial Board at Essex Road, Tony and Dave are still to sort this out.

Action: Tony and Dave

7(7.5) Mike spoke with George White regarding who will be a contact at the council should George not be available.

Action: George to advise us. Terri will chase up.

4(4.1) Patrick very kindly accessed the web-site of TTE and was able to get the confirmation of all BDTT members who had joined and the dates they were registered with TTE.

Action: Closed

4(4.4) Terri sent out the email reminding club secretaries of the need to confirm that all their team members are registered with TTE before playing in the league.

Action: Closed

5(5.3) Keith has sent off to Lloyds, the form requesting on-line banking for the league. To date he has not received a reply.

Action Keith

5(5.8) Keith is to confirm that the registration fee, for the team that had to pull out, has been returned to Queens.

Action: Keith

6(1) A donation was sent in memory of Kath Cann. Several committee members joined friends and family at her funeral. [Post meeting note: Mike had received thank you letters from Nobby Clark and the 'Help for Heroes' charity]

Action: Closed

6(6) Mike, Terri and Alan attended a course on Child Protection in Fareham.

Action: Closed

6(6.5) George reported that following his attending local schools' championships he had contacted several parents regarding sending their youngsters to coaching.

Action: Closed

4 Officers' Reports

Hon. Treasurer

4(1) Keith reported that in accordance with the new rent deadline for teams using the Match Room, KGB has paid. However, statements' showing each club's hire charges has only recently been sent to club secretaries; therefore the committee has deferred this year's payment date to 29th January.

4(2) Keith produced a current balance sheet. There were no anomalies.

4(3) Keith had received information that Aldworth have had to cancel coaching on Saturday 30th January as the hall is needed for exam tuition. Terry was asked to make this known to all at coaching and Tony was asked to put this information on the web page.

Action: Terry and Tony

Web Master

4(4) Tony reported that there had been no real issues. He added that the web page has been light on news items and asked if this could be improved.

Hon. Registration Secretary

4(5) Ron reported that 142 players had now registered.

He advised that the closing date for any further player registrations is 31st January 2016.

He asked if Tony would put this on the web-site.

Action: Tony

Essex Road Officer

4(6) Terry reported that with the bins having been removed from the Match Room there were no further incidents of rubbish being left for others to clear up.

4(7) Terry went on to say that following several bouts of damage to the tables at Aldworth, Mike had secured the tables by means of a chain to prevent them from being used by the school.

Unfortunately the school are very unhappy about this and it was decided that Mike and Terry would meet with Aldworth staff to discuss the way forward.

Action: Terry and Mike

5 Player Registrations

5(1) Mike reminded committee that several matches had been played by members who had not been registered with TTE at the time of playing. This is in contravention of Rule 13.

All dates had been checked with TTE and unfortunately committee could not find any mitigating circumstances for discretion to be applied.

Sadly in the interests of consistency and fairness to all, the committee had no option but to adhere to the members' wishes as outlined in the handbook. Therefore Rule 13 will be implemented and those players' games will be forfeited to the opposition (such matches will be treated as if the offending player did not show up on the night).

Tony will amend the scores and averages as necessary and Mike will contact club secretaries to advise them of those matches affected.

Action: Mike and Tony

5(5.2) It was stressed again that club secretaries must see evidence of TTE payment before sending in registration forms. The form requires this and it is not the role of the Registration Secretary to check this and return forms.

The committee are now able to confirm registration payment with TTE on-line.

6 Any Other Business

6(1) It was noted that AWE has had a run of postponed matches and enquiries will be made regarding any problems they may have.

Action: Terri

6(2) George asked if selected youngsters, being coached in the Basingstoke area, could be given an invitation to play in this year's Closed Championships to further encourage their interest and self esteem in table tennis. They would play in the appropriate age and the Division 3 sections. It is not envisaged that more than 4-5 will take this up.

The committee agreed to this and complimented George in his continued perseverance with promoting table tennis to youngsters.

Mike will draft an invitation letter to be handed to chosen players.

Action: Mike

6(3) Ron reported the sad news that Hector Castro had passed away recently. He had been a long term player at Winklebury Club. Our thoughts and condolences go to all his family and close friends.

6(4) Terry had been sent 8 boxes of new plastic balls by Tee Sports. Each box contains 12 balls. Apparently they are of a superior quality to the first balls sent to us.

It was agreed to use them at the 'Closed Championships and decide on the remainder at a later date.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016, 7.30pm at Gill's home.

The committee expressed grateful thanks to Gill for hosting again and for refreshments.

The meeting finished at 10.25pm