

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Thursday 15th August 2024 at 6.45pm

Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Jan MacDonald, Sarah Whithorn

2. Introductions

Jon welcomed the new members to the committee, and each introduced themselves to the meeting.

Chair	Jon Clarke (JC)
Vice Chair	Mark Every (ME)
Hon. Secretary	Tony Coombes (TC)
Hon. Treasurer	Jarlath Corbett (JC)
Hon. Registration Secretary	Celia Hooker (CH)
Hon. Development Officer	Mark Every (ME)
Hon. Inter-Town Secretaries	Sarah Whithorn (SW)
Web-Master	Chris Parkyn (CP)
Hon. Trophy Secretary	Jan MacDonald (JM)
Basingstoke Table Tennis Centre & Coaching Officer	Terry White (TW)
HTTA Representative	Sarah Whithorn (SW)
Press and Media Relations Officer	Vacant (Caitlin Wood updates our Facebook).
Additional Members	Martin Gilbey (MG) Bill Bavister (BB)

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2024

As many members at this meeting were not present at the meeting of 19th March, it was agreed that the minutes be recirculated and those present reply to the Secretary (TC) to advise on any actions from the meeting that have been completed or remain outstanding.

Action: All to review minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2024 and advise any updates to TC.

4. Matters Arising

As per point 3 above.

5. Teams and league structure

JC noted his view that:-

- In general promotion/relegation should be based on performance. I.e. 2 up 2 down
 - This is modified if it is preferable to balance the number of teams in each league.
- Where new teams are entered, their position should be determined by BDTTA committee
- Would like to target a league of 30 teams in future.
- Promotion/relegation policy should be published on website for clarity.

Celia provided list of teams in divisions as per entitlement based on last season's performance and also an amended version variation of the breakdown, based on requests from the teams. This resulted in a league structure of 9 teams in the Premier, 7 in division 1 and 8 in division 2.

The committee were sorry to note that OMI would not be entering a team this season and welcomed the two new teams from KG and another from Queens.

Hannington had advised that they were happy to be promoted from division 1, as per their league position at the end of the season, or to remain in that division to have more competitive matches. The committee agreed to Hannington remaining in division 1, providing a balanced structure of 3 leagues with 8 teams.

The agreed structure is as follows.

Premier	Division 1	Division 2
Aldworth A	Aldworth C	Aldworth F
Aldworth B	Aldworth D	KG E
KG A	Aldworth E	KG F
KG B	Hannington	Oakley A
Queens A	KG C	Oakley B
Queens B	KG C	Queens F
Queens C	Queens D	Queens G
Saints	Queens E	Queens H

Matches will be arranged on a grid of 8.

Note: each team is required to pay £45 entry fee to play in the league
There is a £10 deposit per team, refundable at the end of the season.

6. Officers' reports

a. Treasurer

JC has arranged to meet with the outgoing treasurer to get briefing on the role.

Action: JC to check with Lorraine on who are the registered signatories for the bank account.

To simplify the task of confirming player registration to the league, on a periodic basis at the start of the season CP, will send a list of registered players from the website to JC so he can check fees have been received.

Action: CP to send a list of registered players to JC

Action: JC to check fees received

b. Web master

CP advised there is a Group email address for committee correspondence. TC will validate members can receive emails from this group with these minutes.

Action: CP to resend instructions to committee members on how to access the email addresses.

Player Registration. CP noted he can put a final date for player registration into the website, if required.

It is advantageous for players to register before start of season as this will carry over base points into new season rankings.

c. Registration secretary

Handbook. As agreed at the AGM, this will not be physically printed, but the information will be available from the website.

A new handbook will be on the website and can be printed by members who like to have a physical copy. This will be a stripped-down version, principally containing the Association rules along with an address from the Chairman.

Action: JC to provide test of address to CP

Action: CP to configure website with new handbook.

Action: CH to provide start dates for matches and list of teams and numbers to CP

Postponement requests. The policy is covered in rules. ME suggested to allow only 2 postponements per team per season. This would need to be changed at next AGM.

It was agreed that when a postponement request comes in, a group email message will be sent to CH, ME and JC who will agree whether to accept or reject the request.

Action: CP to create email group and message on the website. Add opposing team captain details to the email message.

Action: CH, ME, JC to create WhatsApp group to confer on and action postponement requests.

Action: CP to add approve/deny response process

d. Coaching / Essex Road

Requests received for coaching information should be referred to the BDTTA website.

7. Any other business

Agenda items for next meeting:-

- Discuss this season's competitions.
- Discuss formation of sub-committee for new premises development
- Keys for Essex Rd.
 - How many keys do we have?
 - TW to set up register.
 - ME to request key back from OMI.
 - ME to check with council on cost of procuring keys.
- TW – broken window issue
- JC requested committee give thought to
 - What does success for the League look like (check Jon's message on "Building and strengthening our Table Tennis" for ideas).
 - How can we communicate with players better? Think about it for next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

Proposed date for the next meeting Thursday 24th October.

Action: All to confirm availability for this date to TC