

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 6.45pm

Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Jarlath Corbett (JCo), Sarah Whithorn (SW), Terry White (TW), Celia Hooker (CH), Chris Parkyn (CP)

Present:- Jon Clarke (JCl), Mark Every (ME), Tony Coombes (TC), Jan MacDonald (JM), Martin Gilbey (MG), Bill Bavister (BB)

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 14th November 2024.

These were approved and will be uploaded to the website.

3. Matters Arising

Dealt with under agenda headings.

4. Teams and league structure

Queens A team has had to withdraw from the league due to lack of player availability. The issues arising have been resolved with the individual players and with Queens Club, and the fixtures/results for the team removed from the website.

5. Officers' reports

a. Treasurer

JC has sent his apologies. He is currently overseas and unable to attend the meeting.

b. Webmaster

Details of Hampshire closed tournament have been added to the website.

JCl and TC have images for the website which will be sent to CP.

c. Registration secretary

A question from Celia who is unable to attend the meeting.

Two Aldworth teams played a rearranged match against each other at Essex Road last Friday. As they hadn't booked it on the booking section of the website, how does Jarleth know to ask for payment - and for any other rearranged ones not booked in?

Action: ME to check with Aldworth to see which teams were involved.

It may be necessary to add some time to the end of the season to help Aldworth complete their games. A special general meeting is required to change this, if required, as it would require a change of rules.

Action: ME to check with Aldworth to see if they will need an extension to complete their fixtures, following the cancellation of some bookings for the hall by the school.

d. Coaching / Essex Road

Coaching is going well, averaging 30 people per evening on Fridays.

a. Trophies.

Action: JM to review current trophies to see if any new ones are required.

6. This season's competitions

b. Closed tournament. ME still in negotiation with Aldworth to get sports hall available. Potential to have hall starting at midday on Saturday after current users booking and split the tournament over Saturday and Sunday.

Action: ME to continue discussions with Aldworth with the aim of fixing a date asap.

Action: MG to plan mix of tournament events to fit the time booked, once this is known.

7. Essex Road

a. An engineer is to visit on 11th February to replace the landlords' electricity meter serving the rear building. Electricity will need to be disconnected for approximately 30 minutes which will mean the toilets and hallways will be without lighting for a short period.

Action: JM to alert Doreen to make her aware of possible power interruptions during the social TT sessions.

8. Any other business

a. Amanda Curtis from Basingstoke and District Council has approach us via the web site to see how the Council can help. JCI has responded and is planning a meeting to explore what the Council can do.

b. Essex Road keys – JCI will explore getting new keys/keysafe/door code entry device with Amanda Curtis from Basingstoke and District Council. Good idea to have a deposit for any new keys (e.g. cost price, say £40)

Action: JCI to arrange to meet Amanda to explore the help the Council may be able to offer, especially in respect of premises and keys for the building.

c. JCI has access to letter writing machine which can be used to update the honour board in the KG room. He will do this once winners' names are confirmed.

d. Questions from Jon

- a. What does success for the League look like?
 - Increase Number of Players in the league

- Increase Number of Teams in the league
- Increase Number of matches / competitions / trophies
- Support improvements to our facilities and equipment.

b. How can we communicate with players better?

i. JCI is in exploring social media with web developer.

e. Newsletter

BB/CH offered to create a regular newsletter. The offer was accepted.

9. Date of next meeting 20th February

- **Closed Tournament**
- Player development
- Facilities

Action: all to confirm availability