

**Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**7.30pm**  
**at**  
**Howard Park Bowling Club.**

**Present:** - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Terry White, Mark Every, Celia Hooker, Martin Gilbey, and Chris Parkyn

**1. Apologies for absence**

All present

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023, were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

7.4 Keith will return monies to those teams that paid the fines twice at the AGM.

**Action:- Keith - Terri is seeking confirmation on this.**

4.2(3) Chris has now set up a redirect link from TTE enquiries of B TTA and also redirected all enquiries to the new site for the 2023/24 season.

**Action:- Closed**

6.2 A new list of key holders for Essex Road is still to be compiled and requests sent to have keys for the Match Room returned if no longer needed.

**Action:- Mike and Terry**

4.5(3) The wheels on some of the tables at Aldworth are still in need of mending. Steve Armstrong is away at the moment but will do this when he can.

**Action:- Ongoing**

4.2(1) Chris explained that he is able to export all the information from TTE on paid up membership to our BDTTA web-site. This will give easy access for our Registration Secretary to monitor players eligibility to play.

**Action:- This has been completed - Closed**

**4.3 Closed**

7.2 It is hoped that the new grid will include the Handicap in the same way as before.

**Action:- Closed**

**4. League Structure**

4.1 Following numerous concerns about the large gap in playing matches last season it was decided to discuss options of increasing the number of matches each team will play next season.

4.2 Celia advised that we have 22 teams entered for the forthcoming season. The balance being 7 Premier, 8 first Division and 7 second Division. There is a possibility of a further 2<sup>nd</sup> Division team entering. The division of teams has come about by the withdrawal of some

and promotion and relegation of others. Any encouragement to gain another Premier side would be great.

4.3 It was agreed to form grids to play each opponent 3 times in the season instead of twice to increase the number of matches. The alternative option of splitting the teams into two divisions only, of 11 per division, was considered unworkable in as much as Premier players would be playing much weaker first division players and in turn stronger first division players would be playing much weaker second division players, the incentive to play would be much reduced.

4.4 It was agreed to start the season on 25<sup>th</sup> September to enable all matches to be played and to allow for the Handicap, catch up weeks, Christmas and an early Easter break. The season should be completed on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

4.4 Celia will draft the grid and submit to the Committee for approval.

**Action:- Celia**

4.5 Chris will send an email to all secretaries requesting that all team members register and pay on line as much as possible. It is accepted that some may need help with this.

**Action:- Chris**

4.6 The Handbook needs to be printed showing the grid etc. so players are asked to help by submitting their registration etc. asap.

## **5. Closed Championship**

Following the disappointing response at the AGM to the request for volunteers to run next year's Closed Championships, Mark offered to sound out a few players to make this commitment for the league. The Committee is very grateful to him.

**Action:- Mark**

## **6. Any other Business**

6.1 Mike reported that his wife Lorraine, who is an accountant, has kindly offered to take on the role of treasurer for the forthcoming season. Consequently, Mike proposed Lorraine, with Terri seconding. The vote was unanimous.

6.2 Chris, offered to examine the books again.

The Committee gave a vote of thanks to them both.

6.3 Terry reported that there is an interest in the coaching players and coaches to have new shirts all the same style. The coaches may have ones of a different colour to be more noticeable.

Terry is able to print names on all shirts and will research prices and report back.

**Action:- Terry**

6.4 It was suggested that the Handicap may be better supported if players knew in advance all the dates of the rounds. Mark will see Tom Speed on Tuesday and ask him if this is something he can do in time for publication in the Handbook.

**Action:- Mark**

**Secretary's note:- Tom has agreed to compile the competition showing all dates asap.**

6.5 Chris now has the facility of an email connection on the web-site. Emails will be directed to roles not the individual.

6.6 All templates are now set up for updating.

6.7 The publication of the Summer League results etc. is going well.

6.7 Chris will look at having more than one person listed as Club Secretary on the web-site to support larger clubs.

Action:- Chris

Secretary's note:- This facility is now available - Closed

6.8 A calendar for Essex Road usage is now available.

6.9 Chris to send to Terry web-site updates for the Handbook

Action:- Chris

Secretary's note:- This has been done - Closed

## **7. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

An email sending thanks has been sent to Howard Park Bowling Club Chairman, for the use of their clubhouse.