

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Monday 11th December 2023

7.30pm

at

7 Anton Close.

Oakley

RG23 7AG

Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Martin Gilbey, Lorraine Wood and Chris Parkyn.

The Chairman welcomed our new treasurer Mrs Lorraine Wood to the Committee and thanked her for taking on the role.

1. Apologies for absence

Celia Hooker, Terry White and Mark Every

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 7th August 2023, were approved.

3. Matters Arising

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

Lorraine is investigating how many teams this affected and hopes to have it resolved by the next meeting.

Action:- Lorraine

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.

This is ongoing.

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

4.4 pre season matters

Actioned Closed

4.5 pre season matters

Actioned Closed

5. Mike will speak to Mark regarding volunteers to run next year's Closed Championships.

Action:- Mike

6.3 Most of the youngsters attending coaching have all bought tee shirts and Terry has had their names printed on the back. All coaches have tee shirts identifying them as coaches.

The Committee thanked Terry for his continued dedication to coaching.

6.4 Tom Speed has produced the Handicap matches and provided dates of the forthcoming rounds throughout the season.

Action:- Closed

4. Officers' Reports

4.1 Treasurer's report

4.1(1) Lorraine reported that she has now received all the financial matters from Keith and is sorting it all into the format that she finds easier.

4.1(2) Lorraine plans to put all the balance sheets, etc. into a separate file that can be easily passed to any future treasurer.

4.1(3) Chris will back this up on a secure site.

4.1(4) Lorraine has contacted both the SSE and the Council and has now set up email correspondence regarding bills etc. Previously letters sent via the post had not reached Keith.

4.1(5) Lorraine will send invoices, to those clubs that use Essex Road for matches, twice in the season instead of once in order to keep money in the account.

Action:- Lorraine

4.1(6) Our bank balance to date is:-

Current account £1,247.35

Coaching Account £1,620.24

Savings account £28,771.56

The Committee gave a vote of thanks to Lorraine for dealing promptly with our financial matters

4.2 Web-Master's report

Chris submitted the following:-

General

- Couple of stability issues noticed during Summer League have been addressed, with no reported downtime or outages, apart from scheduled updates (usually a couple of seconds).

Website has been up and running with minor issues, which have been addressed when they have been flagged up.

- Score Resubmission will now pre-populate the player and match information.
- Score pre-populated form now has the match title displayed.
- Date entry on registration page used browser default date selector, though this has been updated to be more mobile friendly.
- Points; bug detected in the point scoring. This has been addressed and additional script created to re-baseline all scores on the website.
- Handicap scores have been published on-line. There has been a request for captains to submit scores directly to the website, which is yet to be implemented as

though role permissions are in place, structure of the matches is still a bit of a mystery..

- Player stats. has had a couple of changes;
 1. Fixed displaying player graphs on mobile devices where in landscape view the charts couldn't be clearly seen.
 2. Added functionality to include individual player point reduction and report the penalties on the web site.
 - Players playing up - notifications will automatically be sent from the web site to the club secretary/ secretaries if a player has played up \geq max_played_up (default set to 4). Notification will also be set to fabcjh@yahoo.co.uk and the player.
- Overall functionality has been expanded to remember views and divisions throughout the website, meaning that when page A "Division 1" is selected, this will be used on subsequent pages until a different division has been selected.
- Fixture web page has been updated to allow filtering for 1) specific team 2) for all or open matches
- Addressed issue with match postponement, reported 5/Nov/2024, where match postponement notifications were coming through due to an issue in the web template used to generate the email. Template has now been fixed and emails should be coming through.
- Team views have been updated to be more mobile friendly, moving away from standard HTML Tables to Bootstrap grid layout.
- Updates to underlying web frameworks to latest versions as part of standard BAU.
- Added T-Shirt purchasing information under the coaching web page.
- Updated Calendar functionality (currently only used for Essex Rd bookings) to add Delete functionality - only Admin and the calendar creator can delete entries on-line. Additionally Calendar bookings can now be made by anyone with the Captain role, which was requested by Terri White through Jon Clarke.
- Scores and Ranking now broken down by division, instead across all divisions
- Added phone contact information when viewing registered players for Captain role. Requested to make it easier to reach out for game discussions.
- Added support for teams to have different addresses (home matches) than the default set by the club. This can be added/ updated from the team management page.
- New functionality added to allow penalty points to be assigned to specific players. Previously penalties could only be assigned to teams. Penalty points information is

shown for individual players at the bottom of the screen, example;

https://bddta.org/bddta_web/player/3/391

- Fixed issues with registration;
 - TTE numbers were too restrictive when being validated
 - Some names were rejected for being too short (Steve Ng)
 - Some team names were rejected for being too short (Steve flagged KG)

To Do

- 1) Send notification to Club Secretaries where they have players unassigned to a team.
- 2) Send over to treasurer the Essex Road Calendar bookings in order that fees due for first 6 months can be calculated - attached bookings > 31/Aug/2023
- 3) Martin Gilbey asked if there could be some way to send scores for Handicap matches directly to Tom and upload to site - Chris will review and see what could be done

Actions:- Chris

Open Issues

1. Scores and Ranking page is slow. Currently the majority of information is calculated at run time, though need to look at 1) the algorithm used to calculate the information and 2) whether page caching or schedule calculation could be used to improve performance.
2. Handicap score submission by privileged players - to be reviewed/ implemented.

Chris Asks;

Currently there is limited feedback and players not informing if there are issues (postponement) – please advise and forward all problems direct to Web-master either through email or from the website contact information.

Chris would welcome any feedback regarding the web-site to check everyone is happy with any changes etc.

The Committee thanked Chris for all his hard work.

4.3 Registration Secretary's report

No report

4.4 Coaching/Essex Road Officer's report

4.4(1) In Terry's absence Mike reported that coaching is going very well at the moment. Attendance by youngsters and adults averages around 20 per week.

4.4(2) Mike added that we have now entered a team into the National Cadet League. The team progressed from the bottom division to the next level but currently finding the competition quite a lot more difficult.

5. Closed Championship

Mike will contact Aldworth School to sort some dates for our Championships hopefully next April. It is likely that we will have to take the times as last year owing to the football club block booking every Saturday morning.

Action:- Mike

6. Any other Business

6.1 The Committee discussed the current method of establishing who should be awarded the most improved player during the season. The current calculation made on ranking points doesn't take into consideration that a player may not have been playing for some time and on their return they win the rest of their games which highlights them as having improved. There is no easy answer to this and it is suggested that the Committee contact all club captains to ask that they submit which player in their opinion has made the most progress in their club and the Committee can then review all submissions to determine a fairer way of awarding this title.

Action:- Mike

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

Terri was thanked for hosting and Lorraine and Mike for bringing mince pies.