

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
Wednesday 17th May 2023
7.30pm
at
Loddon Vale Bowling Club.

Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Terry White, Celia Hooker, Martin Gilbey, Tony Amies and Chris Parkyn

1. Apologies for absence

Jan MacDonald, Mark Every and Keith Russell

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2023, were approved.

3. Matters Arising

5.2 Mike spoke to the football manager regarding the Association having the Sports Hall on Saturday 1st April to hold our Closed Championships, however they reneged on their promise to allow us to take their booking. We have now had to book the hall for Saturday 24th June, from 1pm. The finals will now be played at Old Basing Hall on Thursday 29th June

Actions:- Closed

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

Action:- Keith

4.2(2) **See Web-Master's report**

4.2(3) Chris is still working on setting up a redirect from general TTE enquiries of Basingstoke table tennis facilities.

Action:- Chris- ongoing

6.2 A new list of key holders for Essex Road is to be compiled.

Action:- Mike and Terry

4.1(2) Arrangements are in hand for the AGM finances.

Action:- Closed

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

Action:- Ongoing

5.1(7) Keith has booked the Old Basing Village Hall for the Finals night on Thursday June 29th

Action:- Closed

6.1 Les Bone has agreed to examine our accounts.

Secretary's note:- We have since learnt that Les is now unable to examine our books and we will need to trawl for a new examiner

Action:- Committee

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 Treasurer's report

4.1(1) Keith reported that he has completed the majority of the 2022/2023 accounts, and they will be ready for the AGM.

4.1(2) He has asked Les to examine and sign our accounts. Keith is planning to have this ready 14 days prior to the AGM for all members to see in accordance with the last paragraph of rule 9.

Mike will send out emails to all members.

Action:- Keith and Mike

4.2 Web-Master's report

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:- Chris

4.2(2) It is stressed however that as always and as required on the application form, all club secretaries must check that a player has registered with TTE before signing and submitting the form.

4.3 Registration Secretary's report

Celia reported that the last outstanding match from the 22/23 season has been played but to date the result has not been added to the web site. Celia will chase this up.

Action:- Celia

4.4 Development Officer's Report

No report

4.5 Coaching/ Essex Road Officer's report

4.5(1) Terry reported that there are no issues at Essex Road at the moment.

4.5(2) The Coaching has had to be suspended due to the Sports Hall being used for exams. It will recommence in late June.

4.5(3) Steve Armstrong has agreed to fix the remaining faulty wheels on our tables.

Action:- Terry

5. Closed Championships

5.1(1) Our Closed Championships will be held at Aldworth on Saturday 24th June starting at 1pm.

5.1(2) **All new entry forms must be in by Saturday 17th June. The previously submitted forms have been discarded please re-submit for the new date.**

5.1(3) The finals are to be held at the Old Basing Village Hall on Thursday 29th June.

6. A.G.M.

6.1 The Committee is aware that the rules state we should hold our AGM in June but because of the circumstances of the 'Closed' being pushed back we will on this occasion hold the AGM on Monday 17th July, 2023, 7.30pm at Howard Park Bowling Club.

6.2 The Committee reviews the fees each year but with Keith being unable to attend the meeting, Mike will speak to him regarding our financial position and determine whether we consider increasing the individual fee and Essex Road Match Hire.

Action:- Mike

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Celia reported that several players had complained that there are too many and too long a gap in our grid when teams are not playing matches. Terri had also been approached about this. The Committee is mindful of the pitfalls of changing the format of our divisions and almost certainly any change will please some and not others.

No real plan can be made until we have had teams enter the league next season. Then based on how many there are we could try to implement a different grid.

7.2 It is suggested that the Handicap matches are played at the end of the season which may help increase the entries. Mike will consult with Tom Speed to get his views on this.

Action:- Mike

7.3 Celia added that it would be a great advantage to her and to the publication of the Handbook if teams could put their entries in by the end of July instead of August. It will enable the Committee to more easily review the numbers and format of the divisions. An email to this effect will be sent out to all club secretaries and it will also be on the flash page of the web-site.

Action:- Celia

7.3 Tony Amies has now handed over full control of the web-master role to Chris Parkyn and in view of his plans to move away in the future he has tendered his resignation from the Committee and his added role of Vice Chair. BDTTA is very grateful to Tony for all his support to the Association on the Committee and for all the numerous hours he has put in to build us an enviable web-site. His wisdom will be greatly missed and all the Committee extend grateful thanks.

7.4 Mike asked the Committee members present if they are willing to stand again next year for their relevant posts. They all agreed. Mike will ask Keith, Jan and Mark if they too are willing to stand.

Action:- Mike

Secretary's note:- Keith our treasurer is unable to continue on the Committee and has tendered his resignation. Again grateful thanks for all the work he has done for the Association.

7.5 With the AGM being put back later in the year any proposals of rule changes etc. to the secretary will be accepted until 16th June 2023.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm

Thanks were extended to Loddon Vale for allowing us to use their Meeting Room.