

# Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

7.30pm

at

Loddon Vale

Bowling Club

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

## 1. Apologies for absence

Lorraine Wood, and Mark Every

## 2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023, were approved.

## 3. Matters Arising

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**

5. Pete Martin has kindly offered to help with the draw for the forthcoming Closed. More help will be needed to set up the hall. The Championships will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm

**Action:- Closed**

4.1(5) Lorraine has sent out the six monthly bill to clubs for match hire of Essex Road

**Action: - Closed**

4.2 (3) Chris has set up a system for the handicap scores to reach Tom Speed quickly and for them to be on the web-site asap.

**Action:- Closed**

5. Mike has booked Aldworth for our Closed Championships for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1pm prompt start.

**Action:- Closed**

6.1 Mike will write to all club secretaries seeking nominations for their most improved player in both junior and senior. This year we do not want to base it solely on stats as they don't always give a true picture.

**Action:- Closed**

## 4. Officers' Reports

### 4.1 Treasurer's report

Mike reported on behalf of Lorraine.

- Invoices for Essex Road up til the end of December have been submitted to clubs for payment
- A savings account has been opened with a much better interest rate.
- As our cash flow in our current account is tight we will use the coaching account to pay for the Closed Championships
- Current account £1,285
- Instant Savings account £3864
- Coaching £1736
- Fixed term deposit £25,000

Lorraine will review our current income and expenditure to determine future fees etc.

The Basingstoke Lottery brings in around £26 per month. The more who enter means more for the Association.

#### 4.2 Web-Master's report

4.2(1) Chris reported that the web-site is working well

4.2(2) The team page has been improved showing all registered players.

#### 4.3 Registration Secretary's report

4.3(1) Celia reported that this season we have 111 players and 22 teams, this is a drop of 3 teams and 3 players overall from last season.

4.3(2) Celia stated that with subs being paid on line this is a great improvement as no cash is pushed through her door for her to deal with.

4.3(3) With registering on line Celia doesn't always know exactly if and when a player has registered. Chris will revise the system send this information to Celia

**Action:- Chris**

4.3(4) Many players play for more than one league and they are only required to submit one league to TTE. If a player plays in Basingstoke and submits another league they play in as well Celia doesn't always have the information on whether they have paid their TTE subscription. Chris will investigate and hopefully resolve.

**Action:- Chris**

4.3(5) The two players who failed to pay their TTE subs prior to playing have still to have their team results deducted. Chris will adjust their team's scores.

**Action:- Chris**

#### 4.4 Coaching/Essex Road Officer's report

4.4(1) Terri has received an email from the council requesting that we make safe one of the windows in the Match Room. Mike has taken a look at this and the pane of glass is cracked in 2 places which could possibly fall out. We are not required to do more than make safe so even if we were simply to tape this securely we can't easily access it.

It seems that we would require scaffolding to reach it from the outside. Concern has been expressed regarding the council's responsibility to keep the outside of the building in good order. The wooden frame of the windows are rotting and there doesn't appear to have been any maintenance in repair or painting for some years.

Terri will email a reply to the council requesting a new window or at the very least a new frame.

**Members are asked if they have any DIY ideas to remedy this. Any contribution will be gratefully received.**

4.4(2)The Association is also required to submit an Electrical Installation Condition Report. It is suggested we seek guidance from Keith Russell who may know someone who can do this for us.

Action:- Mike

## 5. Closed Championship

- Unfortunately, we are unable to book the hall for our championships before 1pm again this year. Players are asked to arrive around 12.30pm to help set up the hall.
- Terri will loan her PA system again.
- Chris suggested that next year he could send out the entry forms on line and fees could be paid via BACs
- Finals night is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Old Basing Village Hall.
- Jan is sorting all the trophies and medals. Please return trophies to Jan asap.

## 6. AGM

- Suggested date is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm
- Terri will try to book Howard Park Bowling Club again
- Players are reminded that any proposals for rule changes must be submitted to the secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Committee positions to be filled are:-  
Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## 7. Any other Business

7.1 Sean Picking had emailed Mike saying that our friends from Alencon were very keen to restart the town twinning table tennis exchange which prior to Covid had been running for over 40 years. It isn't a matter for the BDTTA Committee but Mike promised to pass this on to all members.

7.2 TTE has given those players who only play in the summer leagues the option to pay a lower subscription. This will be published in due course but all players must be TTE members to take part in summer leagues run by affiliated clubs.

7.3 Chris will publish this amount on our web-site flash page when known.

Action:- Chris

7.4 Martin asked if the formation of the scorecard could be altered to include the games won and lost as it is easier to check. **This will need clarifying as I'm not sure exactly what this request is. - Sorry!**

7.5 Martin suggested a fun stat of most points won after 11 e.g. 3 for the winner and 1 for the loser, to be totalled over the season.

Chris will look into this.

Action:- Chris

## 7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm