

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
29th September 2016
10 Tyfields
Sherborne St John
Basingstoke
RG24 9HZ

Present

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Dave MacDonald, Dave Partridge, Celia Hooker, Gill Larking, Phil Ware and Tony Amies

1. Apologies for absence

Terry White, Keith Russell and George Hellens.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 10th August 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

3(5.4) Tony is still working on access to the league tables for all users.

He is confident it will be completed and available by the start of the season.

This is done.

Action: Closed

3(7.3) Dave MacDonald is to send a list of names to Tony for inclusion on the web-site.

Dave is still compiling the names and will forward as soon as he can.

Not yet completed.

Action: Dave

3(7.5) Terri is still to get a definitive response from George re a second point of contact at the council.

George has given a contact via Mike.

Action: Closed

3(5.3) Keith is still awaiting a reply from the bank re on-line payments.

Keith reported that he has been pursuing this for some time and hopes the paperwork is near completion.

No update on this.

Action: Keith

3(6.2) The committee will need to discuss at length the merits of introducing restrictions on which division a player is eligible for dependent on ranking points.

All clubs have been advised of 'ranking points eligibility' for each division.

Action: Closed

3 (4.5) Terry will contact council re supplying a bin for the toilets at Essex Road. We should not provide.

Terry has left this with George White to pursue.

No report.

Action: Terry

3 (6.5) Keith will return deposits to clubs minus any fines incurred.

Keith has returned deposits.

Action: Closed

3 (7.1) Terry has had his police check renewed and his coaching licence. The league will pay the fees. Terry will need to submit receipts to Keith.

Keith now has Terry's receipts

No Report

Action: Keith

3 (4.2) All players are now aware of the eligibility requirement for divisions.

Action: Closed

3 (4.3) Celia has completed the season's games grid and it is now printed in the Handbook and published on the web-site.

Action: Closed

3 (5.1) Mike, Keith, George White and Pete Martin, met with representatives of the Council to discuss the ongoing issue of the rent for Essex Road. The outcome was that we have had to pay the outstanding amount or face legal proceedings. The Council has accepted payment in two stages. To date £8,000 has been paid. The remaining amount will be paid in due course.

The Council has agreed to review the variable maintenance charge and the proportion of rent paid by Queens' club and the League Match Room. However, it is by no means certain that the overall charge will be reduced which could mean that user charges will need to be increased next season.

The terms and period of the lease will also be reviewed by the Council. Mike and Keith will continue to liaise with the Council as necessary.

Action: Mike and Keith

3 (5.3) All information regarding the teams and registered players to date, has been sent to Tony for inclusion on the web-site.

Action: Closed

3 (5.4) League tables are now able to be printed.

Action: Closed

3 (5.5) Terry has made a sign and it has been displayed in the Match Room regarding taking home rubbish.

Action: Closed

3 (5.7) Dave continues to send reports to the Gazette.

Action: Closed

3 (5.8) Dave will be submitting reports of matches to the web-site when the season is underway.

Action: Closed

3(5.9) see Development Officer's report

Action: Closed

3 (6) The date of the Closed Championships has been published in the Handbook and on the web site.

Action: Closed

3 (7) Dave still awaits the crest for new roundels.

Action: Terry

4. League Structure

(4.1)Celia reported that all fixtures have now been balanced out for the season leaving in free weeks for any re-arranged matches.

She has not received all registration forms for all players as yet. Money without a form is not acceptable.

Club secretaries are reminded that the onus of completion of the registration form showing TTE membership and evidence of having paid this season is theirs and not that of the League Secretary.

(4.2) Handbooks are now being distributed.

Action: Celia

5. Officer's Reports

(5.1) Treasurer's report

Keith sent a current balance sheet which was distributed to committee.

It does not yet show the expenditure of the outstanding rent.

(5.2) Web Master

Tony is happy that the web-site is ready for the season and awaits information on the remaining players yet to register to play in Basingstoke

(5.3) Essex Road Officer

No report

(5.4) Trophy Secretary

Dave M has a couple of plaques to get engraved.

Action: Dave

(5.5) Press Secretary

Dave P reported that his contact had left the Gazette and he had been made aware that all sports were suffering from lack of published articles. He will however keep submitting them.

(5.6) Development Officer

Dave P suggested that we start by forming a sub-committee to discuss the way forward.

He felt it important to approach the council now whilst money is being spent on a new re-vamped Sports and Leisure Centre at West Ham. The aim would be to be considered for a permanent table tennis centre for the use of league teams, players practice and coaching.

Mike, Phil and Terri have formed this sub-committee with Dave and will meet soon.

Action: Dave to report back to committee.

6. Closed Championship Date

The Championships will be held on Saturday 22nd April at Aldworth College and the date of the finals will be confirmed by Keith and advised to all clubs.

Action: Keith and Terri

7. Any Other Business

(7.1) Terri was asked to contact Keith re booking the rugby club for the finals.

Action: Terri

(7.2) Mike reported that he had attended the AGM of the Basingstoke Sport Council, which is a body set up to assist sports clubs with obtaining grants etc. It will steer clubs in the right direction to gain support for projects.

Mike recommended that we join as an Association the fee being only £15.

Tony added that when we have joined as an affiliated member we will be able to display their logo on our web site.

This was agreed.

Action: Terri, Keith and Tony

(7.3) Phil raised the issue of the web-site TTE 365 and was advised that whilst access to it is available for all to use as they wish, the league will stay with our present web-site.

(7.4) Tony advised the meeting that there is a very good phone app called 'Droppa' which will enable groups of people to be signed in together to communicate. He thought this could be used successfully to communicate to team players during any given week. Access would be exclusively to those in the group. He will put details on the web-site for all members to see.

Action: Tony

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th November at Terri's home.

The committee thanked Gill for hosting and for the lovely refreshments.