

**Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**7 Anton Close**  
**Oakley**  
**RG23 7AG**

**Present**

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Terry White, Tony Amies, Phil Ware, Dave Macdonald Celia Hooker and Keith Russell

**1. Apologies for absence**

Dave Partridge, Gill Larking and George Hellens

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2017 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

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

Dave reported that this is underway but is a long job as he has to compile a lot of information.

**Action: Dave**

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

Terry produced sample crest sizes and colours for committee approval. The decision was gold on blue.

**Action: Closed**

3(5.4) Report on the plaques being engraved.

Dave has this in hand and it will be completed by the date of the championships.

**Action: Closed**

4 Proposal for purpose built Table Tennis Centre

**Action: Dave P and sub-committee: Ongoing**

5(2) Mike asked Keith for a proposal based on his financial projections.

Keith confirmed that there is a need to increase the income from membership fees and hire charges for the Match Room at Essex Road; he recommended that this should be done gradually.

**Action: Keith**

5.4(2) Mike had met with a council representative to discuss the situation of the floor being slippery and unsuitable for table tennis but unfortunately they do not see it as any part of their commitment to maintain saying the surface is for us to repair. Mike will chase the council regarding the new lease and report back.

**Action: Mike**

6.3 Terry reported on the pricing of bulk purchase of balls from Tees Sports. There does seem to be a good saving to be made if those teams that wish to would buy their annual supply from one supplier.

Mike asked Terry to complete his research and put together figures to enable Terri to approach all clubs.

**Action: Terry**

5(5.2) Terri had sent a reminder to all club captains of the need to advise Celia of all postponements in accordance with rule 24.

**Action: Closed**

**5. Officer's Reports**

(5.1) Treasurer's report

Keith reported that all debt to the council of rent for Essex Road is now paid.

Our account now has £5,202.

Following discussion on the need to increase the rent of Essex Road match room it was agreed that from September 2017, it will increase from £15 to £18 per night.

Any increase of registration fee will be proposed to the AGM.

**Action: Terri will advise all Essex Road users of this increase.**

### 5.2 Registration Secretary's report

Celia reported that 19 matches have been postponed this season with the added complication of teams rearranging them. She is not being informed by both captains of postponements and their rearranged dates and some teams have been misusing the concede rule. It was agreed that the field for 'conceded match' will be removed from the web-site and only through authorisation of the committee will matches be shown as conceded.

Those matches wrongly claimed will be reinstated and points returned to teams.

The committee accepts that there are extenuating circumstances that prevent a match from being played on its scheduled date but too many are now being postponed. If a team has only 2 players the match should go ahead. Many clubs have the ability to ask a player from a lower ranked team to 'play up'.

There is sufficient time in the season for all matches to be played.

Terri suggested that we should start the season as soon as possible to be able to insert extra free weeks for any outstanding matches.

Celia will draft an email to be sent to all team captains advising them of the changes to the points shown and remind them yet again of complying with the rules as shown in the Handbook.

**Action: Celia**

### 5.3 Web Master

5.3(1) Tony reported that there have been no problems with the web-site.

5.3(2) Terry advised the meeting that there will be no coaching this weekend as there is the annual model train exhibition and asked that it be shown on the web-site.

There was concern that this information should have been made available some weeks ago in order for advance notice to go to the coaching team and players.

Keith will check the schedule with Aldworth.

**Action: Keith**

### 5.4 Essex Road Officer

5.4(1) Terry expressed concern again that match room users are still leaving their rubbish behind for others to dispose of. It's a very simple requirement for all players to take home their refuse and put it in their own bin at home. The council do not provide a service for this.

5.4(2) Terry raised the problem of the tables at Aldworth being damaged.

Mike had sent an email to the school about this a while ago and the head of PE had replied that it was not done by the pupils at Aldworth. The school claimed that some damage may have occurred to 2 tables when they were loaned to Sherfield School but it had not been possible to verify this as the loan was not monitored as had been intended. Terry has photographs that show the tables are not always stored correctly; Mike will forward these to the school.

**Action: Mike**

5.4(3) Terry said that there is an ongoing problem in the match room with the ball going over the top of the the partition wall and being 'lost' in the debris of equipment in the store room behind. It was decided that it was a relatively easy matter to hang netting or some similar barrier to prevent this. Terry will seek volunteers to help.

**Action: Terry**

5.4(4) Terry further suggested that we consider replacing the lighting currently used with a newer more efficient LED system. Mike has reservations on likely costs and their suitability, and asked Terry to research this both in monetary terms and practicality.

**Action: Terry**

### (5.5) Trophy Secretary

Dave will send an email shortly to recall all trophies and order new medals for the forthcoming championships.

**Action: Dave**

(5.6) Press Secretary

No report

(5.7) Development Officer

No Report

**6. Any Other Business**

6.1 Celia, in representing Queen's Club, advised the committee that the entry forms for the Closed Championships will be on the web-site soon. The closing date for entries is 15<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be 12-13 tables in use on the day.

Celia asked if anyone had a PA system that could be borrowed for the day; Keith thought he might be able to borrow one.

Peter Martin is competition secretary for the club.

Finals night is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Rugby Club.

**Action: Keith**

6.2 Phil has had a brief look at our insurance policies and will research getting a better premium deal.

**Action: Phil**

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be confirmed.

**Action: Terri**

The committee thanked Terri for hosting and for the refreshments.