

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

8th April 2015

at

10 Tyfield, Sherborne St John.
RG24 9HZ

Present:

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Charlie Smith; Gill Larking, Terry White, Dave McDonald, Ron Powell and George Hellens.

1 Apologies

Pete Martin, Bill Bavister, John McClarty and Tony Amies

2 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 18th February 2015 were approved

3 Matters Arising

3. (7.1) Terry has notified all clubs of the exchange of old balls for new.

Action: - Closed

4(2) Development Plan

Terry contacted Phil Jeffs from Costello regarding introducing table tennis at schools but despite several reminders from Terry he has not returned his calls.

Terry is now pursuing another line of enquiry through a retired sports officer from the area.

Action: - Terry

4 (3) Satellite Club Development

The introduction of after school table tennis at the Vyne School has been deferred to 28th April 2015.

TTE have employed Terry to run this and provided all equipment.

It will be open to all schools and TTE have sent emails advertising this. It will be on Tuesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. To date there is one teacher willing to assist but if any league or past players would like to go along to help out, Terry would be very grateful.

Action: - Closed.

5(3) Terry produced artwork for a new logo to be added to the roundels that are affixed to trophies.

The committee reviewed and agreed.

Action: Closed

5(6.3) Charlie obtained a list of those persons who had been issued with keys for the Match room.

It appears to be out of date and it was agreed that all key holders should be notified in order to collate a new and accurate list.

Action: Terri

5(7) Terry and Mike had looked into chaining our tables at Aldworth to prevent misuse but this proved unsuccessful as there was nowhere suitable to 'anchor' a support post.

Action: Closed

6. Terri informed the league of the possibility of cancelling the championships but thankfully this has now been resolved.

Action: Closed

7. Charlie has re-registered non-payment of VAT re Essex Road

Action: Closed

4 Development Plan

(1) George reported that from the 40 or so village halls he contacted regarding introducing table tennis as a facility, only one has made a firm commitment to do this. Carpenters Down Hall, Popley have proposed introducing table tennis on a Friday evening. George will attend initially to help set it up and then hopefully it will run itself. We look forward to welcoming a new team/s into the league.

Action: George

(2) Mike reported that the sub-committee had not been able to meet since the last committee meeting.

(3) Terry asked if there was any likelihood of getting more people to train as coaches.

Terri suggested that maybe we should try to advertise our need outside of the league boundaries. Since it's not essential to be a team player to teach maybe there would be an uptake from those who enjoy table tennis but are not particularly good at it.

The committee acknowledged this was unlikely but in the absence of any successful trawling in the past there is nothing to lose.

Action: All committee members to draft a suitable ad for consideration.

5 Officers' Reports

5(1) Treasurer.

Charlie distributed the balance sheet which when checked against the bank statements etc will be submitted at the AGM.

5(2) Web-Master

In Tony's absence Terri read out his email update.

5(2.1) 'Not much to report on the Web site front. It appears to have survived the season without any mishaps. Visitor count is up to 25600. The service company we use for the site has been taken over and we do not seem to have suffered any performance degradation, in fact it may have improved a little. I have identified a new company we could move to for next season if necessary, probably a little more expensive but worth it.

This is a good time of year to solicit any new requirements for the site (Terry White has a minor one for coaching dates). I guess we ought to also discuss whether to move to tabletennis365 or not. George used to be against it, and I agreed as it was rubbish at the time, but its improved now and maybe we should reconsider. I won't be offended if we scrap my site and go to the commercial one. I may cry for a while, but I'll get over it.'

It was unanimously agreed that our current site is still better than the tt365 and with Tony's continued support we would like to keep it.

5(2.2) Terry asked if a field could be added to the scores entry to show if a 4th player had played in the doubles essentially to add the person's name. Also it would be helpful if the doubles players were identified.

Action: Tony and Terry

5(2.3) Terry also asked if the present system of showing coaching dates could be amended to show more prominently those dates when there is no coaching available. It was suggested the 'flash' at the opening of the site was very effective. Also if the dates list could actually show, 'no coaching', instead of just missing the date out, it would highlight it more.

Action: Tony and Terry

5(3) Senior/Vet's Tournament Secretary.

Pete sent a message to say he had not yet been notified of any town Vet's Matches.

5(4) Trophy Secretary

Dave McDonald reported that he had now ordered all trophies for the forthcoming championships and hoped to pick up the team trophies next week. The individual trophies will be ready in two weeks. He stressed again that those trophies returned would be engraved but those persons failing to return their trophy will have to have the engraving put on at their own expense. He is also pursuing the return of the annual trophies such as 'most improved player' etc.

Action: Dave

5(5) Registration Secretary

Ron reported that many teams had been unable to complete matches in the two free weeks allocated at the end of the season as it fell into the Easter break. As this is unusual the committee agreed to extend the playing period by one further week to the week commencing 20th April. Terri will inform all team secretaries.

Action: Terri

Secretary's note, an email was sent out early on 9th April advising all teams of this extended period.

Action: Closed

5. (6) Essex Road Officer

5(6.1) Terry has asked for a second bin to be made available in the match room to recycle waste. Councils will not take away refuse that has not been sorted. Terry was asked to source a suitable set of bins to allow recyclable waste to be collected separately.

Action: Terry

5(6.2) The light in the communal toilet is out and needs professional attention to remove the bulb. Terry will liaise with George to contact the council.

Action: Terry

6 Closed Championships

Plans for this year's closed championships are going well. Patrick has reported that entries are trickling in and hopefully more will arrive soon to beat the deadline date. Notification of this has been 'flash' highlighted on the web-site for some weeks now.

Charlie has been able to confirm all bookings at both Aldworth and the Rugby Club.

Patrick would like to set up on the Friday and would be grateful for help to do this.

Those others assisting are:

Control table: Pete Martin, George Hellens and Dave McDonald.

Refreshments: Lorraine Wood and Julie Partridge.

Transport of table for finals night: Bill Bavister.

The rugby club will need to be contacted to give permission and access to the table being left there on the night before.

Action: Bill

7 Any Other Business

7(1) Charlie reported that Les Bone has checked the accounts for the league for 50 years this year and it was felt that a small gift would be in order as a thank you for all his hard work and commitment. Charlie offered to approach Mrs Bone to ascertain what Les would like.

Action: Charlie

7(2) Dave reported the sad news that Joyce Clarke, the wife of Nobby Clarke, a life member and league secretary for many years, had died. Her funeral had taken place and several table tennis players had attended.

7(3) Terry raised the issue of the new plastic balls being used next season.

Following much discussion it was agreed that rule 21 will continue to apply. All celluloid balls are now TTE approved until at least December 2015 and therefore without a rule change the committee are not at liberty to direct clubs to discard them and use the new plastic ball. There was no appetite to introduce such a rule change.

7(4) The AGM has been booked for Tuesday 23rd June, 2015 at the Basingstoke Rugby club starting promptly at 7.30pm. Charlie will book the club.

Action: Charlie

Secretary's note:

The room has been booked from 7pm.

Action: - Closed

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 27th May 2015, at Mike's home 94 Roman Road.

The chairman thanked Gill for her kind hospitality again.

The meeting finished at 10.20pm