

# Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2018

10 Tyfield, Sherborne St John

RG24 9HZ

## Present

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

### 1. Apologies for absence

Dave Partridge and Terry White

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

(7.3) Dave MacDonald is compiling a list of past and present trophy winners to send to Tony for inclusion on the web-site.

This is nearly completed and will be submitted soon.

**Action: Dave**

5. (4.2) We had hoped to have new premises for a match room but as we are not; Mike will now pursue a new lease for Essex Road with the council.

**Action: Mike**

4.4(6) Terri spoke with TTE regarding their position with BDTTL clubs where their members are 'working/ advising' minors and vulnerable adults but do not have DBS checks etc for that purpose. She was informed that very shortly this requirement will become law. Parents should give written permission for young children to be transported to matches by adults. TTE also suggested that all parents are advised in writing of any players at any clubs working with their children that are not qualified or police checked.

It was therefore suggested that a letter be sent to all clubs asking them in the first instance to provide all necessary documentation to the committee showing they have or are taking steps to comply with TTE regulations and any new law. This is solely to protect them and the League.

**Action Terri**

7.3 Dave M was asked to supply the list of all trophies currently bought each year and a list of engraving needed.

The entry fee to the 'Closed' was raised a little but the overall cost of engraving is still the reason for the tournament running at a loss.

Dave is compiling a list of all trophies.

**Action: Dave M**

7.5 The risk to moving the tables to Sherfield School was too great; consequently the 'Closed' was played at Aldworth.

Action: Closed

4.1(2) Peter Coppins has now handed in £1,350 in outstanding coaching fees.

Action: Closed

4.1(3) Keith will submit the invoice for payments for the hire of Essex Road.

Action: Keith

4.2(3) Andy Jeffery has now taken over as the captain of Aldworth 'B'. All captains have been advised.

Action: Closed

4.2(5) Queen's 'K' withdrew from the league. Tony has removed all their scores etc.

Action: Closed

4.4(3) A letter was drafted to Mr Jonathan Williams regarding the use of the match room but as we had hoped to vacate Essex Road as a playing venue, it was held back.

We will now send the letter.

Action: Terri

4.4(4) Mike inspected the rooms at Essex Road and there are several meters, however as we are not charged huge amounts it was decided that the meter readings for our usage is correct.

Action Closed

4.7(1) Dave was unable to attend the meeting but has reported that he is still pursuing an interview with a councillor. The borough elections will be held this week so he is waiting to see who is returned as the local councillor.

Action: Dave

## **4. Officer's Reports**

### 4.1 Hon. Treasurer

Keith reported that:

4.1(1) he didn't have a current balance as he is waiting for the statement from the bank.

4.1(2) we have received a credit note for overpayment of electricity in the amount of £380.

4.1(3) Keith was able to report that as of the end of March we had £3,136 in the bank which is around £600 more than this time last year.

4.1(4) there is still the coaching fees of £1,350 to be banked.

4.1(5) there is still £798 from Essex Road Hire to be banked as well.

4.1(6) Keith estimated a figure of £5,000 would be in our account when all monies are paid in.

## 4.2 Registration Secretary

Celia reported that:-

4.2(1) there were 152 registered players in Basingstoke for the season 2017/18.

4.2(2) there are currently 3 outstanding results to be entered on the web-site.

4.2(3) on 42 occasions there were matches played with only 2 players.

4.2(4) the committee refused only one requested postponement all season.

4.2(5) 15 postponements were granted as there were valid reasons.

4.2(6) there were three matches where teams failed to turn up. One team withdrew but the others were played at a later date following explanations and penalties.

## 4.3 Web-Master

Tony reported that the web-site had no ongoing problems and had worked well all season.

## 4.4 Essex Road Officer

Terry reported that:

4.4(1) he was concerned that someone had stood on the table. The table is not strong and any damage caused would be the responsibility of anyone mis-using the table or any other equipment.

Mostly stay safe, there is a ladder for use but as there are no longer bulbs to change there is no need to be climbing.

4.4(2) he will paint the white line down the centre of the table asap.

4.4(3) he wondered if we now had non slip paint purchased in order that the floor be painted for next season. Mike will pursue this.

**Action: Mike**

4.4(4) his perennial request that users take home their rubbish PLEASE.

4.4(5) he had updated the notice board with the winners of the 'Closed' championships.

4.4(6) only the left side of the double electric socket is working. Terry will contact an electrician to get this mended.

**Action: Terry**

## 4.5 Trophy Secretary

Dave reported that:-

4.5(1) the men's doubles trophy engraving plate is now full and he will purchase a replacement.

**Action: Dave**

4.5(2) the Cadet's trophy is to be replaced. Dave will purchase.

Action: Dave

4.5(3) the Cadet's individual trophy is to have a new engraving plate and will be engraved.

Action: Dave

#### 4.6 Development Officer

4.6(1) In Dave's absence, Terri reported that following extensive calls, emails and a visit to May's Bounty Cricket Club where we had been given an offer of the use of a squash court; our hopes had been quashed as the squash court section did not want to relinquish a court for our use and the plans to include a hall for a new table tennis centre was put on hold as the cricket club would have to re-submit their plans to get planning permission and as they had a long battle to gain consent to re-build, they understandably didn't want to delay things any further.

They have suggested that we may have premises built at the back of the pavilion, after the main building has been completed.

So in short, we are back to networking again in search of a place to have a permanent table tennis room, with access for wheelchair users.

4.6(2) Mike has emailed Laura Edwards, Conservative Candidate re any possible use of Fort Hill School (recently closed as a school) and now being proposed as a Community building.

Action: Mike

### **5. Closed Championships/League review**

5.1 Terri reported that the championships had been quite stressful with regards to running to any time schedule as so many players were playing in more than one event making them unavailable when tables were empty. It is accepted that this is common in tournaments but any suggestions to help would be grateful.

5.2 The organisers were at Aldworth from 8.20am until 9 40pm approx.

5.3 Keith suggested that we start with doubles as it would then free up individuals for the singles later on in the day. This can be reviewed next year.

5.4 Mike suggested we scrap the 18-40 year old category. This was voted on and agreed.

5.5 It was also agreed that finals night should be for finalists and not semi-finalists.

5.6 The total amount of money made, when the on-line entry is known from the bank, should be around £694. Keith will confirm at the AGM when he distributes his accounts.

Action: Keith

5.7 A list of all winners has been published on the web-site. The Division 3 final is being arranged and the members will be notified of the winner later.

Action: Terri

5.8 League review: The following players were winners of the trophies as shown:-

**Queen's Cup:** Steve Redstall

**Barrett Cup:** Edi Lakatos

**Alf Cann Trophy:** Callum Coombs

## **6. A.G.M.**

The AGM is to be held in June, the dates that we can offer are Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Keith will check with the Rugby Club if it is available on either of these dates.

**Action: Keith**

It was agreed that we should suggest a revised amount of registration fee for next season based on Keith's accounts for the year. Keith will advise the meeting on the night.

**Action Keith**

The committee received 5 proposed rule changes which are attached. They will be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the AGM.

## **Any Other Business**

7.1 Tony raised the problem of the strobing of the low frequency lights now installed in the match room at Essex Road. They are affecting players with migraines and general headaches.

Keith will contact a maintenance man to review and give advice.

**Action: Keith**

7.1 Celia requested that the task of proof reading the Handbook is excessive and far too time consuming owing to the outdated program on Terry's computer.

It is proposed that Tony give advice to Terry on installing a new program that will make this a much easier process.

**Action: Terry and Tony.**

7.2 Celia also raised the problem of having to check the web-site regularly to see when teams have played and which players have played up for higher registered teams.

Tony is able to adjust the results field to allow captains to enter scores of matches played ahead of schedule. This will mean they can and should enter scores within the seven day period as per rule 34.

Tony is also able to record which players have played up and how many times.

**Action: Tony**

7.3 Phil advised the committee that the Handbook should reflect the rule that local leagues are not permitted 'time out' periods during matches.

It was agreed that this could be shown in the front part of the book as a reminder. The rules already state play will be in accordance with TTE rules of which this is one.

**Action: Terry**

7.4 Mike has spoken to Charlie Smith regarding the end of his two year Presidency.

7.5 Mike suggested asking Mrs Avril Waters if she would consider becoming our President for the next two years.

**Action: Mike**

7.6 Mike also suggested that we nominate Terry White as a life member. The committee unanimously agreed to this.

**Action: Mike**

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the A.G.M and will be notified on the web-site and emails to all clubs

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

The meeting finished at 11.00pm