

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
Wednesday 23rd August 2017
10 Tyfield
Sherborne St John
RG24 9HZ

Present

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Terry White, Phil Ware, Gill Larking, George Helens, Celia Hooker and Keith Russell

1. Apologies for absence

Dave MacDonald and Tony Amies

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

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

Action: Dave - ongoing

5. (4.2) Mike will chase the council regarding the new lease and report back.

Action: Mike - ongoing

5.4(4) Terry reported that he was unable to get a clear cut quote for this work and further updates on lighting will be under his report.

Action: - Closed

6.2 Phil produced a better insurance policy with 'A' plan to include the tables at Aldworth on a new for old basis. The committee accepted the quote of £443.

Phil will arrange acceptance and organise with Keith to pay the company.

Action: - Closed

5.3(1) Terri emailed all clubs to seek a new Web-Master from youngsters interested in computers. Tony would guide them if needed.

Action: - Closed

4.4 Celia was unable to learn the name of the paint at Thatcham Club. She will ask again.

Action Celia

7.1 Les Bone was contacted re the books.

Action: Closed

7.2 Terri sent out AGM minutes and rule change proposal

Action: - Closed

8.2 Terry confirmed that he did not have to update his First Aid certificate.

Action: - Closed

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 Treasurer

4.1 (1) Keith said he had little to report at this stage as no monies for the season were received.

4.1 (2) Keith will invoice Match Room users in September for up front rent and again at Christmas for the remainder.

Any monies owed to clubs at the end of the season would be returned.

Action: - Keith

4.2 Registration Secretary

See Item 5 for Celia's report.

4.2 (1) Celia will re draft the registration form to include bank details for on-line payments.

Action: - Closed

4.3 Web Master

4.3(1) Tony was unable to attend the meeting but has liaised with Celia regarding all lists etc for input on the web-site.

4.3(2) Tony will add a facility to the web-site for captains to ask the committee for permission to postpone a match.

Action: - Tony

4.4 Essex Road Officer

4.4 (1) Terry has asked for the table currently stored in the match room to be moved. He will pursue this.

Action: - Terry

4.4 (2) Terry asked Aldworth captains to return all match room keys as they have moved to other premises.

He reported that to date only one key has been returned. He will pursue the others.

Action: - Terry

4.4 (3) Terry raised the problem of the slippery floor in the match room and asked for permission to buy suitable paint to re paint the floor which would hopefully temporarily improve the grip.

Keith said he had been offered tins of Bourne Seal, which were left over after the floor of Old Basing Village Hall was painted. He will see how much they want for them and hopefully it will prove suitable for the match room floor.

Terry will seek help to get this done

Action: - Keith and Terry

4.4(4) Terry returned to the problems of the lights in the match room. We are using too many bulbs and they are not really suitable for purpose. He had researched L.E.D. bulbs and hoped he had found one that would fit and last much longer. Again Terry will seek help to get these fitted.

Action: - Terry

4.4(5) Terry asked if Saturday morning coaching could return to two hours instead of the current one and a half hours. Mike said that the numbers at this stage did not warrant the increase and any additional time would remain dependant on numbers attending.

4.4(6) There was concern regarding members coaching others who were not holding TTE qualifications and more importantly would not then be insured for this purpose. They may also not have had police checks, first aid knowledge, medical equipment or child protection course certificates.

As Child Protection Officer, Terri will need to contact all coaches to see their current certificates etc.

Action: Terri

4.5 Trophy Secretary

No report

4.6 Media and Communications Officer

No report to date. Mike's daughter Caitlin is helping put all this together.

4.7 Development Officer

See Item 6

5. League Structure

5. (1) Celia reported that 32 teams had registered for the league. They have been divided into 10 in the first Division and 11 in both the second and third Divisions. There had been some movement of teams in order to maintain a balance for all.

5. (2) With teams changing venues there is availability at the match room for League registered users on Thursdays this season and alternate Fridays.

5. (3) Celia confirmed that the season will start on Monday 25th September.

5. (4) The Handbook will be available soon showing the grid of matches. They will also be on the web-site asap.

There is a lot of work involved in putting this all together, especially if there are any late changes to be made and the committee gave Celia, Terry and Tony a vote of thanks.

Action: - Tony, Terry and Celia

6. Development Report

There was no report from Dave but Mike outlined the inquiries so far in pursuing a replacement table tennis Centre for Basingstoke. The sub-committee had visited Sycamore Halls in Winklebury to assess the possibility of moving there. The admin Officer there was very obliging and agreed to have the walls painted a darker colour and adjusted the fees for hire of the rooms to make it much more manageable. However the rooms would not be available on lots of occasions and it was felt that we needed more frequent access to anywhere we move. It was not inviting enough

to risk giving up the match room and setting up there. We may be able to start social sessions there but this would need commitment from volunteers to set it up and run it. Mike offered to contact BVA to see if this was possible.

Action Mike

Mike also reported back on our meeting with the council in early July. Basically they had little to offer even though they were very sympathetic to our need and made suggestions. We hope to meet again with perhaps representatives from their buildings department.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 The date of Saturday 14th April for the 2018 Closed Championships was agreed.

7.2 Keith will check availability of Aldworth and the rugby club for the finals night.

Action: Keith

7.3 The cost of the engraving of trophies was raised again. More research was needed to resolve this issue.

Action: - Committee.

7.4 Terry will forward draft copies of the Handbook to the committee for approval.

Action: - Terry

7.5 The Sports Director at Sherfield School has asked if the Association would loan our tables to the school for their National Championships. Issues were raised about their safety and security and Mike and Terri will meet on site with the Director to make a decision on this.

Action: - Mike and Terri

7.6 Gill suggested that if we were to loan out our tables we could ask if Sherfield would allow us to use their sports hall for our Closed Championships as a repayment gesture.

Terri will ask Sherfield if this is possible after she and Mike have visited the school.

Action: Terri

7.7 Phil asked if members would have all received the information about the forthcoming Table Tennis Tournament to be held in London. It was thought that all members receive information as they are all TTE members.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be decided at a later date when the match dates are confirmed.

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