

**Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**7Anton Close**  
**Oakley**  
**Rg23 7AG**

**Present**

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Celia Hooker and Dave MacDonald

**1. Apologies for absence**

Dave Partridge, Terry White, Phil Ware, Gill Larking, Keith Russell and Tony Amies

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 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.

**Action: Dave - ongoing**

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

Mike is still pursuing this but the council are not forthcoming with a reply

**Action: Mike - ongoing**

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

This is now unnecessary due to further enquiries elsewhere.

**Action: Closed**

4.1(2) Keith has sent out invoices to all users who use the match room for league matches.

**Action: Closed**

4.3(2) Captains are now able to request postponements on the web-site. However this is proving difficult for the committee to make decisions on if the information is shown only as 'unable to raise a team'. Further information is necessary in order to properly assess the situation.

Tony has said that he will be able to remove the options field and just leave a box where captains can explain more extensively why they need to postpone.

Terri will advise all clubs when this has been done.

**Action: Terri**

In the meantime please give a full explanation in the box that is there now and/or email if it proves too lengthy.

All clubs need to be asked to explain why they have no players etc.

Terri will advise all secretaries via an email.

**Action: Terri.**

4.4(1) The table has now been removed.

**Action: Closed**

4.4(2) Terry is still pursuing keys for Essex Road from the Aldworth Club.

**Action: Terry**

4.4(3) The paint for the floor of the match room was not suitable.

**Action: Closed**

4.4(4) New LED lights have been fitted at the match room. To date there is a mixed review. It was thought that they should be given a fair chance and then members are asked to contact the secretary (Terri) to give opinions.

**Action: Closed**

4.4(6)

TTE had insisted that no-one should be coaching table tennis who does not hold a current coaching certificate. Coaches should also have a current DBS (police check) and have attended a Child Protection Course within the last 3 years. All secretaries are asked to ensure that their club is not abusing this requirement on any and all sessions. Children and adults must be properly protected.

Each club is wholly responsible for any breach of this rule not the committee or league.

Terri will check with TTE on their list of qualified coaches and their certificates.

**Action: Terri**

5. (4) Handbook published and distributed

**Action: Closed**

7.2 Keith has booked Aldworth for the Closed Championships for 14<sup>th</sup> April and will book the rugby club in due course. Whilst the date is confirmed; the venue may change to Sherfield School. Members will be advised.

7.3 The committee continue to look for an engraver to purchase from, for less money than we currently pay.

**Action: Ongoing committee**

7.4 The Handbook has been distributed

**Action: Closed**

7.5 Terri and Mike visited Sherfield School and met with the Sports Director. He had asked to borrow 12 of the league tables for their schools competition. They have very good storage space and it was considered that they would be well looked after. We have given permission for them to borrow our tables on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

They would like to collect them from Aldworth Wednesday or Thursday.

They can however be returned Friday evening in time for coaching Saturday morning.

7.6 Sherfield School has agreed to host our tournament on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. However we need to assess if it is a viable option in time and money.

Action: Committee

## 4. Officer's Reports

### 4.1 Treasurer

No report

### 4.2 Registration Secretary

4.2 (1) Celia reported that we now have 142 registered players in the league.

4.2(2) One player played without haven't joined TTE. The committee deducted the points and the player has since joined.

4.2(3) To-date there have been 5 requests for postponements. Only one was refused as it was considered that there were numerous club members to call on to make up a minimum of a 2 player team. This match was in fact played with its full complement of regular team players.

4.2(4) So far 7 matches have been played with only two players. One player has moved up permanently.

### 4.3 Web Master

No Report.

### 4.4 Essex Road Officer

4.4 (1) Terry White asked Mike to raise the issue of the match table needing the repainting of the white line down the middle. Following discussion it was thought that it could wait until the end of the season when a replacement table could be installed for a few days while the painting was professionally applied.

### 4.5 Trophy Secretary

No report

### 4.6 Media and Communications Officer

Mike's daughter Caitlin ran a maths competition on Face book and the winner was given a voucher for two Saturday morning sessions of coaching at Aldworth. Well done, Caitlin.

### 4.7 Development Officer

No report

## 5. Venue for Closed Championships

We have a choice of holding the Closed Championships at Sherfield School. However, the committee will need to look into the cost of taking tables etc to Sherfield, versus time and effort. We can have their venue free which will save a lot of hall fees at Aldworth, however we have to pay for a van/s to move the tables there and back. There will be a need for many volunteers to set up on the Friday night at Sherfield.

Action: Committee

## **6. Any Other Business**

6.1 There had been an appeal from a club to have the 10 point deduction waived for not playing a match.

There were no mitigating circumstances and therefore the committee members, who liaised via emails prior to the meeting, had no option other than to turn down the appeal.

6.2 A club had asked for a SGM to discuss the postponement rule. The committee discussed this via email with all its members and the president.

This too was turned down on the basis that the rule was sent out to all clubs for discussion at the AGM.

It was voted through by league members resoundingly by 24 -4.

The rule has been applied since September and it would now be grossly unfair to all clubs to change things part way through the season.

This can be reviewed at next year's AGM if proposed in accordance with the rules.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be confirmed via emails.

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

The meeting finished at 9.30pm