

# Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

10 Tyfield, Sherborne St John  
RG24 9HZ

### Present

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Celia Hooker, Tony Amies and Dave Partridge, Gill Larking and Terry White.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Dave MacDonald, Keith Russell, Martin Gilbey and Phil Ware

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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.

Dave has been seriously ill in hospital and this remains on-going for the time being.

Action: Dave

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.

This is on-going.

Action: Dave M

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

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.

(1) Dave has been in touch with local councillors and hopes to arrange a meeting with the sub-committee as soon as possible.

(2) Mike asked about contacting Ruth Cooper, who is the councillor for Winklebury, to see if we might get a dedicated room at Fort Hill which has been closed as a school.

(1&2) This line of enquiry has proved fruitless as no answer has been received following Dave's attempts to set up a meeting

Action: Closed

4.4(3) Terry asked if we now had non slip paint purchased in order that the floor is painted for next season.

Mike will pursue this.

Mike has found a paint he hopes is suitable and Terry and he will find a time and a team to paint the match room floor. The room will, as a necessity, be closed for at least a week to allow the paint to dry.

A date for this work has not yet been confirmed.

Action: - Mike and Terry

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.

Terri has been unable to do this as the final has not yet been played. Chris Smith from Oakley will ensure this is done a.s.a.p.

The committee was very disappointed to learn that this final has not been played.

It was felt that the onus was on Oakley Club to arrange this as they were the team running the Championships. It is now nearly 7 months on and no dates have been offered to the finalist for some months and the committee has had no response to emails from Chris. Therefore the committee can only deem that the match has been conceded; consequently the title and trophy will be awarded to Trevor Lay.

Action: Closed

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.

Terry advised the committee that he had installed an up to date program but it wasn't at the time compatible with his old one. It is now working and proof reading should now be much easier.

Terri offered to proof read the Handbook with Celia.

The Handbook has been printed.

Action: Closed

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.

This has been resolved. Captains should go to the fixtures page and then enter the results for the relevant match.

Action: Closed

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.

This has been published in this year's Handbook.

Action: Closed

4.1(3) The increase in the rent for Essex Road has been published and all teams advised

Action: Closed

4.4(1) Keith has given a net for use in the Match Room to replace the stolen one. The committee thanked Keith for his generosity.

Action: Closed

4.4(3) moving to his Coaching Officer role Terry reported that the tables at Aldworth were in a sorry state and he had attempted to repair as many as he could using a white plastic wood. The committee again acknowledged that they owed him a debt of gratitude for his time and skills in doing this.

Terry still plans to repair the tables and has now obtained a book where he hopes to get spare parts. He will start this work when he can.

Action: Terry

4.4(5) Callum Coombs has ownership of the league face book page and Terry will ask him to publish the QR code for the Handbook.

The QR code has been published

Action: Closed

Martin asked:

6.1. Please can menu items that are not going to be used in a season be hidden? e.g. 'Handicap Singles' which has shown the same information for the last 2/3 years.

Tony has now removed these items.

Action: Closed

6.2. Whilst he realised the problems about getting Press Reports published externally, should we still not look to publish something on the website / social media?

The committee agreed that reports were always welcomed and enjoyed. There is a facility to comment on the card but to date we don't have anyone who will provide an overall 'write up' on all matches.

If anyone provides the webmaster with reports they will be published.

Tony is happy to include any reports submitted but to date has not received any.

Action: Closed

Terry advised that:

6.3 We have for sale, Butterfly G40 plus balls at £ 1.35 per ball, instead of the catalogue price of £2.33 per ball.

All clubs are invited to contact Terry to take advantage of this offer. Tony will advertise this on the web-site and Terri will write to all club secretaries when known.

Terri wrote to all club secretaries re the new balls offer and it is on the web-site

Action: Closed

6.4 It was again stressed that as matches can be played in advance or changed with committee permission, the day the match is played must be shown clearly on the web-site and within the 7 days of the match as required by the rules.

Terri will write to all clubs to reiterate this.

All club captains have been advised of this

Action: Closed

6.5 Terri will make an appointment to visit The Basingstoke Voluntary Society to see if we can get any volunteer to help with collecting monies at the coaching, leaving Peter free to coach.

She will see what else is needed and seek help.

Terri attended a meeting held at Asda where she submitted a job description for a volunteer to help out on a Saturday morning at coaching. To date no replies have been received.

Action: Closed

6.7 Terri had checked out the engraving on the medals won at this year's Closed and suggested that instead of the full title of BDTTA the initials would suffice as would the year instead of the season. This would reduce the number of characters hugely and therefore be much less expensive.

This was agreed and Dave would be asked to check this out.

This will be reviewed when Dave's condition is known.

Action: Dave M.

## 4. Officer's Reports

### 4.1 Hon. Treasurer

No Report

### 4.2 Registration Secretary

Celia reported that:

(1) We have 134 players registered in the League, which is 18 less than last year.

(2) We have 29 teams registered in the League, which is 3 less than last year. Aldworth have 2 less and KG 1 less.

(3) There have been 4 requests for postponements; all have been approved.

### 4.3 Web-Master

(1) Tony reported that all is well with the web-site.

(2) He asked if there was any interest in anyone taking over as web-master in the near future.

Terry said that he had spoken to Phil Snelson, who is prepared to be a trouble shooter but doesn't want to take on the role. It was hoped that a youngster would step up for this knowing there was guidance on hand for any queries.

Action: Terri will write to all clubs again.

### 4.4 Essex Road Officer

Terry reported that:

(1) The lock on the Match Room Door had been defective but Terry had managed to mend it.

Thank you Terry

(2) On opening the window in the Match Room, most of the lower wooden frame had rotted and fell away leaving no support for the glass. Terry notified the council and workmen secured the glass but the window is still in need of replacing.

(3) The Match Room has been left unlocked on a couple of occasions which can only invite problems of theft or damage.

Terri will email all clubs to remind players to lock the room.

**Action: Terri**

(4) Terry discovered the tables at Aldworth had been badly stored again which can cause damage to the playing surface. Mike asked Jamie Cole to have a word with the school to ask that they be more diligent in storing correctly.

(5) Terry has now obtained a catalogue of all spare parts for the tables and hopes to be able to repair at least some of them.

**Action: Terry**

(6) Terry asked if he could apply special rates for a family of 5 who attend coaching. It was agreed that he could use his discretion.

(7) Terry asked if all clubs could be approached to ask for volunteers to attend coaching occasionally to help with multi-ball exercises, which would mean mostly feeding the ball to the beginners.

**Action: Terri**

(8) Terry will attend the next school's tournament to give out fliers re coaching at Aldworth.

**Action: Terry**

#### 4.5 Trophy Secretary

No Report

#### 4.6 Development Officer

Dave reported that he had no response to his emails to local councillors regarding pursuing a place for a new table tennis centre.

Terri reported that she had spoken with the chair person of Basingstoke Rugby Club on the subject of joining in any new build. The sub-committee will hopefully meet with their Club representatives to discuss a plan.

## 6. Any Other Business

6.1 Dave asked that we confirm if we are paid up members of the Basingstoke Sports Council.

**Action: Terri**

6.2 Celia had received a request from a registered player asking permission to change clubs. He had not played any matches as yet. The Committee agreed to this.

**Action: Celia**

6.3 Terri reported that she had written to all clubs to remind them of the rules on scoring.

6.4 Gill asked for news on Dave MacDonald. Mike had visited him in Frimley Park Hospital and said he was progressing but there was no date of when he might be able to go home as yet.

6.5 Terri will remind all clubs that any booking of the Match Room requires 48 hours notice of cancellation, to avoid being charged.

**Action: Terri**

6.6 Terri reported that Terry White has received an award from TTE acknowledging his services to Coaching. The certificate was presented to him last Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, by our League President Mrs Avril Waters. Tony will publish this on the web-page and Mike will send him a photo to include.

**Action: Mike and Tony**

6.7 Terri asked that we consider setting up a Junior League as the main League is now up and running.

Terry White will ask his youngsters if there is any interest. Terri will ask George Hellens if there are any youngsters at Queen's club that might like to play and Mike will speak to Jamie Cole re sharing his Friday night at Aldworth.

**Action: Terri, Terry and Mike.**

6.8 Mike reported that the engraving on the Cadet Shield had to be returned twice as the spelling of the name was in-correct. This is now resolved.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

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

The meeting finished at 9.50pm