

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8th August 2018

10 Tyfield, Sherborne St John

RG24 9HZ

Present

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Celia Hooker, Keith Russell, and Dave Partridge, Gill Larking, Terry White and Martin Gilbey.

The Chairman welcomed Martin to the Committee and thanked him for his support.

1. Apologies for absence

Dave MacDonald, Tony Amies and Phil Ware

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 1st May, 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) The Committee had hoped to have new premises for a match room but as that prospect has fallen through; Mike will now pursue a new lease for Essex Road with the council.

The council has still not replied to Mike. We are continuing to pay our rent so we will wait to hear from them.

Action: Closed

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.

Terry White produced the legal position in writing at the AGM and all clubs will receive this.

Action: Closed

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.

Dave has been very ill in hospital and this is ongoing.

Action: Dave M

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

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.

This is still to be sent.

Action: Terri/Mike

Secretary's note, Mr Williams has been sent an email asking that he no longer disturbs our practise sessions at Essex Road. Members may use the Centre whenever they choose but are asked to keep noise to a minimum please.

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.

Action: Dave

4.4(2) Terry will paint the white line down the centre of the table ASAP.

This has been done.

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.

Action: - Mike and Terry

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

This was done by persons unknown and we are grateful to them

Action: Closed

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

This has been bought and awarded.

Action: Closed

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

This has been bought.

Action: Closed

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

This has been done.

Action: Closed.

5.6 With reference to the Closed, the total amount of money generated, when the on-line entry is known from the bank, should be around £799. Keith will confirm at the AGM when he distributes his accounts.

Accounts submitted

Action: Closed

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 asap.

Action: Terri /Terry

6. 1The AGM is to be held in June, the dates that we can offer are Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th. Keith will check with the Rugby Club if it is available on either of these dates.

Action: Closed

6.2 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.

It was agreed to raise the registration fee to £10 for each member

Action: Closed

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.

Keith had spoken to an electrical engineer who had advised that all LED lights will flicker to some extent and to reduce this we would need to install many smaller lights all over the ceiling. However due to the huge costs of this it was decided to stick with the current lighting for the time being.

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.

Action: Terri and Celia

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

Tony is working on this.

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.

This will be done when the Handbook goes for printing.

Action: Terry

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

Avril has agreed to this and was elected at the AGM in June 2018

Action: Closed

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

Terry accepted life membership and it was voted through at the AGM in June 2018.

Action: Closed

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 Hon. Treasurer

Keith reported that:

4.1(1) at the beginning of the season last year we had a balance of £3,727 whereas this year the balance is £3,631.

4.1(2) we will be saving £500 by not insuring the tables at Aldworth and the registration fee has increased per player.

4.1(3) he asked if we should raise the Essex Road hire for matches. Although we had agreed at the AGM to raise it by £3 each year Keith felt we were in a position to survive if it was raised by only £1 per evening to £22. After discussion the committee agreed to this smaller increase. Terry and Terri will need to notify all users and publish the increase in the Handbook.

Action: Terry and Terri

4.2 Registration Secretary

Celia's report will be covered under item 5 of the agenda

4.3 Web-Master

Tony asked that he be sent the details of the league structure asap in order to get the web-site up and running for the season. This is being done.

4.4Essex Road Officer

Terry reported that:

4.4(1) he had discovered the match room door was not locked on one occasion and the league net had been stolen. Keith kindly offered to replace it with one he has at home.

Action Keith

All users are reminded to ensure the door has locked before leaving

Action: Terry

4.4(2) he has now re- painted the white line down the centre of the match table.

The committee gave him a vote of thanks.

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.

Action: Terry

4.4(4) there is a bolt missing from one of the tables and Terry will try to obtain one. Martin said he would speak to Steve Armstrong for advice on this.

Action: Martin

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.

Action: Terry

4.5 Trophy Secretary

No Report

4.6 Development Officer

No report

5. League Structure

Celia reported that:

5.1 29 teams have entered the league this year, which is 3 less than last year.

5.2 Aldworth have entered 4 teams, one in Div 1, two in Div 2 and one in Div 3. Jamie Cole has taken over running the club. He had asked for permission to start his matches late as they were using the small hall and couldn't get access until 8pm.

Secretary's Note:

This is now not the case as they were able to move to the sports hall and all Aldworth matches will start at 7.30pm in accordance with the rules.

5.3 The season will start week commencing Monday 1st October. The final week will be 25th March.

5.4 we will be operating on the same 10 team grid as in 2017.

Celia is now in a position to get the grid formulated and sent to Terry and Tony.

Action: Celia Terry and Tony

6. Any Other Business

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.

Action: Tony

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.

Action: Tony

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.

Action: Terry and Terri

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.

Action: Terri

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.

Action: Terri

6.6 Sean asked at the AGM if players could book the match room for a particular time to practise.

It was agreed that the current rule of any booking will be charged and the going rate would apply.

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.

Action: Dave.

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 11.00pm