

**Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Zoom meeting on line**

**Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Gill Larking, Tony Amies, Dave Partridge  
Celia Hooker and Keith Russell.**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Mark Every and Terry White

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

4.1(1) Keith has still to send the accounts to Mike having been checked and signed off.

**Action:- Keith promised to send these before the end of February**

4.2 (3) Covid has prevented Mark and Tony from meeting up

**Action:- Ongoing**

4.4 (1) Dave MacDonald contacted several winners of trophies and has had one returned. He asked for a complete list of last year's winners.

**Action:- Very sadly Dave passed away in January. Mike will take this on to retrieve trophies**

4.4(2) Terri has yet to visit the engraver in Overton

**Action:- Terri ongoing**

5.6 The Handbook will not now be printed.

**Action Closed**

6.6 Keith has a board ready to give to the Association to show table tennis honours

**Action:- Keith ongoing**

6.7 Both Tony and Keith have kindly agreed to donate a sum of money for the purchase of new trophies.

**Action:- Keith and Tony**

4.3 Tony still has to submit an invoice to Keith for expenses and subsequent reimbursement

**Action:- Tony and Keith**

5. Tony and Terri advised all club members of the restrictions on playing. However table tennis has now been stopped because of the pandemic

**Action:- Closed**

6.2 Mike has a complete list of all playing members, which he will hold and use as necessary and appropriate.

**Action Closed**

6.3 Terri wrote to Steve Rollason regarding the current town twinning team joining up with Basingstoke Sports Council teams. Steve confirmed that they would carry on as they are and not join up with the others.

**Action:- Terri will advise the Sports Council.**

**Secretary's note:- Terri has written to Kevin Lang at the Sports Council.**

6.4 Following the sad death of Dave MacDonald, Mike is going to sort the awards asap.

**Action:- Mike**

#### **4. Possible termination of the League matches for 2020/21 season**

To date the Committee has not officially closed the season following the National Lockdown due to the pandemic. A few matches were played in the early part of the season and some members thought it might be feasible to try to resurrect the season and complete at least half of the matches.

There was a very mixed set of viewpoints on this. Some committee members believed it was totally pointless to continue and if players wanted to play using the grid, at a date when play is allowed, they were perfectly at liberty to do so but not to consider them league matches, simply a social evening. If the Match Room were to be used it would be charged for in the usual way.

Others were happy to wait and see what may happen and maybe complete half, if not all matches throughout the summer. There was a lot of discussion regarding players preferences and it was considered the best course of action was for Terri and Mike to canvas all players seeking their opinion as to whether they would be prepared to play on into the summer months or happy to wind up the season and concentrate on a possible summer league and next season.

**Action:- Terri and Mike**

#### **5. Men's Doubles Trophy**

As a tribute to Dave MacDonald for all the years he served the BDTTA as a player and committee member, it was agreed to name the new Men's Doubles Trophy as the 'Dave MacDonald Memorial Cup'.

#### **6. New Trophy Secretary**

Terri will trawl to the membership to seek a new Trophy Secretary

Action:- Terri

## **7. Any Other Business**

7.1 Mike reported that the base of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Cup is now full of names but the cup itself is probably OK to use and suggested that we buy a new base rather than a complete new cup as had been proposed previously.

Tony who is an accomplished wood turner offered to make a base onto which the winner's plates could be attached.

Action:- Tony to liaise with Terry White

7.2 Mike said he was still waiting for an ID card from Lloyds Bank which would enable the Association to set up on-line Banking.

7.3 Mike reported that he had attended the on-line TTE, EGM. He voted on behalf of the Association for the current Chair and Vice Chair to remain in post, which proved to be the majority decision. However, there was insufficient support for the motion to eject another board member so the board remains as was. It remains to be seen whether any meaningful action is taken by the board.

7.4 Keith queried whether he should go ahead and pay in all cheques received from members or wait until a decision has been reached regarding subs for the season. It was agreed to pay them all in.

Action:- Keith

7.5 Terri asked Keith if teams who use Essex Road still pay half yearly. Keith advised that they do and will invoice each team on usage so far.

Action:- Keith

7.6 Dave informed the meeting that Nobby Clarke, a BDTTA life member, will be 100 years old on April 5<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Keith would send a greetings card from all members of Basingstoke TT Association.

Dave will send Nobby's address to Keith.

Action:- Keith and Dave

## **Date of next meeting**

Terri will contact the Committee for dates in due course.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm