

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2020

Google meeting on line

Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Keith Russell, Terry White, Gill Larking, Martin Gilbey, Celia Hooker and Mark Every.

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Amies and Paul Myers

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th August 2020 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

1. Celia sent out the registration forms to all on line.
2. Mike has set a date for the AGM on line at Google Meet for the 24th September. The link was included in the email.

4. Officers' Reports

4.1 Treasurer's report

4.1(1) Keith reported that the accounts for the AGM were almost complete and he would be sending them to our auditor to be signed off ready for distribution to the membership.

Action Keith

Terri will send them out with the agenda for the AGM

Action Terri

4.1 (2) Keith reported that the accounts for this time last year were £100 better off. A number of factors can be attributed to this, no coaching fees to Aldworth for one.

4.1(3) Our current account as of 27th August was £12,429 this is because of the £10,000 grant from Basingstoke Council.

4.2 Web-Master

4.2(1) Tony sent a report saying he was aware that he had to adapt the web-site score card to delete the doubles entry for this season as they are not being played.

Action Tony

4.2(2) As soon as Celia is able to send Tony the teams etc. he will update the web-site.

Action Tony

4.2(3) Tony suggested that as he hadn't been able to meet with Mark to discuss the web-site maybe Mark could take a look at the current TTE web-site to familiarise himself with it.

Mark will liaise with Tony.

Action Mark

4.3 Essex Road Officer

4.3(1) Terry reported that as of 25th July, Essex Road Match Room has been open to members to practice. In accordance with Government guidelines there are strict restrictions on its use. The rules are displayed on the walls and sanitising sprays etc. are provided.

4.3(2) Mike is running a booking system to keep numbers to only 2 persons per hour.

Many players have been playing recently and confidence is returning.

There is however a problem with users failing to take home their rubbish. The wipes left for the purpose of cleaning the table and personal rubbish such as drinks cans etc. are being left for the cleaning fairy to deal with.

It is imperative that the virus is not spread to others so users MUST take away all rubbish.

Mike will reiterate this point on receipt of bookings.

Action Mike

4.3(3) Terry asked if there is any new advice on the return to coaching and in particular the use of Aldworth. Mark advised that as a club playing there, they intend to use 2 tables per match keeping to the 'bubble' of 6 persons only. Doing this will enable them to keep the flow of play going while the table recently used is allowed to be cleaned and stand for 10 minutes prior to being used again. This complies to TTE rules agreed with the Government advisers.

Other clubs will need to wait the 10 minutes but with no doubles to play the overall time may not be too bad.

It was agreed that no coaching would take place until we had received further updates from TTE on the matter.

4.4 Trophy Secretary

Dave has kindly offered to continue in this role. Mike is holding some of the trophies.

Dave will be asked to send out to winners asking for the cups/trophies to be returned.

Action Dave

Terri advised that she had heard of an engraver in Overton that we could check out re prices etc.

Action Terri

4.5 Development Officer

In Dave's absence Terri reported that Loddon Vale Bowls Club had contacted her to ask if BDTTA were still interested in sharing their premises.

Mike and Terri had met with their Directors to begin discussions.

They wanted to know exactly what we could offer in terms of usage and monetary support.

Mike did a rough calculation of numbers that might use the club and to date we await further developments from Loddon Vale. The chairman and those we met were very keen for us to move in with what seems like fairly minimal alterations. Their stumbling block is convincing their membership that it is necessary and gaining approval from their landlord (B&D Borough Council).

Terri will update as soon as there is more news.

Action Terri

4.6 Press Officer

No Report

5 League Structure

Celia's report incorporates the new structure for the league.

5.1 To date we have 25 teams which is 3 less than last year.

The divisions will be 9 premiership teams, 8 first division teams and 8 second division teams.

5.2 AWE asked to remain in division 2 as they have lost players.

All other teams are in the divisions they should be based on last year's final positions.

5.3 Celia will work on a 9 week grid starting on Monday 5th October for the first half of the season and finishing on 7th December. The second half will commence on the 4th January until 15th March. It is hoped that we will have handicap matches to supplement the number of matches.

5.4 Terri will ask Tom Speed if he is willing to run the Handicap competition for the forthcoming season.

Action Terri

5.6 Terry reported that he has the Handbook under way and now needs the teams to add. It was decided to only print 100 copies this season.

Action Terry and Celia

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Any discussion on the 'Closed' Championships will have to wait until we have further advice from TTE.

6.2 The Match room is booked as follows:-

Mondays booked, Tuesdays one session available alternate weeks, Wednesdays booked, Thursdays one session available alternate weeks. Friday not yet booked.

6.3 Celia asked if 6 players could now practise in the Match Room as matches will permit this. It was agreed that as long as all precautions are taken to comply with the regulations, a team of 6 only could practise together.

6.4 It was agreed that all rules as laid down by TTE would be put on the flash page of the web-site and also a separate page in the Handbook. Players will be advised to check the TTE web-site if they are unsure of the way forward in any situation.

Terri will put the 'rules' in a simple bullet point format for both and send to Tony and Terry

Action Terri

6.5 Players MUST adhere to all the rules or we run the risk of being 'closed down' as a league and more importantly it would put vulnerable players at an unnecessary risk.

6.6 Terry asked if Keith was still able to supply a new board for the purposes of continuing the honours listings. Keith will supply.

Action Keith

Keith confirmed that he will supply a new cup for the Premiership Division.

Action Keith

6.7 Mike will send out reminders to all regarding the link for the AGM nearer the time.

Action Mike

6.8 Gill asked if we would have contingency plans for the league if teams were to drop out.

It was felt that this is a problem that could occur any season and if it happens the division would just be however many short.

If it happened that a lot withdrew then the Committee would have to reassess at the time.

6.9 Terry asked if he should pursue the donation of 96 balls from Tees Sports in their appreciation of BDTTA advertising their company in our Handbook and web-site.

It was agreed that it was a good idea to continue this.

Action Terry

6.10 Terry advised the meeting that he had recently updated his Child Protection Course on line.

It will be necessary for all coaches and Terri to make sure their certificates are up to date.

Date of next meeting

Terri will contact the Committee for dates in due course.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm