

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Wednesday 25th May 2025 at 6.45pm

Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club

AGENDA

1. Attendees

Apologies for absence: Jarlath Corbett (JC), Terry White (TW), Jan MacDonald (JM)

Present:- Jon Clarke (JCI), Celia Hooker (CH), Bill Bavister (WB), Tony Coombes (TC), Sarah Whithorn (SW), Chris Parkyn (CP), Martin Gilbey (MG), Mark Every (ME)

2. Introduction of Caroline Kennett and Amanda Curtis from Basingstoke & District Council.

We were pleased to welcome Caroline and Amanda from the Sports Infrastructure Team.

They reported that from their visit to Essex Road they realise that facilities are not fit for purpose. Noted other districts have better facilities and attract Basingstoke players elsewhere.

a. Search for new premises.

- i. Council property services team is looking at alternative sites. Has a good idea on what our requirements are. Size (ideally 6 tables, 18 sq. meters) and height (3m). Availability to play 24/7. No timescales known. JCI requested update for AGM.
- ii. Discussed the challenges last season of booking Aldworth. Amanda requested details of our requirements for booking time for table tennis use to see if they can encourage the school to manage Aldworth TT bookings better.

Action ME: Provide details of requirements by email to Caroline and Amanda

b. Our grant application

First application was sent to wrong place so new application being put together for a slightly smaller request.

Who does the wooden display boards at council offices? Could we use them for our purposes?

c. Updates to new keyless locks etc.

BDC could create a keyless lock system. Would prefer we use "Smart Electric" to open ground door. Open door with code and have key in lockbox inside to access club rooms.

Action JCI: Provide details of our requirements and BDC will check with the premises technical team.

d. Saturday 26th July. Council event – family sports day. Suggest 2 tables. BDTTA keen to participate. CK/AC will provide details.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 24th March 2025

These were approved.

4. Matters Arising

5. Closure of the season

- a. Penalty points
- b. Rule changes

Some time was spent discussing rule changes. All agreed some changes were required. To speed up the process CH will identify the rules to be changed and provide a suggested new wording for the committee to agree.

CP will check the handbook rules which relate to the website and propose changes where appropriate.

The rules will be discussed by the committee before being put to the AGM.

Action CH: Advise preferred new wording.

Action CP: Review handbook rules relating to website and propose changes.

- c. Committee nominations
- d. Payments
- e. How to run/register next season so it can all be forwarded to players before the AGM.
- f. Set date and agenda for AGM.
 - i. Set up for 19/6.

Action TC: Contact Terri Allison to sort out venue.

Post meeting note: Howard Park Bowls club is happy to host us. our preferred date of 19/6 is not available, but we have now reserved Monday 16th June.

6. Review of Closed tournament

JCI complimented MG on running of the tournament. Main point to improve on is setting date and publicising the event more in advance.

7. Officers' reports

- g. Treasurer
 - ii. Jarlath requested to provide figures by Sunday 25th May.
 - iii. CP offered to audit the accounts.
- h. Webmaster
- i. Registration secretary
 - Issues with scheduling matches
 - Happens too late in the year.
 - 31st July TT England membership expires.
 - Propose members join league 1st 2 weeks in August.

- Discount for early joining

Action JCI: Draft proposed workflow and discuss with CH. The aim is to make the process smoother and reduce the manual work required from CH.

j. Coaching / Essex Road

Mike Wood has indicated that he does not wish to continue in the role of coach. A replacement coach is required before the start of the season.

k. Trophy Secretary

Decision on whether we like the glass trophies and would like to continue with these for the end of season awards, or if we want Jan to look for some alternatives for consideration.

The 70mm medals we have done in recent years cost us £7.15 each including box and engraving last year. This was done for all awards.

This year the glass awards cost £5.92 each including engraving, plus the extra premium awards Jon wanted for the ladies, men's and premier singles, which were 3 x £8 for the winner green glass awards and 3 x £6.75 for the runner up green glass awards.

The committee agreed that the glass trophies and 70mm medals are fine and we are happy to keep with these at the budget prices noted by Jan.

8. Any other business

- a. Winners' boards. JCI will present list of recent winners to fill in the gaps on the boards to the AGM and will update the boards once confirmed.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm, by Teams

Action JCI: Send out Teams meeting invitation to committee.