

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

6th October 2015

At 10 Tyfield

Sherborne St John

RG24 9HZ

Present:

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Keith Russell, Ron Powell, George Hellens, John McClarty, Terry White and Gill Larking.

1 Apologies for absence

Tony Amies, Dave Partridge and Dave MacDonald

2 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 5th August 2015 were approved.

3 Matters Arising

5 (5.3) Terri and Mike spoke to George White regarding spare keys for the match room but George had handed them all over. He is still waiting for two more that he has ordered from the council. He will give these to Terry as soon as he gets them.

Action: Closed

4(3) A revised ad had been presented to the committee but in view of the new arrangements of paying a lead coach we will first try trawling for qualified coaches through TTE.

Action: Terri

4(1) George Hellens reported that both Carpenters Down Village Hall and Ruckstall School are still interested in table tennis as an additional attraction but they had to have the idea passed by their respective committees. George has been invited to attend and will report back.

George reported that no meeting has yet taken place but he is still keeping in touch and will attend in due course.

Action: George

5.2(2) Terry asked Tony if he could add an additional field to the web-site to show a fourth player and their scores; should a fourth play.

This is now completed and operational.

Action: Closed

5(6.2) The light bulb in the toilet at Essex Road has now been replaced.

Action: Closed

4. (2) Mike confirmed that no rule currently exists that we can invoke regarding a first division player, playing in the third division. It was decided that we would wait until the end of the season to see if there was a need to review this.

Action: Closed

5(5.3) Tony sent a report that twitter was now up and running.

Action: Closed

5(5.4) Tony sent a report to say that he had still to send Ron details of the league tables.

Action: Tony

6 Keith has booked the Closed Championships for Saturday 23rd April.

The web-site is to be updated to show this.

Action: Tony

Mike will update the entry form and this will also go on the web-site.

Action: Mike and Tony

7(7.2) Mike had spoken to Patrick regarding the rent for the Match Room and it was agreed that the payment date of Christmas would stand. All clubs using the room for matches must pay by then.

Action: Closed

7(7.3) With reference to the proposed Memorial Board at Essex Road, Tony and Dave are still to sort this out.

Action: Tony and Dave

7(7.5) Mike spoke with George White regarding who will be a contact at the council should George not be available. George advised us that a new man had taken up the post and as soon as he was settled in George would liaise with him and pass on to us his name.

Action: George to advise. Terri will chase up.

7(7.7) Mike asked George White if he would consider being the Development Officer. George declined.

Action: Closed

7(7.8) The time of Saturday coaching has been changed to 10.30am until 12pm. Aldworth have amended our hourly rates to reflect this.

The Handbook and web-site shows the new time.

Action: Closed

4 League Registrations

4.1 Tony was asked to look into how we can check to see if all league players have paid their monies to TTE.

He checked to see if this was possible using their web-site but didn't have a password. Sue Gower is thought to have a password and Patrick has offered to take this task on from Sue.

Action: Terri

4.2 Club secretaries are reminded that they are responsible for checking that all their players have joined TTE.

The League registration form does ask for evidence of this from each club member.

Receipts are always sent by TTE and each player should produce this for the club secretary to see.

4.3 Mike will liaise with Patrick to confirm his method of checking with him.

Action: Mike

4.4 Terri will send an email to all club secretaries reminding them of their role in the registration of each player who wants to play in the League.

Action: Terri

5 Officers' Reports

Hon Treasurer

5.1 Keith produced a copy of the current accounts dated to 11th August, which are attached.

5.2 He advised that he had received monies from every club for their registration but added that the current system of banking advice is 2-3 weeks old when he receives it.

5.3 Keith will look into setting up On-line Banking which will allow details of the account to be checked more easily.

Action: Keith

Web-Master

5.4 Tony sent a report to say that he has added a simple indication on the main website page to highlight the next coaching session

5.6 He had received from Barbara Evans, former secretary, archive documents. He will reformat them to send up to the 'cloud'. He will also have backup copies.

Action: Tony

Hon. Registration Secretary

5.7 With one team having dropped out there are now 31 teams entered this year.

5.8 Queen's club asked if the registration fee of £40 (which is minus the £10 deposit, commensurate with league rules) be returned as one of their teams had dropped out. The committee agreed to this.

Keith will return monies.

Action: Keith

5.9 There are 133 registered players this season which is much the same as last year.

Essex Road Officer

5.10 Terry reported a problem with the bins in the match room. It seems that persons using the room have great difficulty in placing their rubbish in the correct bins which then means that others have to delve into waste food etc to take out those items that cannot be put into the recycling bin for collection.

It was agreed that all bins should be removed and players/guests are asked to take home their rubbish.

6 Any Other Business

6.1 Mike reported the sad news that Kath Can had died recently. She had held the post of Registration Secretary for numerous years and had allowed the committee meetings to be held at her home.

Terri had contacted a close friend of Kath and learnt that donations in memory of Kath are being sent to Spencer and Peyton for 'Help for Heroes'. The committee agreed to send £25 to this cause from the League.

Action: Keith

The funeral service is at the Basingstoke Crematorium on Tuesday 13th at 12.30pm. As well as all her many friends; several members of the committee will attend to represent the League and pay our respects to a much loved member.

6.2 Mike reported that no cadet or junior team was entered into the British Leagues this year as not enough youngsters were able to commit to this.

6.3 Terri and Mike are to attend a 'Child Protection Course', to update their current certificates.

Terri will find a local course.

Action: Terri

6.4 Ron mentioned that several players had asked to pay their fees on line. The committee agreed that this is the way forward and Keith is looking to set up on-line banking to enable all players to access the league bank to pay all monies owed, should they wish to pay in this way.

Cheques will still be acceptable to those who are not keen to pay on line.

Action: Keith

6.5 George Hellens reported that the schools championships will be held shortly and he, as always, will attend to see if he can encourage any youngsters to continue playing either at school/village clubs or go along to our Saturday coaching.

The committee appreciates the time and commitment from George to constantly be on the lookout for more players.

Action: George

6.6 Terri had received two forms from TTE seeking information on our league numbers in players and teams. Ron had provided the information and Terri has forwarded to TTE.

6.7 TTE also sought information on our committee details.

Terri has sent the information back but unfortunately the deadline for the TTE handbook on our committee details has long since passed. The form was sent out far too late for our information to be included in this year's book/web-site.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th January 2016, 7.30pm at Gill's home.

The committee expressed grateful thanks to Gill for hosting again and for refreshments.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm