

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
8th March 2016
at 10 Tyfield
Sherborne St John
RG24 9HZ

Present:

Mike Wood, George Hellens, Gill Larking, Dave MacDonald, Ron Powell and Terry White.

1. Apologies for absence

Terri Allison, Tony Amies, John McClarty and Keith Russell

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

5(5.4) Tony reported that he was able to access details of the league tables and would look into why Ron was having difficulties doing this.

Action: Tony - ongoing

6 KG Club are kindly running this year's Closed Tournament and Mike is in touch with them regarding updating the entry form. On completion this will be put on the web-site.

Mike reported that this had been done

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 - ongoing

7(7.5) Mike spoke with George White regarding who will be a contact at the council should George not be available.

Action: George to advise us. Terri will chase up. - ongoing

5(5.3) Keith has sent off to Lloyds, the form requesting on-line banking for the league. To date he has not received a reply.

Action Keith - ongoing

5(5.8) Keith is to confirm that the registration fee, for the team that had to pull out, has been returned to Queens.

Action: Keith - ongoing

4(3) Keith had received information that Aldworth have had to cancel coaching on Saturday 30th January as the hall is needed for exam tuition. Terry was asked to make this known to all at coaching and Tony was asked to put this information on the web page.

Tony reported that this had been done.

Action: Closed

4(5) Ron asked if Tony would put the closing date for registrations on the web-site.

Tony reported that this had been done.

Action: Closed

4(7) Mike and Terry were to meet with Aldworth staff to discuss securing our tables. Terry and Mike reported that they had met with the head of PE at Aldworth School and had reached an amicable agreement whereby we agreed to allow them to continue to use the tables on the understanding that they agreed to look after the tables and keep them locked up when not in use. Terry had had 2 keys cut for the school's use.

Action: Closed

5(1) Tony was to amend the scores and averages as necessary to reflect those matches played by unregistered players, and Mike was to contact club secretaries to advise them of those matches affected. Tony reported that the changes to the tables had been made as agreed, and Ron said that he had informed all club secretaries of this. Mike noted that we had allowed sufficient time for appeals to be lodged between announcing the outcome and actually implementing the change so no further appeals were considered likely.

Action: Closed

6(1) Terri was to enquire why AWE had had a run of postponed matches. Mike reported that at the end of January, AWE B had stated their intention to withdraw from the league but luckily at around the same time he had had an approach from Sorin Lakatos who was interested in finding a team to play with. The 2 had therefore been put in touch and the team was saved from withdrawal.

Action: Closed

Mike was to draft a letter to be handed to selected under-18s who were to be invited to play in the Closed competition.

Action: Mike

4. Officers' Reports

Hon. Treasurer

4.1 Keith had supplied a written report including a bank statement and the latest income and expenditure sheet covering 12/05/2015 to 05/02/2016. He stated that both balances tally up. Keith confirmed that we have received payments from all clubs using Essex Road for 2015/2016 season, including a payment from Saints of £180.00 which is not yet logged on the records, but was banked on 15/02/2016. This will be done upon receipt of the statement from Lloyds covering this period. The others are logged within the spreadsheet.

Web Master

4.2 Tony had supplied a written report. Dave Kimberley had sent him an email about the registration issue asking that it be published on the web site. Tony had not done this and the meeting agreed that the association's web site was not intended to be a forum on which players could air their grievances. However, Tony felt that it would be worth writing a note on the web site to explain the issue.

Action: Mike and Tony

Hon. Registration Secretary

4.3 Ron reported that since the last meeting, 8 new players had signed on before the end of the registration period bringing the total to 151.

Essex Road and Coaching Officer

4.4 Terry reported that with the bins having been removed from the Match Room it appeared that some people were using the letter cage on the front door as a bin. Terry also reported that the 150W halogen

lamps regularly fail and suggested that maybe we should consider LED lighting. Mike pointed out that we had considered other lighting previously and it had always been the case that the cost of new lighting would far outweigh the savings in replacement lamps and electricity. Terry noted that the heaters had been left on from a Friday night to the following Sunday; it was suspected that Aldworth was responsible and the club has been reminded to take care to switch off all heaters when leaving the venue. On the coaching front, Terry reported that Aldworth club wished to have their storage bin returned at the end of the season so he was intending to use the green wheelie bin as a replacement.

Trophy Secretary

4.5 Dave reported that he needed to order some new roundels for trophies and will liaise with Terry for the artwork. There was some discussion about the types of trophy to be awarded for the Closed competition, but it was agreed that Dave should proceed using his discretion and his knowledge of what had been done before.

Action: Dave Mac

5. Closed Championships

5.1 Mike reported that the entry forms had gone out and entries had started to trickle in. An agreement had been reached with Aldworth club whereby they will loan barriers, nets and score boards on the understanding that they in future may make use of the Association's tables. Terry warned that the balls we plan to use for the competition sound broken so players need to be warned of this. KG club will be meeting up soon to finalise preparations for the event.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 George suggested that the entry form for next season should include the date of payment to TTE to avoid future misunderstanding. Forms without TTE number and payment date should not be accepted by the Registration Secretary.

6.2 George asked if we could introduce a ranking band per division to prevent highly skilled players from registering in a low division. There seemed to be merit in proposing such a rule so Mike agreed to draft something for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Mike

6.3 Ron observed that under Rule 27, it is unclear whether, having played up 4 times, a re-registered player can proceed to play up a further 4 occasions only to be again re-registered and so on. It was agreed that this was not the intent of the rule and that once re-registered the player should be not entitled to play up again. Mike agreed to draft an amendment for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Mike

6.4 Terry raised the question of how old veterans should be. There seemed to be general agreement that 40 was too young to be considered a true veteran these days and some desire to adjust this figure. However, it is apparent that we should not go out on a limb, so Terry agreed to see what other organisations are doing in this area.

Action: Terry

6.5 Terry had experimented with colouring white plastic balls orange, apparently with some success. Mike advised that these clearly would be not technically legal as they are not ITTF-approved.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th April 2016, 7.30pm at Mike's home. The committee expressed grateful thanks to Gill for hosting again and for refreshments. The meeting finished at 10.35pm