

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
Tuesday 16th January 2018
7 Anton Close
Oakley
RG23 7AG

Present

Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Celia Hooker, Terry White, Keith Russell, Dave Partridge and Phil Ware,

1. Apologies for absence

Dave MacDonald, Gill Larking, Tony Amies and George Hellens.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2017 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

(7.3) Dave MacDonald is compiling a list of past and present trophy winners to send to Tony for inclusion on the web-site.

Action: Dave - ongoing

5. (4.2) Mike will chase the council regarding the new lease and report back.

Mike is still pursuing this but the council are not forthcoming with a reply

Action: Mike - ongoing

4.3(2) Terri has advised all club captains of the need to explain on the web-site why they need to postpone and ideally give the date of the re-arranged match.

Action: Closed

4.4(2) Terry has now collected all Essex Road keys from Aldworth.

Action: Closed

4.4(6) TTE were aware of a club in our league that was supporting coaching to young and older players that was being run by a non qualified coach. This means that apart from no qualifications to coach there was also no Child Protection course attended. There is also no knowledge of having had a police check to work with children and any vulnerable adults.

The committee is aware that their web-site no longer advertises 'coaching' having changed it to 'practise'.

Terri was asked to check with TTE that they are now happy with the situation at the club and to query the rules for everyone on the transporting of minors to matches or/and tournaments.

Action: Terri

7.3 The committee continue to look for an engraver to purchase from, for less money than we currently pay.

It was thought that the entry fee to enter the tournament would have to be raised.

Action: Dave M is to be asked to supply the list of all trophies currently bought each year and a list of engraving needed.

7.5 Sherfield School has agreed to host our tournament on Saturday 14th April. Mike and Terri will try to attend the school's tournament at Sherfield to assess the viability of the Closed being held there.

Action: Mike and Terri

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 Treasurer

4.1(1) Keith reported that we have a current balance of £2692. There is a differential of approximately £1500 compared to this time last year.

We are aware that the paying of the outstanding rent at Essex Road is a huge contributory factor in this.

4.1(2) Keith added that there are outstanding payments from the coaching to be paid in. Terry was asked to chase Peter Coppins for this.

Action: Terry

4.1(3) It was discussed and agreed that hirers of Essex Road must give Terry White 48 hours notice of any cancellations. Clearly without this they will be charged for the booking.

Action: Terry to advise offending team.

4.2 Registration Secretary

4.2 (1) Celia reported that all registration fees have now been paid.

4.2(2) Celia added that for the period up to Christmas, the committee received six postponement requests, only one was denied. Two teams failed to either turn up or seek a postponement for which the ten point deduction rule was applied.

4.2(3) Andy Jeffery has now taken over as the captain of Aldworth 'B'. Celia will advise all captains.

Action: - Celia

4.2(4) To-date six players have moved up to a higher registered team and fourteen matches were played with only two players.

4.2(5) Queen's 'K' has had to withdraw from the league. Tony is in the process of removing all their scores etc.

Action: - Tony

4.3 Web Master

4.3(1) Tony was unable to attend the meeting but confirmed that he is removing Queen's 'K' results from the web-page.

4.3(2) Tony also asked that steps are taken to find another web-master for next season as he is unable at this stage to confirm that he will be able to continue in the role. It was suggested that we advertise on the web-site and also try to find a volunteer from possibly outside to table tennis.

Keith will ask Phil Snelson if he would be interested.

Action: - Tony, Keith and Committee

4.4 Essex Road Officer

4.4 (1) Terry is confident that he is able to re paint the line down the middle of the table at Essex Road though it will still have to be done at the end of the season.

Action: - Terry

4.4(2) Terry has bought and installed two new heaters at Essex Road. He has given the invoice to Keith to be reimbursed for the cost.

Action: - Keith

4.4(3) Terry raised again the issue of players not being able to use the room at Essex Road whenever they choose as the undertaker below often asks that they don't play because of the noise. It was felt that this is something the funeral director has to take up with the council. BDTTA has rented this room for the past 40 years and every registered player is entitled to use the room, whenever it is available on request for a key from Terry White.

Terri will write to Jonathan Williams Undertakers to explain the situation and advise that players will be using the room as and when they choose as it is paid for 24-7.

Action: - Terri

4.4(4) Terry attended the match room to allow the electricity meter reader in and discovered that there were 3 meters being read. He was unsure if we are paying for the electricity in the two rooms further along the corridor that we relinquished some years ago. Mike will pursue this with the council.

Action: - Mike

4.5 Trophy Secretary

No report

4.6 Media and Communications Officer

No report

4.7 Development Officer

4.7(1) Dave said he had emailed Gareth Evans at the council to pursue our request for more appropriate premises but had no answer. He has now decided to approach Councillor Simon Bound who is the portfolio holder for sport in the area. He will try to get an appointment for the sub – committee to meet with him.

Action: - Dave

4.7(2) Terri added that she had emailed Hampshire Court Hotel as she had been told that they are revamping their sports hall, currently used to house 5 tennis courts. She asked if there was any possibility of a permanent area for table tennis. The manager replied that he was happy to meet with us but any allocation of space would be shared with others.

4.7(3) Terri also had an offer of the use of the room at Loddon Vale however this too would only be on allocation.

4.7(4) However, Terri had better news in that, Howard Park Bowls Club is seeking a grant to rebuild their club house and is interested in linking up with another sport as they consider their application will be met more favourably for a dual purpose sports club.

Terri will meet with the secretary and report back.

Action: - Terri

Secretary's note: - Unfortunately we are too late as they have already submitted their proposal.

5. Venue for Closed Championships

5.1 It was thought that the fee to hire Aldworth College for the whole of Saturday was nearly £400 so the possibility of using Sherfield for free this year is very appealing, however Mike and Terri will try to visit the school during their tournament at the end of this month to assess its suitability for league players and learn of their costs etc to move the tables there and return to Aldworth.

5.2 It was felt that the league couldn't continue to run annual Championships at a loss. Entry fees must be increased or the tournament may have to be withdrawn. It was agreed that it is matter for the AGM.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Terry White asked again that the committee review the 10 point deduction imposed on Saints for not playing when they had two regular players unavailable on the match night but still could put out two others. The rules are very clear on this and the handbook states that, 'every match will consist of a team of at least two players against a team of at least two players, etc.'

The committee felt that the penalty was justly imposed according to the rules. It is immaterial which team and what division a team plays in. The rules are for the whole league. Anything short of that would be grossly unfair and unworkable.

6.2 Terry also asked if the committee considered that matches played far in advance of their scheduled date was manipulating the rules.

Mike had made it clear in his 'foreword' in the Handbook at the beginning of the season that matches can be re-arranged on dates to suit ahead of time.

It was followed up by an email to all clubs that this is totally acceptable and there is no need to approach the committee to do this. Only matches that are NOT going to be played by the allotted time and are seeking a postponement must the captain receive permission from the committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be confirmed via emails.

The committee thanked Terri for hosting and for the lovely refreshments.

The meeting finished at 10.30pm