

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting
Monday 21st February 2022
Loddon Vale Bowling Club
RG 22 6PG

Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Terry White, Martin Gilbey, Dave Partridge, Celia Hooker, Mark Every, Tony Ames and George White

1. Apologies for absence

Gill Larking, Jan MacDonald and Keith Russell

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 8th September, 2021 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

2.6 The Handbook has been proof read and distributed

Action:- Closed

4.1 Terri contacted Jamie Cole at Aldworth School and the coaching dates have all been confirmed

Action Closed

4.2 Terri contacted Jamie Cole regarding the broken lock on the storage box. This has been replaced.

Action:- Closed

4. Officer's Reports

Treasurer's report

No report

4.2 Secretary's report

No Report

4.3 Web Master's report

Tony reported that there are no problems with the web site to date. However if we subsequently change to the TTE web-site, anomalies like deducting points will need to be written in.

4.4 Registration Secretary's report

4.4(1) Celia reported that we have 130 registered players, with 28 teams and 9 clubs.

4.4(2) One player played prior to TTE registration and his team lost the 2 points won by him.

4.4(3) Three teams have had 10 points deducted in accordance with rule 23 as voted in by the membership.

4.4(4) 4 new players have registered in time for the second half of the season.

4.4(5) One other has been given permission to register a late entry. This was exceptional circumstances through an injury to another player.

4.4(6) There are outstanding matches that must be played asap. Queen's 'F' must provide a new date for the match against Queen's 'G'.

4.4(7) Oakley 'B' need to be chased up regarding the score not on the web-site.

Actions:- Celia

4.5 Essex Road/Coaching

4.5(1) Terry reported that following the recent massive storm the Match Room at Essex Road has lost its roof and the room is flooded.

Matches cannot be played there or at Queen's for some time as the electricity has had to be turned off. Matches will be postponed as a matter of course on receipt of the usual request on line.

4.5(2) Tony has been asked to notify the membership via the web-site.

Action:- Tony

4.5(3) Turning to coaching, Terry reported that the tables at Aldworth are often moved from the storage recess and have not always been made available for coaching. A few have been damaged particularly the wheels.

Steve Armstrong is going to see if can repair any. Terry will accompany him there.

Action:- Terry

4.5(4) Coaching is going well at the moment with around 20 participants. Mostly juniors with approx 4-6 adults on occasion.

4.6 Development Officer

4.6(1) With most of the focus being on the proposed merger with Loddon Vale Bowling Club Dave gave way to George to report at item 5.

5. Update on Loddon Vale

5.1 George reported that he had spent considerable time carefully looking into the best lease arrangements for B.T.T.A. to join with L.V.I.B.C.

There are still many areas that need resolving. However, at the last meeting with LV and the development team it was made clear that LV expected at least £2,000 per month from us.

This is far in excess of the early figure and is seen as their way of pulling out and making BDTTA look like they have de- faulted.

5.2 Mike will email Ian Laming Chairman of LV, to seek a full explanation of their position. The figure quoted has not been substantiated by any evidence.

Action:- Mike

5.3 Terri was able to add to this by confirming that LV has now had a couple of new Directors who are opposed to the merger and plan to work on grants, sponsorships and a membership drive. All things that should have been done prior to inviting us to join them. Unfortunately none of this information has been given to us formally and only gained by a private conversation. It seems that there is now only one Director in favour of the merger as those that were 100% behind it have U turned.

5.4 All of this is very disappointing and the development team, which George is happy to assist on, will start again with a new project to get a Centre for Basingstoke.

7.Any Other Business

7.1 Terri reported that she had met with a representative of the Council regarding the merger but had been made aware that there is no web-site offering advice on where any new-comer to the area might play table tennis. Ours is first class but really only refers to the league which is its intention. However, it may be that with additional information we might attract new players if only on a casual play arrangement at either Essex Road or Aldworth. This could bring in revenue to the Association.

Tony is happy to revamp any part of the web-site if he is given the information.

Action:- Committee

7.2 Jan MacDonald has been actively seeking members to come forward to help run this year's Closed Championships. At the moment it seems as if they will not be held. All members are asked to try to come up with a solution to this. There is a lot of information and templates to assist with the organising.

Tony to seek volunteers on the flash page of the web-site.

Action:- Tony

8.Date of next meeting

To be arranged

The meeting finished at 9.30pm