

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6th March 2019

7 Anton Close
Oakley
RG23 7AG

Present: - Mike Wood, Terri Allison, Celia Hooker, Tony Amies, Dave Partridge, Keith Russell and Terry White.

1. Apologies for absence

Dave MacDonald, Gill Larking, Martin Gilbey and Phil Ware

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 7th November, 2018 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.

Dave has been seriously ill in hospital and this remains on-going for the time being.

Action: Dave

7.3 Dave M was asked to supply the list of all trophies currently bought each year and a list of engraving needed.

The entry fee to the 'Closed' was raised a little but the overall cost of engraving is still the reason for the tournament running at a loss.

Dave is compiling a list of all trophies.

This is on-going.

Action: Dave M

4.4(3) Terry asked if we now had non slip paint purchased in order that the floor is painted in the Match Room for next season. Mike will pursue this.

Mike has found a paint he hopes is suitable and Terry and he will find a time and a team to paint the match room floor. The room will, as a necessity, be closed for at least a week to allow the paint to dry.

A date for this work has not yet been confirmed. - Ongoing

Action: - Mike and Terry

4.4(3) moving to his Coaching Officer role Terry reported that the tables at Aldworth were in a sorry state and he had attempted to repair as many as he could using a white plastic wood. The committee again acknowledged that they owed him a debt of gratitude for his time and skills in doing this.

Terry still plans to repair the tables and has now obtained a book where he hopes to get spare parts. He will start this work when he can.

Terry has made valiant attempts to restore some of the tables to an acceptable state for play but is unable.

We will store the worst of them and use for spare parts for other tables.

Action: Closed

6.7 Terri Allison had checked out the engraving on the medals won at this year's Closed and suggested that instead of the full title of BDTTA the initials would suffice as would the year instead of the season. This would reduce the number of characters hugely and therefore be much less expensive.

This was agreed and Dave would be asked to check this out.

This will be reviewed when Dave's condition is known.

We now need someone to take on this task as Dave is still not able.

Any volunteer could do this in conjunction with Dave for guidance and knowledge.

Action: Committee

6.1 Dave asked that we confirm if we are paid up members of the Basingstoke Sports Council. Keith reported that our annual subscription has now been paid and we are members.

Action: Closed

6.2 Celia had received a request from a registered player asking permission to change clubs. He had not played any matches as yet. The Committee agreed to this.

Action: Closed

6.5 Terri will remind all clubs that any booking of the Match Room requires 48 hours notice of cancellation, to avoid being charged.

All clubs were advised

Action: Closed

6.6 Terri reported that Terry White has received an award from TTE acknowledging his services to Coaching. The certificate was presented to him last Saturday 3rd November, by our League President Mrs Avril Waters. Tony will publish this on the web-page and Mike will send him a photo to include.

Action: Closed

6.7 Terri asked that we consider setting up a Junior League as the main League is now up and running.

Terry White will ask his youngsters if there is any interest. Terri will ask George Hellens if there are any youngsters at Queen's club that might like to play and Mike will speak to Jamie Cole re sharing his Friday night at Aldworth.

No one responded to Terri's email re interest. We may raise this again next season.

Action: Closed

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 Hon. Treasurer

Keith reported:-

4.1(1) that our current balance for this January is comparable to last January.

4.1(2) Essex Road is slightly down on rent as fewer teams are using it to play there.

4.1(3) we have a little less expenditure lately.

4.1(4) we may lose money on the tournament but we will see.

4.1(5) there is around £3,000 in our account.

4.1(6) Celia asked that she be given sight of the current account to check that all those who have said they would pay on line have successfully done so.

Action: Keith

4.2 Registration Secretary

Celia reported that:

4.2(1) we now have 135 players registered in the League.

4.2(2) we have 29 teams registered in the League.

4.2 (3) there is one outstanding match from the first half of the season which because of circumstances the committee will allow to be played asap. Any such repeat of this from any team will always be judged on the circumstances. Teams must try to complete by given dates to keep it a fair and honest league.

4.2(4) unfortunately a team will have to be deducted 10 points as they failed to advise the opposition of being unable to play with at least two players and will be required to play the fixture asap.

Action: Celia

4.2(5) Celia asked if the minutes of previous meetings could be updated on the Web-site.

Action: Tony

4.3 Web-Master

Tony reported that:

4.3(1) as requested, he has removed all references to a past player from the web-site.

4.3(2) he has been in touch with a player who has shown some interest in helping to run the web-site when Tony moves on. Tony will pursue this.

Action: Tony

4.4Essex Road Officer

Terry reported that:

4.4(1) following discussions with the council, a team of contractors had been to the Match Room to investigate underneath the flooring. The idea is to soundproof as much as is possible to alleviate the noise and subsequent distress from the company underneath. They estimate it will be a 3 day job when it is awarded.

We have not heard any more on this to date. We will ask for a replacement floor to match the level of suitability as before. Terry will research the best we can find and advise Terri which one to ask for.

Action: Terry and Terri

4.4(2) the windows are yet to be replaced, following the rotten wood falling out.

4.4(3) Terry asked that the committee contact Queen's to remind them that juniors are not permitted to play in the Match Room unsupervised at any time. Also if anyone using the Match Room is not a registered player in the league they do not have the right to play there. Being an associate member of a club does not make anyone a registered league player for whom the Match Room is provided.

Terri was asked to write to Queen's asking that all their members pay the league fee to the treasurer or book the room for use for the appropriate rent, or return the key and not use the room.

Action: Terri

Secretary's note, the Match Room key held by Queen's has now been returned

The committee wanted to note that they are basically in favour of encouraging table tennis but need to be seen to be being fair to playing members as all usage should be on the same footing.

4.4(4) Terry again reported that the tables at Aldworth had been badly stored again and circulated a photograph of extensive damage to a table. It was not thought that this particular damage was due to poor storage. Mike has spoken to the new head of P.E. and she has told him that table tennis is to be taken off the curriculum until further notice. She apologised on behalf of the school.

The committee suggested that the school be approached to see if they would consider a reduced fee for our Championships in lieu of the damage and ultimate cost to us to replace.

Action: Mike

4.4(5) Terry reported that Peter Coppins is in hospital and won't be able to help out at the coaching until further notice.

He is very reliable in collecting the monies from those who attend Aldworth on Saturdays and Terri is to send an email asking if anyone would be prepared to do this until Peter is well again. The Committee send him their best wishes.

Action: Terri

4.4(6) apparently all table tennis coaches have been sent a scam email re updating their courses etc.

Terry has advised all Basingstoke coaches to ignore and delete.

4.4(7) Terry reported that most of the nets at coaching are now barely usable and asked if they could be replaced. The committee agreed that Terry could do a costing exercise and maybe buy 10 if it proved more cost effective. Terry is to liaise with Keith and Mike before purchasing.

Action: Terry

4.5 Trophy Secretary

No Report

4.6 Development Officer

Dave had been unable to attend a meeting with the Basingstoke Rugby Club so Mike reported on his behalf.

Terri, Phil and Mike met with officials at the BRC and put to them our proposal of a new build for a table tennis centre in Basingstoke. We were aware that they are seeking funds to extend their facilities by building new changing rooms. They were very supportive when we asked if we could 'link' onto their building thus keeping ours to a basic shell, with just a small kitchen area. We would use their bar and toilets etc.

Mike started the ball rolling by contacting the council to see if they would give us an idea if such a proposal would be acceptable to them. Unfortunately we are obliged to submit plans before they would even look at the proposal.

This is concerning as it could be money wasted.

We would also need to apply for grants to numerous sources.

The sub-committee will meet again with BRC to continue discussions.

Action: - Sub-Committee

5. Closed Championships

5.1 Terri had contacted Steve Rollason of Hannington Club which is running the 'Closed' and was told that to date they have 5 entries.

5.2 Keith advised that the Rugby Club is not available on the Tuesday 9th April as hoped but he had made a provisional booking for Wednesday 10th April. Terri will contact Hannington to confirm they can do this date.

Action: Terri

Secretary's note: This is now confirmed as the new date.

5.3 It was confirmed that Terry will provide all the balls to Hannington for the competition.

5.4 Hannington is still searching for a volunteer with a van to transport a table from Aldworth School to the Rugby Club. Mike will trawl out to the league players.

Action: Mike

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Celia asked if the list of coaches on our web-site was up to date. Terry confirmed that he was the only qualified coach in the League as all others had not kept up their courses etc. Tony will check the list and remove any shown who have let their qualification lapse.

Action: Tony

6.2 Mike will ask Phil if he would consider taking over the trophy role for the time being.

Action: Mike

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be arranged via emails.

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

The meeting finished at 9.40pm