

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Association Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.30 pm

The Bolton Arms, Old Basing

Present:- Jon Clarke (JC), Celia Hooker (CH), Martin Gilbey (MG), Chris Parkyn (CP) and Jan MacDonald (JM)

Apologies:- Tony Coombes (TC), Bill Bavister (BB), Terry White (TW)

1. Accounts report from Akiko Parkyn (AP)

Although not in attendance AP provided an update on our accounts, her concern is that our main account will be in a deficit position by the summer unless we improve income or reduce expenditure. Coaching numbers have dropped for a variety of reasons and therefore we have lost income there. JC said we could transfer money over from our reserve account and asked if AP had had a chance to look at making more interest on our savings. CP did not think AP had had time, but will do so when she can.

Action: AP to monitor a/c balances and inform JC if we need to take any action. Not urgent but when time allows look at better income on our savings.

2. Tournament

MG has reduced the number of events by 2 and will run the group rounds as best of 3 not 5, so he anticipates we should get finished in the day, up to semi-finals level.

The losing player of the game is required to umpire the next match to avoid delays in finding someone. (It should not be the winning player in case they are required to play another match)

Action: MG to make sure this is in the entry form so everyone knows

Unfortunately, Newbury and Southampton both have tournaments this weekend too, but as Newbury have their men's and ladies' events on the Sunday, hopefully people will still attend ours.

Payment methods discussed, AP to provide a list of players who have paid on-line so that whoever is helping MG with check-ins will know who we need to collect money from. CP may be able to help with this, depending on whether his son is working that day or not.

Action: AP to provide list of on-line payments for the morning of 21st March. Volunteer to be assigned to registering players and collecting any money.

Trophies discussed, same trophies agreed for this year. Tournament individual trophies to be handed out at finals night, perpetual trophies to be engraved ready for presentation at the AGM.

Action: JM to order trophies

Honours board from previous seasons – JM has given JC names for missing years. Maxine Clarke is producing the names; Terry White can assist with placing the names onto the board as he has done this in previous years.

Action: JC to contact TW when names are available to arrange installation

Refreshment table discussed, as this will have to be outside it was decided against this idea.

Balls for the event, JM has 2 unopened boxes at home from last year (24 balls) if more are needed, we need to order in time.

Action: JC to advise if we need to order more balls

Raffle discussed, budget set for £50 as per last year, when advertising the tournament, a request to be posted for donated prizes if anyone has any. Discussed splitting the raffle over the Saturday and finals night. **Ticket price to be agreed** – was £1 a strip last year.

Action: JM to buy raffle prizes, volunteer will be needed to sell tickets on the day

Moving of tables for tournament. Coaching ends at 8pm Friday 20th March so van to be arranged to collect 8 tables, barriers, scorecards and nets. Tables may probably be left at Everest, to be reviewed after the tournament. Manpower required to get the tables into and out of the van, JC has volunteered, but more manpower will be needed as the tables are very heavy.

Action: JC to find out if Everest have small exam tables like the Aldworth ones that we can use for scorecards etc. JC to ask around for volunteers to help move tables to Everest JM to book van.

Entrance fees discussed, MG has suggested £4 and £2 and maybe £20 for as many events as you like again this year. This was agreed.

Deadline for entries to be 14th March, this will give MG enough time to plan the tables.

Finals night booked for 8th April at the Rugby Club

Entry forms, CP can put entry form on-line to simplify things.

Action: MG to liaise with CP to put form up as soon as possible

3. Summer League

JC had spoken to Jamie Cole who had agreed to help, although he does not want to run the league and does not need the income this year as the gym is cheaper to book than the main hall.

Action: To be brought forward after the tournament

3. Committee Members

JC felt we needed more people on the committee to spread the workload out a bit, we do also have unfilled roles at the moment. He mentioned about 4/5 people he had in mind and agreed to approach them to join. CP could also put a 'your committee needs you' poster (the old WW1 Lord Kitchener poster style) on the website to see if there is anyone else interested. CP can generate from AI from a photo of JC.

Action: JC to give CP suitable photo of himself, JC to speak to people he has already identified as 'possibles'

4. Relocation

It is hard for us to plan the future without new premises; JC will contact the Council to chase them up.

Action: JC to speak to his contacts

5. AOB

CH wanted to know about the postponed Aldworth match, if everyone agreed that one of the teams should be awarded the points instead of a postponement. This was agreed. CH needs to know which team is the team forfeiting the match before this can be handled appropriately.

Action: JC to speak to Jamie Cole to establish which team is forfeiting the game

Onela – CH needs to work out which team he is now to be registered for, but needs to know the dates of the matches he played up so that she can work this out.

Action: CP will provide the dates of Onela's matches to CH and the teams that he has played for. Steve Ng can then reassign Onela to the correct team for the rest of the season.

6. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed once Tony is back from holiday.