

Basingstoke and District Table Tennis Association Committee Meeting

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7.00pm

The Bolton Arms, Old Basing

MINUTES

1. Present

Tony Coombes (TC), Terry White (TW), Jon Clarke (JC), Celia Hooker (CH), Jan MacDonald (JM), Martin Gilbey (MG), Chris Parkyn (CP), Akiko Parkyn (AP)

Apologies for absence

Bill Bavister, Sarah Whithorn

Mark Every has had to leave the committee to concentrate on health matters. We wish him a speedy recovery.

2. Welcome to George White

Jon welcomed George to the meeting and thanked him for coming to help us understand the issues regarding the Council communication on application for discount on the rental agreements for both BDTTA and Queens Club.

a. Application for discount on Essex Road rental

Queens and BDTTA leases are a 5-year lease signed over 20 years ago. Extended on annual basis. Council looking to increase revenue. The Council has measures within the current agreement to terminate, should they decide, but there is some protection for us as tenants.

Queens and BDTTA to join forces and push back on application.

Action: TC to forward council request and related comms to JC

Action: JC to write to the Council to push back on having to complete the form a. what has changed for us to need to reapply b. form is not fit for purpose c. please liaise with Amanda Curtis/Caroline Kennett who are helping us find new premises.

b. Search for new premises.

George advises that we should aim for a lease rather than a rental agreement. A lease gives us full control over when we use the rooms.

3. Matters Arising from the meeting on 11th September 2025

Terry has a 'flier' which he has used to publicise coaching sessions. We could use this as a basis for further publicity via the web site and social media.

Action: TW to forward flier to CP with a view to updating this to make it suitable for digital use.

Action: All to push out to social media options

4. Officers' reports

a. Treasurer

AP provided financial update; see BDTTA Financial report 201125.

Bank balances as of 18th November 2025

Account	Balance
Community account	£2,289.65
Commercial instant access account	£3,149.54
Commercial instant access account	£29,623.48

Action: AP to investigate possibility of allocating some of reserve fund to a higher interest account.

Action: AP to ascertain if Mike/Lorraine could audit accounts as Mark no longer able to do audit.

b. Webmaster

The website has undergone a major update, mostly with behind-the-scenes changes. This has improved response times, and no issues have been reported.

c. Registration secretary

We need to improve our processes to make people register on TT England at the start of the season. This again caused Celia significant work to chase up players slow to sign up. Technically players are not allowed to compete in the league without joining TT England, but it is difficult to stop this as access to TT membership lists is restricted. Could the onus to ensure players join TTE be moved to Club Secretaries?

Action: CP to ask TTE if club secretaries can have access to registration website so they can check player registration.

d. Coaching / Essex Road

Are Jamie and Phil Snelson ok with coaching bookings?

Action: TC to ask Jamie/Phil if they need help with bookings for coaching sessions.

e. Trophy Secretary

We would like to update winners' boards with men's and ladies' names. Currently the boards are missing:-

- Closed champ ladies' individual winner 2019-20 to today.
- Closed champ men's individual winner 2019-20 to today.
- 1st div/premier winner 2019-20 to today

Action: Jan to ask trophy holders for winner's names on trophies for these years.

There should be enough space on the boards to accept missing names and for the next few years, potentially until we have new premises when new boards can be made up.

Jon has lettering material and will liaise with Terry for help in practicalities of applying the new lettering to the board.

5. Any other business

Summer league and Closed competition.

Closed competition.

Aim to have whole day of competition at Aldworth followed by a finals evening.

Look at Saturday 21st March at Aldworth for as early and as long as possible. With a finals night on 8th April. With 14th as contingency. Venue a. Aldworth b. Rugby Club

Summer league

Is Aldworth planning to run a summer league in 2026? If not BDTTA should step in to arrange something. The league is good for recruiting members to BDTTA clubs and the coaching sessions.

Action: TC to ask Jamie a. if planning to run summer league b. if not could he (in absence of Mark) help with bookings for both the Closed Tournament and summer league.

Aim to get availability confirmed by 5th December.

Acting vice chair

With the regrettable resignation of Mark from the Committee, we need to appoint a vice Chair. This will be an acting position until a new Vice Chair is formally elected at the next AGM. Following a vote Celia was appointed Vice Chair.

Additional committee member

BDTTA would benefit from new blood on the committee and could do with someone to manage communications. It was also noted that there is a strong representation of Queens club members on the committee and it would be beneficial to have members from other clubs.

Action: JC to message clubs to see if we can find new members to join the committee.

Jon thanked the members for their work and support for the season to date in words and also in drinks from the bar.

6. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.