

## **Blackmore Vale Table Tennis League**

### **2023 Annual General Meeting**

Venue : Child Okeford Village Hall  
Date : Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Attendees : Keith Anthony (KA), Tony Hibben (TH), Barrie Waterman (BM),  
Simon Crichton (SC), Chris Watkins (CW), Simon Cutler (Scu),  
Bridget Vallance (BV), Jim Scard (JS), Tom Scard (TS), Stuart Angell (SA),  
Russell Haddon (RH), Sue Boddington (SB), Andy Crouch (AC),  
Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Shepherd (AS), Bill McIntyre (BM),  
Warren Chalk (WC), Ron Crosby (RC)

KA welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

1. Apologies

Received from Mike Williams and Nick Smith (noted after meeting).

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

Agreed and accepted as produced.

3. Matters Arising

Changes to rules/handbook completed, new cup and league format decided at subsequent registration meeting. No issues outstanding.

4. Chairman's Report

KA pleased that all had gone well over the season. The end of season Wimborne friendly went well, and the Inter League match also, despite a long/tiring day. Sunday morning practice at Child Okeford has continued to be well attended, and a new young player Eli, will play in the league next season.

5. Secretary Report

No major issues highlighted during the league season, everything seems to have gone well overall. TTE are revisiting levels of membership, as exclusion of over 75 year old from personal accident insurance identified. Update awaited, but may also be a consideration for league rule change on the agenda.

As KA mentioned, "Inter League Cup" competition was held at Stalbridge at the end of April. Blackmore Vale provided an A & B team, plus an adopted B team for Weymouth.

This extended further when the Weymouth A team dropped out, with another player filling in at short notice. The event was won by Bournemouth, a long day which most seemed to enjoy, and there was some good TT throughout.

We still need to maintain/increase our player numbers, 44% of players are over 60 so injuries etc are becoming more apparent. Any ideas or initiatives are welcome from our playing community.

Stephen Bourke has been appointed the South West Area Manager by TTE, to cover 7 counties. I have replied to his request for information and main issues, reduced player numbers and lack of qualified coaches were raised.

6. Treasurer Report

SC distributed copies of the financial statement to the year end 30<sup>th</sup> April, and ran through the key points. There was a deficit of £227 against a budgeted loss of £12. This was due to junior fees refund not accounted for in previous years, plus an increase in trophy/engraving costs of over 100% against budget. Handbook and adverts had provided a small positive effect.

Based on the actuals for 2023, the budget for 2024 is showing a further deficit of £220+. SC proposed measures that would alleviate through additional income ;

- Increase player/team fees.
- Stop junior TTE membership refund
- Cancel printed handbooks
- Hold meetings on Zoom, apart from AGM
- Award prize money based on any surplus.

These will be considered further as part of agenda items, and subsequent committee meetings.

## 7. Match & Press (& Registration) Secretary Report

### Match

The season went well, the top teams in both divisions and player averages were covered in the last newsletter. Also included were the results of the Team Handicap Cup and the Divisional League Cup.

Division 1 Champions were Stalbridge A.

Child Okeford B will be relegated to Division 2.

Division 2 Champions were East Stour A and will be promoted to Division 1.

Postponements worked well with the added catch up weeks, and also able to use some tournament weeks. The only problem was some teams has a 3 week gap between games. We could play the tournaments at the end of the season to help with this problem. Match cards should be emailed or posted within 24 hours, as stated in the handbook.

### Press

Still getting good support from the new BV magazine, with league tables and tournament results. Also I have a yearly article with the promotion of table tennis, and advertising for new players. I have given up on the Shaftesbury and Gillingham news now it is online, as I have never been able to find articles submitted.

### Club Payments (Winners and Runners Up)

Stalbridge £132.50

East Stour £ 80.00

Chalk Valley £ 20.00

Child Okeford £ 32.50

Compton £ 40.00

## 8. Tournament Secretary Report

CW happy holding the tournaments during the week this year, attendance levels have increased and events have gone well. This seems to be a good option going forward. TH highlighted that CW sorts out the match draw on the night, not knowing numbers until they arrive, a tall order, but done without any problems.

## 9. Election of Officers

The following were duly proposed/confirmed by attendees.

Chairman	Keith Anthony
Vice Chairman	Simon Cutler
Secretary	Tony Hibben
Treasurer	Simon Crichton
M&P Secretary	Barrie Waterman
Tournament Sec.	Chris Watkins
Registration Sec.	Barrie Waterman

Welfare Officer	Chris Watkins
TTE Representative	Simon Cutler
DTTA Representative	Vacant
Website Administrator	Chris Watkins
Coaching Officer	Tom Scard
Executive Members	Stuart Angell
	Jim Scard
	Tom Scard
	Russell Haddon

#### 10. League Fees

CW referred to financial options, team fees correlated to cover affiliation fee paid to Dorset TTA, so should stay unchanged unless Dorset increase. TH advised that Dorset AGM yet to be held so we do not know if fee will change. Fees therefore expected to remain as per last season.

#### 11. Proposed Rule/Handbook Changes

##### 12.2.1 Officers of the League. (TH)

**AMEND** – update committee roles.

> Agreed that list should be updated to confirm all roles

##### 14.1.3. TTE Membership (SCu/CW)

**AMEND** – required TTE membership to 'advisory' or not required. (separate rule)

> Provision of insurance cover provided by TTE Membership discussed.

> Personal Accident and Public Liability cover provided.

> Over 75 excluded from Personal accident cover.

> AC advised that TTE grants only available to affiliated league.

> Agreed to change from required to advisory.

##### 14.1.3. Substitute Players (CW)

**AMEND** – Players in Div 1 are not allowed to play as a sub for a lower ranked team.

> Rule to be made more specific.

##### 14.1.8. Teams Substitute (CW)

**REMOVE** – the rule that a substitute cannot play in the doubles.

> Flexibility would help with junior teams.

> If Sub present they should be eligible to play doubles.

> Change agreed.

##### 14.3.2. Match Start Time (CW)

**AMEND** – Request for the Stalbridge junior teams to have a start time of 7pm.

> Agreed to enable junior teams early match start.

> At least one player from away team needed to start match at 7pm.

##### 14.7 New Section

**ADD** - Reinstate service rule. (BW)

> Details to be reinstated in handbook.

> TH to apply all agreed updates to new season handbook.

#### 12. Handbooks

BW had conducted survey during the season, and majority of replies were in favour of using ecopy only. There were circa a dozen respondents who wanted to retain a printed version. Scu suggested that a provision was needed for anyone requesting a printed copy. It was agreed to only produce ecopy, which would save the league in excess of £100.

13. Playing Schedule

A new format had been used this season, with a mixture of league, cup and tournament weeks during the season. As mentioned, some players had not played for 3 weeks as a result, if knocked out of cup and not attending tournament. CW would defer Semi Finals of cup till the season end weeks, and proposed to remove the Division 1 singles. Changes agreed to keep same mixed playing schedule.

14. AOB

a) TTE Premier Club

TS advised that an option for clubs would be to become a “premier” level member with TTE, which gave a priority for any funding. Broad Chalk have taken this option.

b) Honoured Members

TH nominated Keith Anthony to be added to the list, as chairman for many years, his enthusiasm is un-diminishing and his support for players, club and the league. Agreed. BW also wanted to nominate Rod Fry, while not now playing on the league, had served on and supported the committee for many years.

c) Parking at Child Okeford

SB raised concern that due to insufficient parking, a player was unable to park and attend a tournament at Okeford. KA advised that Portman Drive had spaces, which was next left turn up the road. Also, KA would review parking if similar numbers attend again next season.

15. Next Season Prep

Preparations for next season discussed, a start date of w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September was set, so the following actions need to take place :

1. **Registration Forms.** to be issued early July and returned before 31<sup>st</sup> July. (BW)
2. **Setup meeting.** to be held in early August to decide structure etc. (TH)
3. **Fixtures** need to be confirmed by mid August. (CW)
4. **Handbook.** ecopy to be posted on website by end August. (TH)
5. **Newsletter.** to be issued to update all players by end August. (TH)
6. **Week 1 w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

The meeting concluded with the presentation of awards for last season.