

Boston & District Table Tennis League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2018 at Graves Park Social Club

Present: Roger Hooton, Keith Addy, Rita Rowe, Dave Coulson, Graham Lacey, Chris Christoforou, Alan Reetham, Scott Sykes, Kelvin Clements, Vince Lozynsky and Rob Smith.

1. *Chairman's Announcements*

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting. He was disappointed that there were not more present.

2. *Apologies for absence*

Apologies were received from David Kime and Peter Bell.

3. *Minutes of the AGM held on 25 June 2017*

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the last AGM.

4. *Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting*

Graham asked if anything had been done about coaching courses for Brett Heppenstall and Chris Christoforou. Rob said he had investigated the coaching courses on the Table Tennis England (TTE) web site but that there were so many different options these days that it was not easy to see which would be the best. He suggested that Chris and Brett contact TTE get some prices and come back to the committee to approve the costs.

5. *General Secretary's Report*

Well last season was a bit of a shambles with far too many fixtures not even fulfilled. Although they didn't affect the final league placings. This is something that I feel needs to be addressed for next season. I know some leagues give extra points for playing fixtures on the correct date, maybe this is something we will have to consider in the future.

When I say we I really mean you as I will not be involved after today's meeting. As most of you will know I am leaving Kirton for the sunnier climes of the Isle of Wight. We have sold our property and bought a bungalow on the island and all being well will be moving late June/early July.

I have played in the Boston league for 37 years and I have enjoyed my time here. I have already been in touch with a club on the island with a view to joining them when I move.

My thanks go to Roger for keeping the letters sorted and to Scott for keeping the new website up to date and writing the reports.

I will keep the web site online for a couple of months but then it will close down to be replaced by the TT365 web site. That website is getting better all the time and now has the facility for teams to enter their match results online, there is also a forum option available. These options have to be enabled for you to use but I am sure that Scott can do that.

Good luck to all of you for the future.

Rob Smith, Joint General Secretary

6. *Treasurers Report*

In the absence of the Treasurer Rob Smith read out the report.

Income and Expenditure for 2017/2018 Season.

Income	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
League registration fees	653.50	803.75	1,596.75
Sponsorship	90.00	60.00	60.00
Bequest	-	-	5,000.00
Fund Raising	-	-	-
	743.50	863.75	6,656.75
Expenditure			
ETTA affiliation fees inc insurance	-	-	725.00
LTTA affiliation	190.00	250.00	230.00
Expenses - misc	176.99	23.74	20.50
Balls for teams	150.00	172.98	-
Team competition entries		-	17.00
Trophies	170.00	166.27	-
IT and website costs		-	24.00
League representative expenses		-	18.75
Handbook printing	88.12	77.00	69.30
Use of bequest			
Mayflower table		-	369.99
Squash Club table contribution (50%)	- 180.00	180.00	
Graves Park new net	41.98	29.99	
	637.09	899.98	1,474.54
Net profit/(loss)	106.41	- 36.23	5,182.21
Reserves brought forward	11,346.03	11,382.26	6,200.05
Reserves carried forward	11,452.44	11,346.03	11,382.26

The income & expenditure for the year showed a net surplus of £106.41.

The points to note are:

1. The cost of the trophies for 2016/17 has been taken back into the 2016/17 accounts and so this has reduced last year's figures.

2. 50% contribution to the Squash Club for their table, the cheque was not cashed and as such has been added back to the funds.

The league fees are part of a proposal put before the AGM and so will be decided at that point, however, unless there are any major changes, I would suggest that we leave the fees as they are, i.e. £5 for seniors and £2.25 for juniors.

All other expenditure has been kept in line with previous years except for expenses which will be detailed out at a later date.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for my inaccessibility of late which has been due to changes in my personal circumstances. As such some of your cheques for league fees have become too old to clear. I have paid the equivalent funds out of my personal account so that the league is not out of pocket. I will be writing to those affected shortly to request a replacement.

David Kime, Treasurer

Rob Smith went on to say that David was finding hard to devote sufficient time to the accounts at the moment and would like to give up the position of Treasurer. This would be discussed under item 11 Election of Officers.

7. *Match Secretary's Report*

This year the number of teams competing went from 23 in the previous season to 18 with the league split into two divisions of 9 teams. Team numbers were down due to a number of factors with Graves Park B dropping out of the league and Sibsey going from 4 teams to just one. Reigning Division 1 champions, Penmaen, disbanded with Alan Ashberry and Brett Heppenstall teaming up with Chris Christoforou to form Lodgers J. Mayflower also reduced their stable from 3 teams to just the 2.

Unfortunately, even with all these changes there was still problems getting fixtures played or played with a full complement of players. In division 1, out of a possible 72 fixtures, on 11 occasions, one of the teams could only field 2 players. 2 matches were voided due to both teams not able to get the fixtures in and 1 was forfeited because one team didn't want to play it – which is very disappointing for all concerned. In division 2, out of a possible 72 fixtures, on 18 occasions, one of the teams could only field 2 players with 1 fixture, the visiting team only turned up with 1 player! There was also 1 forfeited match.

Lodgers were the dominant club in division 1 with Lodger's teams holding the top 3 positions in the final table. Congratulations go to Lodgers J who took the honours with Brett, Alan and Chris pinching the title by only 3 points from Lodgers A. Lodgers C finished in their highest position by taking third place. At the bottom of the table the two promoted teams of Sibsey and Lodgers Blades once again found it tough going, but they battled hard and contributed to an exciting season. In the individual rankings, it was the No. 1 from each of the top 3 teams who finished in the top 3 places.

Congratulations to Brett for going through the season unbeaten, followed by Kelvin Clements with a win percentage of 93.33% and Steve Allen coming in third with a win percentage of 86.11%.

It was a similar position in division 2 with Lodgers clubs taking first and second place.

Congratulations go to Lodgers B for comfortably claiming the title from stablemates Lodgers E by 14 points. In the individual rankings it was Gary Jacques from Lodgers E who topped the list, going

through the season unbeaten, followed by Colin Bell of Lodgers B at 86.7% and Steve Hill of Lodgers D at 86.1%.

This season we tried out the 365 website alongside our existing website and I think on the whole it has proved to be a successful transition. From next season we will be just using the new website but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob Smith for all his efforts on running the league website for all these years and wish him every happiness as he moves to the Isle of Wight.

Thank you to all those Captains who wrote some comments about their matches, which makes my job a lot easier.

8. County Representative's Report

I attended most of the LTTA meetings last season but managed to miss the AGM again. Graham attended when I couldn't if he was available.

There has been very little to report back on this year with no major changes on the horizon

9. Competition Secretary's Report

No competitions were held

10. Veterans Captains Report

No teams were entered

11. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Post	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
President	Keith Addy	Dave Coulson	Rita Rowe
Chairman	Graham Lacey	Keith Addy	Vince Lozynsky
Vice-Chairman	Roger Hooton	Scott Sykes	Graham Lacey
General Secretary	Scott Sykes/Roger Hooton	Rob Smith	Graham Lacey
Treasurer	David Kime	Roger Hooton	Graham Lacey
LTTA Representative	Graham Lacey	Scott Sykes	Rob Smith
Haigh Cup Representative	Graham Lacey	Scott Sykes	Roger Hooton
Veterans Secretary	Graham Lacey	Scott Sykes	Roger Hooton
Auditor	P Bateson	Roger Hooton	Graham Lacey

Although David Kime had asked not to be re-elected as Treasurer there were no other candidates for the post. It was agreed to ask David to carry on until a suitable replacement can be found. It was suggested that we approach someone outside the league and pay them an honorarium to do the work.

12. Proposal and Rule Changes

There were no proposals or rule changes submitted.

13. Any other business

Rob gave a short report on the impact of the new General Data Protection Regulations which come in to force on 25 May 2018. He has already written Privacy Policy for the website and is preparing new membership forms for the league as players would have to give the league approval to use their data. He was still working on this and other information to go out to players.

Rob also asked if anyone present wanted to play in the Summer League which would start in a few weeks. Vince said he could play in June but not July.

Rob said he had heard from David Tennent at the squash club who wanted to put a team in the league playing out of the squash club. They have about 12 players but only wanted to enter one team this year. Rob said he would let Roger have his details to send out the forms.

Graham was concerned with the number of games postponed or not played at all. There followed a short discussion on the possible solutions from giving points for playing matches on time to giving teams walk overs. In conclusion it was decided to highlight the rules in the handbook and to encourage teams to re-arrange matches as soon as possible and to make full use of the catch-up weeks.

Graham said Lodgers were going to host some sandpaper bat evenings for people to have a go.

Finally Graham said that as this was Rob's last meeting we could not leave without saying a few words of thanks for all the work he has done for the league over the last 30 odd years. This covered various posts as treasurer, secretary, web site guru as well the coaching sessions he has helped to put on over the years.

There then followed a short presentation of a card and gifts and a few words of thanks from Rob.

Graham and Roger then proposed that Rob be made a Life Member of the league, this was agreed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.