**Burwell Table Tennis Club Meeting**

***22-Nov-17* at *19:30***

**Burwell Community Sport Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Keith Richardson, Michel Scarff, Ivan Stiff

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Astra Carter-Marsh, Kin Cho Chan, Emily Birt

1. **Minutes from the last meeting**

Accepted by all present and signed by chairman as correct.

1. **Matters Arising**

Check with Astra if chairman still needs to sign a copy of the Constitution - **Keith**

1. **Correspondence**

Astra had informed us that she received copies of the Ely League handbooks and will hand them out at the next club session - **Astra**

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Michel)**

A summary of accounts was provided by Mick.

The club is looking in a healthy position considering the expenditure we’ve had over the past few months, including Phil’s Farwell, entering of junior and cadet national league teams, purchase of club shirts, and giving them free to our juniors/cadets.

As Phil is no longer chairman and lives out of country, we need to replace him with Keith as one of the Cambridge Building Society’s signatories. Mick to speak to our building society on the actions required. Moving forward, the authorised Cambridge Building Society’s signatories to be Mick, Keith, and Ivan - **Mick**

All present agreed with Mick’s proposal to reduce the charge of the hall for any tournaments held at Burwell Sports Centre by £50, i.e. £400. We need to inform both the Ely League and County Chairmen - **Keith**

1. **Team Captains Reports**

Cambs League Captain’s Report (Kin)

Joshua Curry is the star this year with winning rate of 50%. While Emily and Helen at 33.33%, Kin, Joe, and Anna are 20%, 20%, and 16.7% respectively.

Our team table position is second bottom. We are at risk to drop division. NCI is heading us by 5 points but we have 2 matches in hand. If we can get 6 points in the next two matches we will overtake NCI to go up to third from bottom. Will keep my eyes on the table and may ask Keith to play a few games in emergency.

As our teammates live quite far away, do not usually come in to practise. Except Josh and Joe practise a lot in Haddenham. The only solution is to encourage team members to practise more hoping to improve our performance a little bit. Will organise more internal fun matches to draw them back to play more.

Ely League Captain’s Report (Ivan)

We’ve had mixed results so far in the first leg matches, winning 3 and losing 4, notching up 37 points, placing us 5th out of 9 in Division 3. Hopefully, a win against Ely 4 in our postponed match will secure that position.

In the Handicap Cup, we were soundly beaten by Impington 1, and we face Fulbourn 2 in the Plate on 14th December.

It has sometimes been difficult to make up a team, especially with Away matches, with Anna and Emily rarely, if ever, available, Antony only available for Home matches, and Richard gallivanting around the world at short notice. This means that if either Mick, Gordon, or myself is unavailable, we have a problem, although to date we’ve only had to postpone the one match. One or two more registered players would be a big help.

Having said that, we’ve had a lot of really enjoyable games and matches, which is what it’s all about.

All agreed that we need to identify other potential team members for next season.

1. **Welfare**

Nothing to report.

1. **Junior Section**

Keith reported on the first National Junior & Cadet league sessions held at Stowupland on 12th November.

Result spreadsheet to be uploaded to our website.

1. **Equipment**

Since the last meeting we have purchased four nets and 100 new balls for robot.

Still waiting for surrounds brackets to be made (by N & G Marsh).

Keith approached Cho! with regards to purchasing some more junior shirts - **Keith**

1. **Any Other Business**

Update club session availability on our website - **Keith**

Ask members if they wish to attend a session on Thursday 21st December - **All**

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 7th Feb.

1. **Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 20:50