

Minutes of the Bury St. Edmunds Table Tennis Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at King Edwards School on Thursday 18th May 20167 at 6.30pm.

28 Club Members attended (12 Juniors and 16 Adults). This included existing Committee Members.

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained the format of the AGM.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Dennis Morgan, the Huckel family, Catherine Plant, Terry Thompson, Jana Allum, Clive Grimwood, Matthew & Alex Jones, Leo von Malottki, Martin O'Leary.

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The Secretary had previously circulated the Minutes and the meeting agreed them as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman said he would update the Members in respect of Club activities over the last 12 months dealing with both good and less positive issues.

On the positive side, it was very pleasing to report an increase in Membership by 10 adults and 6 juniors over the year. Last year he had asked for more members and thanked everyone for helping to make this happen. However, the Club had not done anything different so it was difficult to see the reasons for the very welcome increase.

The Club had run three very successful tournaments, juniors, adults, and the Hard bat. There had been a high level of Club Member attendance at all three tournaments. The Hard bat tournament had again been open to players from other Clubs.

Junior, and the newly introduced, adult coaching sessions had been very well attended with a good level of coaching throughout the year. In particular the juniors are progressing well and some will be moving up to senior level next season to join the successful senior group. The Chairman thanked Mick

Palmer and John Waters for their expertise and commitment to the Club coaching sessions.

As a consequence of the increased Membership the Club's finances improved over the year. If Membership levels can at least be maintained, and hopefully increased further, the Club fees can be kept at current levels. However new table, nets etc. will be required. It is therefore imperative that every effort is made to keep Membership up to be able to fund such items.

The Chairman reported that for the first time ever both junior and adult sections were arranging a social event. The juniors would be going 10-pin bowling and a meal was being arranged for the adult section.

Moving to the less positive areas the Chairman said that, with the exception of Crusaders winning Division 2 for which they are congratulated, all the other teams had poor seasons. Three teams finished bottom of their respective Leagues.

The Chairman finished his report by thanking all Club members, parents, helpers, League players, Committee Members and coaches for their support to the Club and asked everyone to help make 2017/18 and even better year.

Treasurer's Report and presentation of Accounts to 31st March 2017

In the absence of the Treasurer, who was on holiday, the Chairman presented the Annual Accounts to the meeting.

A copy of the Clubs' financial statements was handed to Members present.

The Chairman reported that the Accounts for 2016/17 showed almost a £2k excess of income over expenditure. An adjusted position was also presented to the meeting which showed the current financial position with income and expenditure made after 31st March 2017 but attributable to the financial year being included. This showed an excess of £900 approximately over the year.

The Chairman commented that Hall Hire was the most significant Club expenditure with everything else being a much smaller amount. He said that Mick Palmer provided fantastic value for money coaching for the Club and was a great asset to the Club's development.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions about the accounts. There being no questions, the Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work on the

accounts and throughout the season and confirmed that they had been Audited by the Club Auditor, Martin O'Leary.

4. Membership Secretary's Report

The membership secretary reported membership levels and attendance and Coach Attendance as follows:

25 Adult Members (up 10 on 2016/17)

20 Junior Members (up 6 on 2016/17)

The Chairman, on behalf of the Membership Secretary, said the Club would still welcome more members.

5. Coaching Report

The Secretary, in presenting this report, said he made no apology for repeating some the matters the Chairman had covered as they were especially important in respect of Club Coaching.

Junior member numbers peaked at 20 this season we have had a very committed and enthusiastic group with 14 to 16 attending each week

Again, this season the coaches must say a big thank you to parents for their great support of both their offspring and the Club. As we say every year the junior section of the Club only works if we have good parental support and it is important this is mentioned every year. It has also been very beneficial to have Jacqui Davis and Jana Allum, on the Committee.

The juniors have had another busy season as summarised here.

COACHING SESSIONS

The sessions have been varied and this season aimed mainly at improving shot consistency, footwork, and concentration. Mick Palmer has delivered around 15 sessions for us again this year and his influence and coaching expertise continue to pay dividends for our players, who are all improving albeit at different rates. A big "thank you" to Mick for his ongoing commitment to the Club coaching both junior and, this season, adults as well. It has been pleasing to see more juniors entering Leagues and tournaments. We hope this will continue next season. Experience in all

types of competition is good for improving their game as long as it is controlled in terms of numbers of matches/tournaments. As we have said previously we can only coach them to play the game They need to put this into practice in competitive situations themselves to achieve the level of ability they need to enter the various competitions.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Our junior Club tournament continues to improve in terms of skills demonstrated and parental support and, for the fourth year running, we held a finals evening and invited parents along. The finals were all closely contested and had great support from those juniors not playing in finals and many parents. Maggie Shaw from King Edward VI School and Mick Palmer presented the winners and runners-up with their cups and trophies. It was very pleasing that the Club had been donated several cups by the parent of an ex-junior so all winners and runners-up had a cup and/or trophy this season.

Thanks go to Jana Allum and Kirstie Sorooshian for serving refreshments and running a raffle which helped boost Club funds. Also thanks to those who made cakes and donated raffle prizes.

Open Singles

Winner – Sam Taylor

R/U – Lewis Howell

Girls Singles

Winner – Edie Huckel

R/U – Lola Huckel

Under 13 Singles

Winner – Lola Huckel

R/U – Ben Allum

Over 13 Singles

Winner – Sam Taylor

R/U – Rory McEniry-Brash

Under 11 Singles

Winner – Gabe Sorooshian

R/U – Fin Newman

Handicap

Winner – Rory McEniry-Brash

R/U – Sam Taylor

Doubles

Winners – Edie Huckel/Ben Allum

R/U – Lola Huckel/PJ Davis

It was also good to see juniors take part in the Adult tournament again. Sam, Rory, and PJ also played in the Club's Hard Bat tournament last week and hopefully enjoyed the experience.

BSETTL

Rory, Matthew, and PJ represented the Club's Commandoes team in the 2-Player division of the Bury League. Alex, Ben (and Jana) and Reuben represented Conquerors, the 2nd team in the 2-player League. Neither team enjoyed great success in the League. However, Commandoes (Rory & PJ) reached the semi-final of the Bury Free Press Handicap cup – congratulations to them. For Reuben and Ben playing in the League was a new experience and they will both have better results next season.

Rory (and PJ?) also played in the League Tournament with Rory being Runner-up in the 2-Player Singles

SCBJTTL

Three teams were entered for this League, one more than last season. All the players seemed to enjoy the matches. This was the first experience of competitive play for some of the juniors and was a good first league experience. Bury Bears had mixed success in Division 1 whilst Bloodhounds with Alex Jones, Edie Huckel and Reuben Sorooshian won Division 2 with Bulldogs finishing 3rd (Lola Huckel, Ben Allum, Gabe Sorooshian). There were some excellent performances from all the players in those teams and they did the Club proud.

NJL/NCL

Again, the Club did not have enough interest or players to enter teams in the National Junior or National Cadet Leagues. However, Sam, made several guest appearances in the NJL and Rory, Edie, and Lola in the NCL for Rougham TTC who were unable to field full teams for some matches. Sam helped the Rougham to win Division 2 on the final day and special mention must go to Edie and Lola who had some excellent results in their first ever NCL matches.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

As far as I recall there were no entries from Club juniors for this tournament but if I've missed anyone, please say.

NORFOLK/SUFFOLK TRAINING SQUAD

Aad Kwakkelstein again offered the Club spaces in the Norfolk/Suffolk training squad at Stowmarket on a Tuesday evening. Edie and Lola Huckel are both attending regularly and considering they only started playing 6 months ago have excelled in their progress.

ROUGHAM HALF-TERM CAMPS

The Club has taken up a good number of spaces at these camps kindly offered by Rougham TTC during Spring, Summer, and Autumn half-terms. Several juniors have attended and enjoyed a good day of Table Tennis coached by Mick Palmer, Maurice Fearn, Ray Stapleton and myself.

The next camp is on Wednesday 31st May during half-term the Club is waiting for juniors to state if they want to attend. This needs to be done this evening.

GOING FORWARD

We have 5 more junior sessions, the last being on Thursday 6th July. Mick will be taking some of these sessions. The Club wishes Lewis, Nathan, Sam, Lewis, and Matthew the best of luck as they are now 18 and will move to the Adult session for their TT practice if they so wish. Tim, Mick, and I hope to see the rest this year's group back in September. It has also been excellent and a great assistance to the coaches that Lewis, Jana and more recently Jeff have helped with the coaching. It has been very encouraging to welcome a number of new junior members this year but we still need new members every season to continue with the progression of juniors through the Club.

You will note that from the various competitions and opportunities mentioned that we continue to work with other Clubs in Suffolk which offer opportunities to play TT. Whilst all juniors, at whichever Club, must show commitment to their "home" Club they can practice at other Clubs on a casual basis if they wish.

Now to our annual plea! Any parent who could help with the administration of the junior session e.g. keeping the notice board up to date, checking nets and tables for damage will be very welcome – come and chat to Tim and/or myself. We now have a good team of coaches and assistants but more are always welcome.

Again, please spread the word around friends, schools, businesses that new members will be welcomed. Tim or I or any of the Committee are more than happy to speak to anyone who is interested in joining.

Finally, we hope all the juniors have enjoyed the coaching and competitive play they have taken part in this season. As we have said many times, improvement can only happen if they take the opportunities offered and get as much "table time" as possible.

6. Election of Officers.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman for his work with the Club over the season and Tim Jolly confirmed that he would stand again next season but this would be his last season as Chairman as he was now retired and it was also time for someone else to take over the direction of the Club. He would probably continue to coach.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for the range of tasks that he undertook for the Club. The Secretary said he would stand again this year and in 2018/19 if the Club wished him to do so but would step down as Club Secretary after this.

The Chairman also thanked David Unwin, the Team, and Hall Administration Secretary, for his important work on hall bookings and the Club website and also helping make his and the Treasurer's jobs easier.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Club Committee had appointed Jana Allum as the Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer as John Waters has stood down because it was not now acceptable, in the light of various Child abuse cases, for a Coach also to be the Child Protection Officer.

The Chairman thank Terry Thompson, the Club Treasurer, for hosting the Club Committee meetings.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Howell for his work for the Club Committee. Andrew was stepping down as his son, Lewis, was now leaving the Club to go to University.

The results of the elections are shown below.

OFFICER	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED	CARRIED
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		BY	BY	Y/N
Chairman	Tim Jolly	Jacqui Davis	Andrew Howell	YES
Secretary	John Waters	PJ Davis	Claire Jones	YES
Treasurer	Terry Thompson	Tim Jolly	Sylvia Kenyon	YES
Membership Secretary	Terry Thompson	Goran Gelevski	Reuben Sorooshian	YES
Team Administrator	David Unwin	Silvia Jones	Andrew Howell	YES
Child Protection Officer	Jana Allum	Appointed by the Club Committee		
Committee Members	Goran Gelevski Jacqui Davis Jana Allum Jeff Yaxley	John Waters	Kim Warner	YES

7. Presentation of Awards

The Chairman presented the Club Member of the year cups as below commenting that these awards were presented to those Club Members who the Committee felt had gone above and beyond that expected of them and also who showed exceptional commitment to the Club.

The Chairman also expressed the Club's warm thanks to Wigram and Ware, Opticians, in Bury St. Edmunds for donating a cup for the winner of the junior award.

Club Members of the Year:

Junior – Nathan Chinery

Senior – Jana Allum (this had been presented to Jana at an earlier junior coaching session as Jana was unable to attend the AGM for family reasons)

Any Other Business

- The amendments proposed by the Club Committee to the Club's constitution had been previously circulated and these were agreed unanimously by the Meeting.
- The Secretary explained changes to the Club's fee structure as agreed by the Committee. No League fee would be paid but all players would be charged a match fee for both home and away matches (£3.00 for adults and £2.00 for juniors). The level of fees to be reviewed at the end of 2017. All other fees to remain the same.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

These minutes were agreed as a true record of the 2017 AGM by the members at the 2018 AGM and duly signed by the Chairman.

Signed: ...Tim Jolly.....

T. JOLLY (Chairman)

Date:17/05/2018.....

Notes of an Open Meeting which followed on from the Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2017.

- Jacqui Davis suggested that, in the light of the Chairman and Secretary saying they would be standing down, adult Members should be canvassed to see if any would be willing to take on these roles in the future. To discussed by the Committee.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM and contributing to the discussion.