

DRAFT Minutes of the Bury St. Edmunds Table Tennis Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at King Edwards School on Thursday 17^h May 2018 at 6.30pm.

31 Club Members attended (15 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 Terry Thompson, Martin O'Leary and Mark James.

2. Minutes of the 2017 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 and said it was good to see so many attending the AGM again.

In his final report as Chairman, Tim Jolly reflected on his 10 years in the role. Over the period junior membership had fluctuated between 10 and 25 and adult membership between 10 and 30. Numerous campaigns to increase membership had been undertaken with thousands of leaflets being sent out. These had had limited success. Last season there was practically no membership drive but Membership had soared. There seemed to be no particular reason for this. The website had helped and the reputation of the Club as being friendly and all-inclusive also seemed to be a factor. The Club also has a good venue and facilities. Word-of-mouth appeared to encourage new members as did the good team we have at the Club.

Both junior and adult session had been increased to 2 hours and 2 ½ hours respectively to cater for increased membership in 2017/18.

The 2017/18 season saw the Club enter 7 teams in the League and they had mixed fortunes. A special mention must go to Romans who won Division 2. Tim said all players had done well in their respective teams.

He said the Club was fortunate to have good coaches and assistants and he thanked them all for their commitment to the Club.

Tim hoped that the Club could enter more teams in the League next season and also a team in the National Cadet League and teams in the SCBJTTL again. He thanked those who had played and represented the Club well in these Leagues this season.

In respect of the various Club tournaments Tim thanked, John, Terry and Goran for organising the junior, adult and Hard Bat tournaments respectively.

Going forward Tim commented that the high Membership numbers gave the Club a good problem to have and the Committee would look at ways to ensure everyone was catered for in respect of practice and competitive play.

Turning to the legal requirements, Tim reported that there were no proposed changes to the Club Constitution, but the Club need to introduce a General Data Protection Policy and be cognisant of the new Data Protection rules across all aspects of the Club.

The Club had a small fund from the Table Tennis England BeTT initiative to coach in local schools next season. This initiative also encouraged more women and girls to play and progress in the sport. The Club is also in the process of renewing its ClubMark accreditation.

Finally, Tim thanked all those who had supported him in his time as Chairman and for the trust they had put in him. In particular he thanked coaches and assistants, team captains, Terry for managing the adult sessions, David for his work in organising the teams and hall bookings, the Committee Members, the players and the Mums and Dads of the juniors. He finally thanked the Secretary for his commitment, and organisational skills.

Tim was certain that everyone would support the new Committee.

The Secretary presented Tim with an engraved glass trophy to mark his 10 years as Club Chairman.

4. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Accounts to 31st March 2018

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented the Annual Accounts to the meeting.

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

"The bank balance is still healthy despite showing a loss of £214.11 over the year. The loss is mainly due to paying 2 terms of hall hire (£1861) from the previous year in April. One of these had been delayed in invoicing (they forgot about it).

Barclays sent a letter stating there would be no interest paid on our savings account, so we transferred the majority of the money into the Current account. Despite this letter we appear to have made 3 pence on the remaining balance.

Hall hire costs have risen slightly but are still very reasonable (£19 per hour in term time)

Club nights, senior and junior, have both been successful and made surplus of approximately £300.

Final figures are not yet in for league matches but I expect we will make a small loss

Additional costs

There are some hall hire costs of £1286 still to be invoiced and paid.

Still to be collected

SCBJL hall hire £559, and some match payments."

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.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Membership Secretary, the Club Secretary presented the report to the meeting.

"Senior membership now stands at 37 and Junior 22.

There does not appear to be any particular reason for this increase

We have had several recruitment campaigns over the years with no real success. This year we have done nothing. If we continue to do nothing and grow at our current rate we will need a bigger venue, nothing has been found yet, but we are open to suggestions."

The Chairman said that the possibility of more TT evenings could be considered. Also, there may be a case for seeking an alternative venue. These would be matters for the new Committee

6. Coaching Report

The Secretary presented the coaching report.

This year I'm going to start with a massive "thank you" to Tim, Mick, Jana, Jeff, Sam, and Goran for their help at the Thursday evening sessions. Without such consistent and enthusiastic help, it would not be possible to run these sessions with the large number of juniors we have had attending this season. This is Sam's last season with us before he goes to University, so we wish him all the best for the future.

We, as coaches, must say a big thank you to parents for your great support of both your offspring and the Club. It has been inspiring to us as coaches to see how the many new parents have immediately given their support to all the Club is trying to do for the juniors. As we say every year, and we make no apologies for saying so again, the junior section of the Club only works if we have good parental support.

Junior member numbers peaked at 23 this season we have had a very committed and enthusiastic group with 18 to 20 attending each week. This has caused the coaching team some challenges in giving everyone a good amount of coaching and table time, but we are very reluctant to turn anyone away.

So on to the detail of what our juniors have enjoyed in their Table Tennis this season.

COACHING SESSIONS

The sessions have been varied with some sessions run as TT Camps and some in ability groups. All sessions were aimed at improving various aspects of the junior's game in an organised and progressive way. Mick Palmer has delivered around 15 sessions for us again this year and his continued influence and coaching expertise pays dividends for our players, who all improved during the season. A big "thank you" to Mick for his ongoing commitment to the Club coaching both junior and adults as well.

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. Some juniors were very

committed to playing in various Leagues and tournaments, but we hope more will join them next season.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Our junior Club tournament turned out to be far more competitive than we had anticipated after only have 6 juniors at our first session last September! For the fifth year running, we held a finals evening and invited parents along. The finals were all closely contested, and we had magnificent support from those juniors not playing in finals and a good few parents. Mick Palmer presented the winners and runners-up with their cups and trophies.

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.

Under 11 Singles

Winner: **TOM WARNER** R/U: **DANIEL GAY**

Under 13 Singles

Winner: **REUBEN SOROOSHIAN** R/U: **BEN ALLUM**

Over 13 Singles

Winner: **ISAAC GEE** R/U: **EDIE HUCKEL**

Handicap Singles

Winner: **ADAM LURWAY** R/U: **CONNOR LEWIS**

Doubles

Winners: **LUKA GELEVSKI/REUBEN SOROOSHIAN**

R/U: **ADAM LURWAY/NOAH LEVERITT**

Girls Singles

Winner: **EDIE HUCKEL** R/U: **LOLA HUCKEL**

Open Singles

Winner: **LOLA HUCKEL** R/U: **BEN ALLUM**

It was also good to see juniors take part in the Adult tournament again. Ben and PJ acquitted themselves well with Ben winning the Pot Luck Doubles with Mark James

Edie and Ben also played in the Club's Hard Bat tournament last week and hopefully enjoyed the experience.

BSETTL

Edie, Lola, Isaac, and PJ represented the Club's Commandoes team in the 2-Player division of the Bury League. Ben (and Jana), Tom and Reuben represented Conquerors, the 2nd team in the 2-player League. Neither team enjoyed great success in the League. However, Commandoes (Isaac & PJ) reached the final of the Bury Free Press Handicap cup where they lost to Rougham Panthers – congratulations to them.

No Club junior entered the Bury League tournament which was very disappointing.

SCBJTTL

Three teams were entered for this League, two in Division 1 and one in Division 2. This was the first experience of competitive play for some of the juniors and was a good first league experience. Bury Bloodhounds and Bulldogs finished 4th and 5th respectively. A good result as for many players this was their first seasons in Division 1. With George Wilkinson from Gazeley guesting in the Bury Bears Division 2 team finished as very creditable runners-up. Tom and Sophie represented the Club with Tom winning all his 8 singles.

In the end of season tournament, the Club players had considerable success. Isaac won the Handicap Singles, Edie the Girls singles, with Lola runner-up. Ben won the Under 13 singles with Reuben as runner-up. Tom was runner-up in the 2nd Division singles.

All in all a very successful League for the Club this season.

NJL/NCL

Again, the Club did not have enough interest or players to enter teams in the National Junior or National Cadet Leagues. However, Rougham TTC were in a similar position so for the three League Sunday events we had a joint team in action, "Roughbury". The team consistently held their own in the Cadet Division 2. In the final tournament event the Club fielded its own team but without much success on the day. Edie, Lola, Isaac, PJ, Ben and Reuben represented the Club.

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. No BSETTC junior attended but Isaac has recently had a taster session and Aad said he did well and worked hard.

ROUGHAM HALF-TERM CAMPS

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

The next camp is on Wednesday 30th May during half-term. Three juniors have said they would be attending so far.

GOING FORWARD

We have 5 more junior sessions, the last being on Thursday 5th July. Mick will be taking all bar 5th July. The coaching team hope to see the rest of this year's group back in September. It has been very encouraging to welcome many new junior members this year, but we still need new members every season to continue with the progression of juniors through the Club.

If we have the high numbers, we have had this season next year we may have to consider having two groups to enable everyone to receive some good quality coaching. Maybe a starters session from 6.00pm to 7.00pm a joint session from 7.00pm to 7.30pm and then 7.30pm to 9.00pm for the older and more advanced players. However, this will depend on numbers and discussions with parents and coaches.

Again, I must mention 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. It has been

great that Amy Ovenden has now set up a Club Facebook page and the new Committee will be working with Amy to find ways to best use this new communications method.

We now have a good team of coaches and assistants, but more are always welcome. Table Tennis England will be holding a Level 1 coaching courses at BATTs in Harlow in September/October and NETTS at Halstead in Essex in November/December and we have two or three interested in this course, but more will be welcome. Come and talk to me at the end of the AGM if you are interested.

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.

We plan to have a 10-pin bowling evening on Thursday 12th July as the first one we had last season was very successful. Jana is organising this for us.

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 consistent "table time" as possible and enter as many Leagues, tournaments and events as they can.

7. Election of Officers.

As mentioned in his report the Chairman was standing down after 10 years in the role.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for the range of tasks that he undertook for the Club.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Club Committee had re-appointed Jana Allum as the Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer.

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

The results of the elections are shown below.

OFFICER	NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY	CARRIED Y/N
Chairman	John Waters	Tim Jolly	Jacqui Davis	YES
Secretary	Jeff Yaxley	John Waters	Goran Gelevski	YES
Treasurer	Terry Thompson	Robin Wallis	Richard Drake	YES
Membership Secretary	Terry Thompson	Sylvia Kenyon	David Unwin	YES
Team Administrator	David Unwin	Robin Wallis	Richard Drake	YES
Child Protection Officer	Jana Allum	Appointed by the Club Committee		
Committee Members	Goran Gelevski	Richard Drake	David Unwin	YES
	Jana Allum	Richard Drake	David Unwin	YES
	Tim Jolly	Sylvia Kenyon	Jacqui Davis	YES
	Sylvia Kenyon	Jeff Yaxley	Goran Gelevski	YES

N.B. This is one more than required by the Club Constitution at Section 5 but was agreed by the AGM.

8. Presentation of Awards

The outgoing Chairman presented the Club 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.

Club Members of the Year:

Junior – Isaac Gee

Senior – Terry Thompson (this was subsequently presented to Terry by the incoming Chair as Terry was unable to attend the AGM)

Special award to Sam Taylor for assistance at Junior Coaching sessions.

9. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.36pm

These minutes were agreed as a true record of the 2018 AGM by the members at the 2019 AGM and duly signed by the Chairman.

Signed:

J. F. Waters (Chair)

Date: ?? May 2019

Notes of an Open Meeting which followed on from the Annual General Meeting on 17th May 2018.

- Richard Drake asked if the Club could continue both Junior and Adult sessions throughout the summer holiday period. Subsequently, following enquiries from the school the Members were advised that the hall was not available during the summer holidays. The Committee would review summer closing dates during the year.
- Robin Wallis asked if the teams had been agreed for next season. The Chair advised that this would be done at the next Committee Meeting.

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