**CHALFONTS AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting**

*Held in:* British Legion Room (Room 4), Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross,

Bucks

*On:* Monday 18 May 2015

*Present:* See Appendix 1 for Club Attendance

*Start:* 8pm

**Chairman Introduction**

Bob Baines opened the meeting welcoming all attendees.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Chris Haynes, Ray Sippitt, David Morgan, Ron Washington, Stefan Konig, Mick Lowens, Vincent Gaches, Ben Naylor-Smith, Matt Condon

1. **Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**

*(The 2014 minutes were circulated by email prior to the meeting)*

Bob Baines requested for attendees to confirm their acceptance of last year’s minutes – there were no items raised or objections made. The minutes were therefore signed off as a true record of the previous year’s Annual General Meeting.

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous AGM**

There were no matters arising.

1. **Adoption of the Report of the Executive Committee**

Copies of Top Spin Attack report had previously been distributed to members by email. Brenda Cranfield-Thompson commented it was very well done and very comprehensive. Hazel Williams agreed. The report was adopted.

1. **Proposed Changes to Rules and Procedures**

There were three proposals to change rules or procedures:

**Proposal 1 – Proposed by David Stephan – Fairbank Cup**

**Replace Rule 13(h)** which states “For the final the first named team (the team from the top half of the draw) will be considered to be the home team for the purpose of completing the scorecard according to Rule 11(h)” with “For the final, the home team shall be decided on the toss of a coin.”

David Stephan said that the only reason for this change was because there was a bit of confusion at this year’s final. In previous rounds, a draw is made and the first team out becomes the home team. No draw is made for the final. David Stephan proposed this change and Mike Atkinson seconded, nobody voted against it, and therefore as unanimous, the change was therefore carried.

**Proposal 2 – Proposed by James Johnson – Fairbank Cup**

**Insert as the penultimate** sentence of Rule 13 (k) the words “Players may not play down into lower teams in a lower Division”.

The whole rule would read as follows: “Where a team has more than one team entered in the Fairbank Cup each team must comprise of at least two players who are registered for that team for each match played. *Players may not play down into lower teams in a lower Division.* No player may play in more than one team in the competition.”

**Proposal 3 – Proposed by David Stephan – Fairbank Cup**

**Insert as the penultimate** sentence of Rule 13 (k) the words “Players may not play down into lower teams”.

The whole Rule would read as follows: “Where a team has more than one team entered in the Fairbank Cup each team must comprise of at least two players who are registered for that team for each match played. *Players may not play down into lower teams.* No player may play in more than one team in the competition.”

It was stated that proposal 2 and 3 were very similar. Bob Baines read out James’ proposal and David Stephan (DS) explained his. DS explained that he felt that it creates a terrible imbalance if a very senior player plays down for a low team. He was quite happy with players playing up but feels that it is unfair for players to play down. Hazel Williams (HW) commented that the handicaps should make this fair and reduce the advantage. Shaun Bowser (SB) has seen it from both sides, and thinks that players playing down gives an extra advantage to Denham Village given the quantity of players, and is unfair to those Clubs with fewer players. Nigel Naylor-Smith asked if a better handicap system was in place would that make a difference. SB still thinks it would be fairer to put this rule in. HW said that by not playing in a lower team then it denotes that they would not play in a lower division.

Richard Cottle (RC) replied that that was the very nature of the Fairbank Cup, historically it has been a fun part of it.  RC said he could not agree with what DS had said in that there was a lot of agro and complaints about it, he thought the handicapping was well done and many of the games were very close as a result.

He commented that the rules were already altered some years back so that each team must contain two registered players from that team, and thinks a further rule change unnecessary.

Mike Atkinson asked if proposal 3 could be decided first as it was the harder one.

Vote on Proposal 3: 5 people voted for this and 7 people voted against. The rule change will not be implemented.

Vote on Proposal 2: 3 people voted for this and 7 people voted against. The rule change will not be implemented.

1. **Election of the Executive Committee**

Bob Baines (BB) asked if he could take this moment before going on to the election of the Committee to say how sad he was in loosing David Stephan after 14 years as Match Secretary, and Brenda Cranfield-Thompson after 6 years as Championship Secretary. Both were leaving to pursue other activities.

Nigel Naylor-Smith (NNS) explained that there were vacancies for Match Secretary, Championship Secretary and Publicity Officer. Since the agenda was put together Hazel Williams has put herself forward for the position of Match Secretary. NNS explained about the other roles that were vacant and asked if there was anybody from the floor who would like to take up one of these positions. Nobody came forward.

There was one other change to note and that was on the Executive Committee where Ray Sippitt had withdrawn his application for membership.

Hazel Williams was proposed by NNS and seconded by RC as Match Secretary, Hazel Williams was duly elected.

Chris Lee was welcomed to the Committee and he commented that he may be able to help with the regard to the Championship Secretary but at the moment he couldn’t put himself forward for the post.

1. **Subscriptions, Fees for Season 2015-2016**

These were agreed.

1. **Any Other Business**

There were no matters put forward under AoB.

1. **Presentation of Trophies**

Brenda Cranfield-Thompson (BCT) announced the winners of the trophies for the 2014/15 season and these were presented by both BCT and David Stephan (DS).

Both BCT and DS were given small gifts to commemorate their time with the league and both gave a short speech. BCT thanked everybody and talked about her time starting from having her arm twisted by John Underwood to join the committee.

DS thanked everybody and talked about his time starting in the game with a couple of people in his team and now there are about 15 at Rickmansworth. He has a lot of other interests which he wants to concentrate on. He wished everybody all the luck in the world.

The AGM was closed at 8.45pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Sharon Williams/Nigel Naylor-Smith

20 May 2015

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**Appendices to the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

**Appendix 1 – Club Attendance List**

**Name Club Name Club**

R Cottle Denham Village D Stephan Rickmansworth

M Atkinson Chiltern H Williamson Chalfont Community Centre D Hughes Ickenham URC

**Appendix 2 – Election of Executive Committee**

**Nominated Proposed Seconded**

**Chairman** R Baines R Cottle D Stephan

**Treasurer** S Konig N Naylor-Smith P Leckie

**General Secretary** N Naylor-Smith H Williamson D Morgan

**Match Secretary** H Williamson N Naylor-Smith R Cottle

**Championship**

**Secretary \*\*Vacancy\*\***

**Development**

**Officer** R Cottle R Baines P J Leckie

**County**

**Representative** P Leckie D Morgan R Cottle

**Publicity Officer** **\*\*Vacancy\*\***

**Committee** D Morgan B Cranfield-Thompson H Williamson

P J Leckie D Stephan S Konig

C Lee D Stephan H Williamson

**Appendix 3 – Subscriptions, Fees and Fines for Season 2014/15**

Team Subscription £10.00

Team Subscription (for teams comprising only junior players) £5.00

Senior Registration Fee £4.00

Junior Registration Fee £2.00

**Appendix 4 – Presentation of Trophies**

**2014/15 Championships**

Under 15 Girls & Boys Gaurav Aravind

Junior Girls Jemma Walker

Junior Boys Mitchell Jones

Junior Doubles Ben Naylor-Smith/Mitchell Jones

Ladies Singles Jemma Walker

Restricted Singles Gaurav Aravind

Mixed Doubles Danny Lewis/Georgina Cooper

Veterans Singles Mark Croucher

Men’s Singles Mitchell Jones

Men’s Doubles Mitchell Jones/Danny Lewis

Fairbanks Cup Denham Village B

**Winners Runners Up**

**2nd Division** Denham Village D Hillingdon

**1st Division** Denham Village A Chiltern