**CHALFONTS AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting**

***Held in:***Packhorse Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross, Bucks

***On:***Monday 14 May 2018

***Present:***See Appendix 1 (end of minutes)

***Start:***8pm

**Chairman Introduction**

Nigel Naylor-Smith (General Secretary) opened the meeting, welcoming those who had attended and gave a special welcome to Beverley Baines and family, adding that this AGM was to be dedicated to Bob Baines’ memory. He also advised members present that Beverley Baines would be presenting a new award, to be awarded annually, to the person within the league best considered to exemplify the sporting characteristics that Bob so represented.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Gerry Hawkins (Denham), Mick Lowens (Denham), Yoey Pang (Brunel), Sushmita Limbu (Brunel), Simon Pells (Chalfont), Fanny Speck (Denham), Kevin Elmer (Denham).

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

*(The 2017 minutes were circulated by email prior to the meeting)*

The minutes were signed off as a true record of the previous year’s Annual General Meeting.

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

Chair advised that there were no recorded matters to be followed up on from last year’s minutes and nothing had been raised on the agenda for the AGM.

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

The Top Spin Attack report had previously been distributed to all League members by email. Chair thanked League Committee members for their hard work throughout the season, highlighting the work of the Committee and detailing some of the successes achieved, asking for a round of applause for League Officers. This year’s report was also dedicated to Bob Baines’ memory. The report was adopted and there were no comments or questions received from the floor.

**5. Proposed changes to Rules and Procedures**

There was one submitted proposal to change the League’s rules / procedures as follows;-

**Proposal 1 – Removal of the Doubles Match**

*Each league match should compromise of the 9 singles only, and that the doubles match should be removed from the scorecard (Sponsor; R Cottle).*

Chair advised the AGM would not be asked to vote on a proposal that represented a significant structural change, as a far greater level of feedback is required before such a fundamental change can be voted on. The League will circulate its members via TT365, with a Special General Meeting to be held later in the summer, potentially after the Club Secretaries’ Meeting, scheduled for Monday 6 August.

At the Chair’s invitation, R Cottle explained the reason for the proposed rule change; he wished to propose a match comprise of 9 singles only, although, time permitting, teams could play the doubles if they so wished, but this would not count towards the overall result. Specifically, the removal of the doubles would have 3 main benefits;-

* This would ensure an earlier finish for the juniors
* Space can be difficult to accommodate doubles matches at a multi-table venue, so there would be health and safety benefits
* Each match would have a clear result

Comments were then sought from the floor. D Hughes stated he was pleased the proposed rule change would be circulated to a wider audience as he was aware of numerous concerns to the proposed change from fellow 3rd division members. S Bausor said he sympathised to some extent, and remained very conscious of the need for junior players to finish promptly, but said his team, had, on occasions, played the doubles over just 3 sets or 1 set if the evening was getting late to facilitate this, but he would be loathe to lose the doubles completely. The doubles had already been moved to the 5th game of the evening to address these concerns. He also highlighted the number of times matches failed to start on time due to players arriving late, the venue not being ready, or players still ‘knocking up’. If the doubles could still be played, subject to teams’ agreement, then it should remain as part of the scorecard. Other comments highlighted that the doubles could be a good way of integrating younger and older players, and that a draw might be a well hard-earned result and should be viewed as such. C Lee suggested reducing the doubles to just 3 sets, but Chair advised that the proposal was about the proposed removal of the doubles, as opposed to a reduction in the number of sets.

In conclusion, Chair reiterated that players would be notified of the proposal via TT365 and asked for their comments and thoughts, with the matter to be decided via a subsequent Special General Meeting.

**6. Election of the Executive Committee**

N Naylor-Smith advised that most of the existing Committee had volunteered to stay on and he would also be happy to move from Acting Chair to Chair, whilst also continuing as General Secretary. There were two vacancies, ie Publicity Officer and Championship Secretary. He highlighted the Publicity Officer role is now geared around digital media / TT365 so this role should be easier to undertake. This remains an important role due to the reduction in league teams / clubs and the role would include the necessity to reach out to as many places as possible. It would not be necessary to attend each Committee meeting. There were no offers from the floor to undertake this role.

The role of the Championship Secretary would be focused over 2/3 months only and Chair reaffirmed that this season’s Championships were cancelled due to the intended date and lack of interest from league members. Committee was looking for support in helping run any future tournament and there would be no need to attend all committee meetings. There were no offers from the floor to become involved. Chair advised the absence of support would make Committee’s roles much harder and he asked members to reflect on the request for help. Chair again thanked standing Committee members for their help and support.

**7.**  **Subscriptions, Fees for Season 2018-2019**

The Executive Committee proposed that the subscriptions and fees for the coming season remain unchanged for the forthcoming season:

Team subscription - seniors £10.00

(when including BCTTA affiliation fee, the total is £16.64)

Team subscription for teams comprising only junior players £5.00

*(when including BCTTA affiliation fee, the total is £11.64)*

Senior registration fee £4.00

Junior registration fee £2.00

Subscriptions and fees were agreed. S Konig (Treasurer) advised that with all match results received electronically this had enabled a significant annual saving. A small loss of £53.53 had been incurred, but overall the League remained in a relatively comfortable position financially. Advertising helped to support the ongoing costs of the league and Treasurer asked that if any member knew of a potential advertiser then additional revenue would be very welcome.

**8. Any Other Business**

No matters were submitted to the Committee prior to the AGM.

**9. Presentation of the Bob Baines Award**

Beverley Baines advised members that Bob’s family wanted to honour his memory via an annual award. She stated that Bob would be very honoured and had loved his club, the league, and the people who played in it. The inaugural award was presented to Richard Cottle, for all his involvement in Denham Village Club, his coaching of the juniors in the area and the promotion of the Chalfont & District League to a wider audience. This is also the 25th year that Richard has run Denham Village Club.

Chair asked members to consider nominations for next year’s award.

**10. Presentation of Trophies**

The presentation for competition and league trophies was conducted by Nigel Naylor-Smith (Chair) and Stefan Konig (Treasurer).

The Executive Report - Top Spin Attack - listed all winners and runners up for this season.

Thanks were proposed by the floor to N Naylor-Smith for all his hard work as Chairman and General Secretary.

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**Appendices to the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**

**Appendix 1 – Attendance List**

**Name Club Name Club**

Hazel Williamson Chalfont David Morgan Chalfont

Chris Lee Chalfont Nigel Naylor-Smith Denham

Shaun Bausor Denham Richard Whitehouse Denham

Richard Cottle Denham Sonny Dalston Denham

Janu Aurelian Denham Nick Carter Denham

Steve Brown Denham Simon Coleman Hillingdon

Derek Hughes Ickenham URC Ray Sippett Ickenham URC

Mickey Dalston St Josephs Ian Skeldon Stoke Poges

Stefan Konig - Sam Kimmins -

Rob Carter - Heather Evans - -

Bev Baines - Peter Baines -

Dawn Baines - Sue Birch -

**Appendix 2 – Election of Executive Committee**

**Nominated Proposed Seconded**

**Chairman** N Naylor-Smith R Cottle S König

**Treasurer** S König N Naylor-Smith D Morgan

**General Secretary** N Naylor-Smith H Williamson P Leckie

**Match Secretary** H Williamson R Cottle D Hughes

**Championship Secretary \*\*VACANT\*\***

**Development Officer** R Cottle P Leckie D Hughes

**County Representative** D Hughes D Morgan S König

**Publicity Officer**  **\*\*VACANT\*\*** **Inter League Secretary** P J Leckie N Naylor-Smith S König

**Appendix 3 – Subscriptions, Fees and Fines for Season 2018/19**

Team subscription - seniors £10.00

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