**Minutes of the Chalfonts & District Table Tennis League**

**Held Monday 8 January 2018 at Coppermine, Mill Lane, Chalfont St Giles HP8 4NX**

**Present** Nigel Naylor-Smith(Acting Chair), Hazel Williamson, Stefan Konig, Richard Cottle, David Morgan, Peter Leckie Jnr.

1. **Apologies**

* Apologies received from Steve Dunn, Derek Hughes.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

* The November minutes were confirmed as an accurate record and duly signed and approved.

1. **Matters Arising – Review of Outstanding Actions**

**Nov A1 – (C/F action) AGM documentation to be added to League website -** HW

**Nov A2 – (C/F action) AGM minutes to be finalised and circulated to Committee** – NNS confirmed there had been no notified amendments and these can now be uploaded onto the website.

**Nov A3 – (C/F action) – Championship Secretary to progress booking of venue for Chalfonts Closed Championships** – covered below under separate heading.

**Nov A4 – October minutes to be uploaded onto website –** completed. *Action closed.*

**Nov A5 – (C/F action) – Website to be updated reflecting that for Fairbank Cup purposes the number of qualifying games for this season will be reduced to 2 –** HW said she had not done this yet, having realised that it is specified in league rules that three games must be played, creating an anomaly, and asked if we needed to amend those rules accordingly at the next AGM. After discussion, Committee unanimously agreed that whilst technically an amendment to the rules is required, where special circumstances exist Committee has the power to make amendments when deemed necessary. In the event this is ever queried, it will suffice to report that this has been considered by Committee and agreed and minuted accordingly.

**Nov A6 – Welcome email to be sent to all players referencing League Facebook page and Closed Championships –** completed. *Action closed.*

**Nov A7 – Set up Closed Championship sub-committee, comprising S Konig, S Dunn, H Williamson and J Johnson –** completed. *Action closed.*

**Nov A8 – D Hughes to seek dispensation via Bucks County for a lower number of qualifying games to allow participation in Inter League events –** DH confirmed via email that he had raised this, only to be told that the qualification rule had been lowered to just 2 matches, provided that 6 matches had been played in the previous year – completed. *Action closed, but need to keep in mind to establish qualification criteria for 2018/2019 events.*

1. **League Performance**

* HW reported the league structure is unchanged, with 99 registered players, ie 11 from Brunel, 19 from Chalfont, 44 from Denham, 6 from Hillingdon, 8 from Ickenham, 5 from St Joseph’s and 6 from Stoke Poges. HW has to pay registration fees for a junior now playing for Chalfont. The League is progressing well, with no complaints received, a vast improvement on some previous seasons.

1. **Closed Championships**

* S Dunn had provided a brief email update, advising that he and J Johnson would visit Cippenham on 14 January to see the proposed venue. Disappointingly, only 2 entries have been received to date and the deadline for receipt of applications will need to be extended and a further message to players will need to be circulated.
* SK said that J Johnson will be going abroad soon and the entry deadline date cannot be kept open indefinitely, given JJ’s preference for manually deciding order of play, and Committee had understood that SD would be progressing this aspect this year. RC reiterated an earlier point that SD is keen to have some finals played much earlier in the day and SD and JJ need to liaise closely to decide this year’s format. RC also asked if there is scope to run a mini-Junior tournament within the body of the Closed Championships and it was agreed this should be feasible.
* With regard to proposed venue, Cippenham should be an excellent choice, although it has yet to be established if they will have a staff member of the club on duty. It was confirmed they have a bar area and any bar receipts will be kept by Cippenham.
* It was agreed that entry deadline date be extended to end January but it is imperative to secure a much higher level of entries as a priority. NNS will liaise with SD as a matter of urgency.

1. **Fairbank Cup – 1st round readiness**

* DM advised all handicaps are on the website and thanked D Hughes and J Johnson for their assistance, to date no queries or disputes have been forthcoming. A venue for the final needs to be sourced and suggested that Chalfont Club may want to host the event again. RC said he had no issue with this. DM will look to book the venue via Steve Whitehurst.

1. **Officers’ Reports**

**Chairman** – N/A. There have been no suggestions for the vacant post of Chairman.

**General Secretary** - NNS stated that the necessary forms for Derek Hughes to assume the League’s County vote had been progressed and the matter will be rectified shortly.

**Treasurer** – SK reported he had received a cheque for £59.76 back from Bucks County re affiliation fees, having paid £119 in October. All handbook revenue has been received, totalling £200, which will yield a small profit on its production this year. TT365 subscriptions have been paid. SK also advised he is waiting for some player registration fees; Brunel A have yet to pay their £40 which had been left with RC to resolve. Additionally, fees for some Denham Village players have yet to be received, totalling in excess of £140. NNS agreed he would revisit this in conjunction with HW and SK to see what remains outstanding. SK also has £55 cash relating to the Social Tournament, partially offsetting hall hire costs of £150. RC said he had found a sponsor to help defray some of the shortfall.

**Match Secretary** – HW advised all scorecards had been received electronically or manually, which significantly assisted website input. After the first 12 weeks, there are 6 outstanding match results, including postponements, ie 2 in Div 1, 3 in Div 2 and 1 in Div 3. 71 of 77 scheduled matches have been played, with details on the website. In Div 1 Denham B are leading from Denham A, in Div 2 Hillingdon are leading from Denham D and in Div 3 Denham G are leading narrowly from Brunel B. Last year’s averages have not yet been archived. Fairbank Cup handicaps are directly under details of the draw, and dates have been updated to reflect 2018 dates. HW needs to pay SK for a junior registration fee.

**Inter League Secretary** – nothing to report.

**Development Officer** – RC reported the second day of Junior League competition took place on 2/12/17, comprising 24 players from 8 teams in Div 1 and 4 teams, comprising 12 players, in Div 2, but 2 teams will be relegated to Div 2 to even the divisions out. Div 1 comprises 2 teams from Reach (Chorleywood), 2 from Denham, 2 from CSP academy and 2 from Hillingdon. Reach 1 is leading from Denham with the 2 Hillingdon teams at the bottom, and who found the competition to be too strong, hence the placement of their teams in Div 2 for the next event. Div 2 was made up of 2 teams from Denham and 2 from Chalfont, with the 2 Denham teams leading, although Div 2 standard is much tighter to judge at this stage, with some good progress seen. The next event will be held on 27/1/18, with the final one to be played 3/3/18. Junior coaching restarts Tuesday 9/1/18 at Denham Village, comprising 14 younger children and 12 older ones, with some good progress being seen from the 5.30pm group in particular. RC is also giving thought to running some senior coaching sessions, which were well received last year, but needs to look into this further. RC also referenced the World Championships, to be held at the Copperbox Arena in London and is considering taking some Denham junior players along. He is happy to take others along if there is interest.

**County Representative** – email report received from DH ahead of the meeting, in which he advised the following;-

1. Tony Green has resigned as Umpire Secretary and withdrawn from umpiring.

2.  £59.76 of affiliation fees to be refunded to Chalfonts league as we are entitled to the 50% discounted rate.

3.  A new Sewell shield has been purchased.

4.  Junior coaching - Ken Phillips was asked to do a telephone interview on this subject. It will be featured on MK’s website.

5.  A county website is to be implemented by the current Chairman Brian Whitehead with help from Nick Hansel, using the Warwickshire site as a model.

6.  Inter league qualification- raised this as requested only to be told that 2 matches is the qualification bar this season as long as 6 matches were played last season. Committee to discuss a further approach for next season?

7.  Defibrillators- an example was quoted where the life of a TT player was saved by the timely use of a defibrillator. Are we aware of one being available at each of our venues?

- With regard to point (7), Committee knew of no venues with a defibrillator available, and did not consider this to fall within League jurisdiction.

**Publicity Officer** – NNS advised the League Facebook page has been updated, and will include a picture from the Junior League shortly, along with Inter League details. All key dates are also recorded. RC is intending to provide a further press report but has not yet addressed this.

**Fairbank Cup Officer** – nothing further to report.

**Championship Secretary** – N/A (see section 5 above).

1. **Any Other Business**

* SK advised he has made inquiries with regard to the bank account as he feels it is imperative to have electronic access. Santander offers a Clubs and Societies account that only requires one signatory and is looking to progress this as it would be ideal to receive direct credits for championship entries etc. This will take some time to progress, but Committee agreed with SK’s proposal unanimously.
* PL Jnr said he had visited Steve Brown who remains very unwell. It was also reported that Ken Marshall is back in a hospice.

1. **Date / Venue of Next Meeting**

* Next Committee meetings set for Monday 12/2/2018 and Monday 9/4/2018, at Coppermine, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

**Summary of Actions**

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of qualifying games for this season will be reduced to 2.

**Jan A5)** Liaise with Championship Secretary re extension to 31/1/18 for entry forms and **NNS**

to ensure players are encouraged to participate by way of further email.

**Jan A6)** Secure and book venue for Fairbank Cup final **DM**

**Jan A7** Cross reference outstanding player registration fees and collect out accordingly **HW/**

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