**CHALFONTS AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting**

***Held in:***Youth Centre (behind the main building), Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross, Bucks

***On:***Monday 16 May 2015

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

***Start:***8pm

**Chairman Introduction**

Bob Baines (Chairman) opened the meeting welcoming all attendees and a warm welcome to Sandra Deaton, chairman of Table Tennis England.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Gerry Hawkins (Denham), James Johnson (Denham), Simon Pells (Chalfont Community Centre), Ben Naylor-Smith (Denham), Steve Keyes (Hillingdon), George Reidy (Hillingdon), and Chris Haynes (Chiltern)

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

*(The 2015 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.

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. The report was adopted. No questions were raised from the attendees.

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

There was one proposal to change the League’s rules / procedures:

**Proposal 1 – Proposed by Nigel Naylor-Smith – Fairbank Cup Final**

Replace Rule 13(h) which states “For the final, the home team shall be decided on the toss of a coin” with “For the final, the home team shall be decided on the toss of a coin and both Captains shall submit their team order of play to the Referee at the same time.”

Nigel Naylor-Smith explained the proposal and proposed it, Ron Bryant seconded it. Everybody was in agreement.

It was asked if it could be used for all Fairbank matches. This will be put forward for the next AGM as rule changes need to be put in advance of the meeting.

1. **Election of the Executive Committee**

There is currently one vacancy on the committee and that is of Publicity Officer. Nigel Naylor-Smith explained this role and what would be required. Discussion took place about the role and also the difficulties sometimes in getting the results to the newspaper, such as Bucks Advertiser) in time. Hazel Williamson explained that now she gets most of the results in via email, rather than post. Steve Brown said that he would be prepared to help out with this role. It was suggested that perhaps the League should advertise in town and village halls across the board.

Shaun Bausor wanted to thank the committee especially Hazel (Match Secretary) with her work on the new website. Bob Baines also thanked Hazel for her hospitality for holding the Committee meetings at her house.

1. **Subscriptions, Fees for Season 2016-2017**

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

Team subscription – seniors £10.00

Team subscription for teams comprising only junior players £5.00

Senior registration fee £4.00

Junior registration fee £2.00

These subscriptions and fees were agreed.

1. **Any Other Business**

Chris Lee explained the social tournament that he organises for the Chalfont Community Club at the start of a season, and asked the floor if they would be interested in coming along. He explained that it is mainly used as a warmup for the beginning of the table tennis season. It was suggested that an email be sent out and replies to come back by August to identify the levels of interest.

1. **Presentation of Trophies**

See Appendix 4

Bob Baines asked Sandra Deaton (Chairman of Table Tennis England (TTE)) if she would like to say a few words before the presentation of the trophies. The following is a precis of her talk.

She has been chair for 12 months since her Table Tennis election last year. She first got into table tennis at a school she worked at and ended up marrying the coach! She has chaired the East Midlands region for 5 years.

A couple of years ago Sport England said that they had been investing all this money in to Table Tennis and there had been no structural changes, so the organisation was put into special measures. As part of the action plan, the offices moved from Hastings to Milton Keynes, a new management team put in, with continuing support provided by Sport England. Sandra outlined that Sport England funding was about participating and helping individuals being active which aligns with TTE’s objective in trying to get more people to participate in table tennis. This has been supported by Ping, and through providing opportunity to play in workplaces (putting table tennis tables in companies). Their mission statement wanted people talking about table tennis.

Sandra identified the need to get more members, and that they should not just concentrate on the elite players but also older and junior players. She talked through the World Championships where TTE took three players, and a Physio, and how they came away with bronze. Table tennis however will be the only sport that is unfunded at the next Olympic Games. Across the UK there are 10 talent development centres and a residential school where the top players can go, be coached and still focus on their education.

Nigel Naylor-Smith then read out two prepared questions:

Question 1 – Is TTE involved in actively encouraging table tennis as a leisure pursuit for the over 50’s, given recent research in to how it helps stimulation of the brain and helping prevent illnesses such as Alzheimer’s?

Sandra responded in saying that TTE are actively engaged in this and working with various clubs for supporting the development of 50+ age group who are looking at taking the sport up. TTE is also working closely with Alzheimer’s groups and talking to the NHS for support funding.

Question 2 – How is the TTE holding County Associations to account for the development of Cadets and Juniors?....and what funding is their available for Junior development in local Leagues?

Sandra responded in saying that funding for junior leagues is now divided into 4 areas, with 3 members of staff in each area. If you are a leader in a priority zone you will be able to work with a member of staff and get funding for various things. There are 16 priority table tennis zones.

She suggested that the London Development Officer (Duncan) should be the contact to get in touch with. There will be additional funding so London will actually have two Development Officers. Currently TTE have not got a club database so one is being set up. TTE have also introduced a workforce manager Greg Yarnall, and are working very closely with clubs with regards development and coaching. He will be looking for clubs that want to develop and then how these clubs can be helped financially, and with volunteers and coaching. If any clubs want to do this then contact Greg Yarnall and interface with him.

Sandra reported about county associations. She suggested there is no ethos about them anymore and the TTE are looking to see what they can do in this area. Richard Cottle (Denham Village) asked about getting children more involved, since clubs are either full or too far away, and that some schools are not interested in table tennis and the real challenge is about volunteers. Sandra acknowledged that this was the problem in getting the right player help in the right places. Mike Atkinson (Chiltern) asked why TTE could not help with facilities, since the venues are often the problem. For example Cippenham Table Tennis Club have the use of the hall from 4pm but cannot use it during the day as it is used by the school.

Dave Morgan (Chalfont Community) asked about historic leagues, and whether it was possible to find out what happened to them and any players that were previously involved with them.

Bob Baines thanked Sandra Deaton for her insight in TTE and for answering questions from the floor. He then invited her to present the trophies to the winning teams and individuals.

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**Appendices to the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

**Appendix 1 – Attendance List**

**Name Club Name Club**

**Ron Bryant Hillingdon** Sandra Deaton Table Tennis England

Stefan Konig - Bob Baines Denham Village E

Hazel Williamson Chiltern Peter Leckie Snr -

Peter Leckie Jnr - Rhys Thoroughgood Denham Village

Mitchell Jones Denham Village Derek Hughes URC

Richard Cottle Denham Village Shae Thakker Denham Village

Sunjay Thakker Denham Village Mark Croucher Chiltern

Steve Brown Denham Village Sue Merican Hillingdon

David Morgan Chalfont CC Matt Condon Denham Village

Shaun Bausor Denham Village Helen Evans Denham Village

Carys Evans Denham Village Eric Wright Stoke Poges

Chris Lee Chalfont Sharon Williams -

Imran Soomro Chalfont CC Nigel Naylor-Smith Denham Village

Louise Bryant Hillingdon

**Appendix 2 – Election of Executive Committee**

**Nominated Proposed Seconded**

**Chairman** R Baines N Naylor-Smith S Konig

**Treasurer** S Konig R Cottle D Morgan

**General Secretary** N Naylor-Smith H Williamson C Lee

**Match Secretary** H Williamson C Lee N Naylor-Smith

**Championship**

**Secretary** C Lee S Konig R Cottle

**Development**

**Officer** R Cottle R Baines D Hughes

**County**

**Representative** D Hughes D Morgan R Baines

**Publicity Officer\*** S Brown

**Inter League Secretary** P J Leckie C Lees S Konig

\*Elected at the AGM

**Appendix 3 – Subscriptions, Fees and Fines for Season 2015/16**

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**

**2015/16 Championships**

**Ladies Singles –** Carys Evans

**Men’s Singles** – Mitchell Jones

**Restricted Single** – Ron Bryant

**Veterans Single -** Ajay Gohill

**Mixed Doubles** – Shae Thakker & Carys Evans

**Men’s Doubles** – Shae Thakker & Mitchell Jones

**Division 3 Winners -** Stoke Poges

**Division 2 Winners –** Hillingdon A

**Division 1 Winners** - Denham Village A

**Fairbank Cup –** Denham Village B

**Runners up Division 1** – Chiltern

**Runners up Division 2** – Chalfont Community Centre D

**Runners up Division 3 –** Hillingdon C