**CHALFONTS AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting**

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

***On:***Monday 15 May 2017

***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 Sara Sutcliffe, CEO of Table Tennis England.

He followed on with announcing the very sad news about the Chairman of the Chalfonts and District League, Bob Baines, who had very recently passed away from illness. The Committee and all attendees acknowledged the work that Bob had done to support both Denham Village TT Club and the League, and to pass condolences to Bob’s family.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Gerry Hawkins (Denham), Ian Skeldon (Stoke Poges), Ron Washington (Bucks TTA), Shaun Bausor (Denham), David Clingbine (Denham), Chris Lee (Chalfont), Fanny Speck (Denham), Nicholas Curry (Rickmansworth), Steve Keyes (Hillingdon), Sue Merican (Hillingdon)

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

*(The 2016 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**

Although there were no matters raised from the minutes, one item was raised by Ron Bryant, with regards to the Fairbank Cup and the application of the rule change for submission of team order, whereby all matches (rather than just the final) would see captains submit the playing order at the same time. This was discussed at last year’s AGM and agreed to be proposed at this year’s AGM. The General Secretary agreed that this could be discussed within the proposed changes to rules and procedures part of the AGM.

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

The Top Spin Attack report had previously been distributed to all League members by email. Each section of the report was summarised by the General Secretary with regards to key highlights, thoughts and achievements. The report was adopted. Comments received from the floor indicated that the report was useful and of value in showing the work performed by the Committee and the outcomes of competitions and divisions. No specific questions to the Executive Committee were raised from the attendees.

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

There was one submitted proposal to change the League’s rules / procedures, and one brought forward from last year’s AGM (see section 3):

**Proposal 1 – Rule on the Use of Intervals**

Add a new rule (m) to section 10 “League Fixtures” which states “Play shall be continuous throughout an individual match except that any player is entitled to:

* an interval of up to 1 minute between successive games of an individual match;
* brief intervals for towelling after every 6 points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of an individual match.
* a player or pair may claim one time-out period of up to 1 minute during an individual match”

Nigel Naylor-Smith explained the proposal and proposed it, Sunjay Thakker seconded it. There was unanimous agreement to the proposal.

**Proposal 1 (a) – Fairbank Cup Matches**

Amend rule h) for the Fairbank Cup to read “For the Final, the home team shall be decided on the toss of a coin. For all matches during the Fairbank Cup, including the Final, both Captains shall submit their team order of play at the same time.”

Nigel Naylor-Smith explained the proposal and Rob Bryant proposed it, David Morgan seconded it. There was unanimous agreement to the proposal.

**Proposal 2 – Procedure on the Calculation of player averages**

It was proposed from the 2017/18 season that for the calculation of the player’s average, games forfeited for late arrival or other reasons that mean an actual match is not played between the two players, would not be included.

Nigel Naylor-Smith explained the proposal and proposed it, Derek Hughes seconded it. There was unanimous agreement to the proposal.

1. **Election of the Executive Committee**

Three vacancies were outlined – those of Chairman, Championship Secretary and Publicity Officer. Nigel Naylor-Smith outlined the roles and invited any attending AGM members to put their names forward.

Steve Dunn kindly volunteered for the role of Championship Secretary. This was proposed by Richard Cottle and seconded by Hazel Williamson. The roles of Chairman and Publicity Officer remained unfilled.

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

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

These subscriptions and fees were agreed.

1. **Any Other Business**

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

1. **Guest Speaker – Sara Sutcliffe (Chief Executive Officer at Table Tennis England)**

The Committee expressed its gratitude to Sara Sutcliffe for supporting the AGM and invited her to share some thoughts on the following topics:

* Share Table Tennis England’s spend and funding information
* Outline the 2017-18 member benefits
* Celebrate our sports 2016-17 achievements
* Introduce the new club and volunteer development programme
* Highlight important AGM votes

Sara answered many questions from the floor following her talk, and offered to share her presentation material via the Committee to the League. This will be placed on the League website.

1. **Presentation of Trophies**

The presentation for competition and league trophies was conducted by Sara Sutcliffe (CEO, Table Tennis England), Richard Cottle (Development Officer) and Stefan Konig (Treasurer).

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

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**Appendices to the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

**Appendix 1 – Attendance List**

**Name Club Name Club**

Ron Bryant HillingdonSara Sutcliffe Table Tennis England

Stefan Konig - Nigel Naylor-Smith Denham Village

Hazel Williamson Chalfont Peter Leckie Jnr -

Derek Hughes URC Andrew Hagger Hillingdon

Radovan Zivkovic Hillingdon Luke Shelbourn Frost Hillingdon

Tony Frost Hillingdon Mick Lowens Denham Village

Richard Cottle Denham Village Shae Thakker Denham Village

Sunjay Thakker Denham Village Valentyn Dereza -

David Morgan Chalfont CC Ronald Hedley Bucks CTTA

David Anthony Stoke Poges Brigid Anthony Stoke Poges

Mickey Dalston St Josephs

**Appendix 2 – Election of Executive Committee**

**Nominated Proposed Seconded**

**Chairman \*\*VACANT\*\***

**Treasurer** S König R Cottle D Morgan

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

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

**Championship Secretary Steve Dunn (1)** R Cottle H Williamson

**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 D Hughes S König

1. Elected at the AGM

**Appendix 3 – Subscriptions, Fees and Fines for Season 2017/18**

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