

Minutes of Gravesend and District Table tennis League Annual general Meeting

Held on Tuesday June 6th 7.30pm 2017 at Meopham Hut

Meeting commenced at

Present

Richard Nash	Meopham
Lynne Tovey	Meopham
Peter Rushbrook	Dartfordians
John Dyson	Meopham
Roger Pingram	Meopham
Sue Pingram	Meopham
John Dodd	GRFC
Zhong Jiao Tan	Meopham
Glenn Back	Meopham
Chris Simms	Culverstone
Gavin Tovey	Meopham
Ewan Johnstone (and parents)	Culverstone
Roger Morley and Partner	Meopham
Jason Smith (and dad)	Meopham
Andy Lerner	Meopham
Min Jie Guo	Meopham
Liyun Guo	Meopham
Brendon Moodley	Meopham

Apologies

John Carpenter	Dartfordians
Michael Shephard	Meopham
Steven Mansfield	GRFC

Maurice Butler	Meopham
Julie Roper	Culverstone
Pam Butcher	Meopham
Martin Winter	GRFC

1. Minutes of Previous AGM and matters arising. - Richard Nash and all present

Minutes accepted as a true record.

2. Chairman's report – submitted by Richard Nash

Welcome everyone to the Gravesend and District table tennis league AGM for 2016 - 17 and welcome to the new Meopham Table Tennis Hut. many thanks once again for it's use and thank you to GRFC and Meopham Cricket club for the use of the facilities to allow matches to be played.

The winners of Division 1 were Meopham D with games in hand and GRFC C finishing runners up. Meopham's Glenn Back achieved a 97.22% win rate with only 1 loss in 36 matches. Good strength in depth with several other players in the 80 and 90%'s. John Dodd and Tim Elliot both on the chase for GRFC at over 90%. There was quite a spread between 3rd and 5th who were Culverstone B, Meopham E and Meopham F. With Meopham G introducing players who are gaining experience of League Table tennis.

Dartfordians won the Premier Division by 132 to GRFC A's 124. With Dartfordians still having two matches in hand. Dartfordians fielded 7 players over the season with Alan Longhurst topping the averages with only 1 loss to Justin Dodd, Although he got his revenge as he was Justin's only loss of the season too. Justin did however finish as the overall highest % rating at 98.04 due to having played 51 matches over the season.Clive Sibley also finished with just one loss. Third was Meopham A followed by GRFC B. With Meopham B, C and Culverstone A completing the division order.

The Turner trophy was well contested both over half the matches played being possible to be won in the last round, some even in the last game based on point within the game. The new format seemed to work well with the use of the National 365 scores being largely accurate. There are a few anomalies for some players returning to league table tennis or new players to the game perhaps needing more differentiation in their ranking points. And I know that players who play in other leagues have the opportunity for higher rankings. This may be dealt with, with a possible rule change suggestion later. Winners were Culverstone A with Meopham B runners up. Just four points swing in the very final leg could have left Meopham B as winners. Thanks you to Paul Werleman for overseeing the final and match report by Michael Sheppard.

The team event had a great turnout with both the Plate and the Cup strongly contested. With the introduction of the online entry, more entries were made on the initial night of sending the entries out than the total number of entries for the previous season. That entry method seemed to be a big success and was used again for the closed event. Or maybe it was the offer of a bacon butty! Due to the number of Trophies won I won't list all winner here for tournaments but will include them in the minutes.

The closed event also had a large number of entries in the end, catching Lynne a little off guard and giving her the headache of trying to fit all the matches in. Many thanks to Lynne for organising the events and also to unsung heroes who aren't on the committee but get in early and help set up the hall such as Chris Simms and Gavin Tovey along with others who also have supported. Lynne and Maurice also ran the separate juniors event for the first time which was a success with 12 entries. Peter Rushbrook kindly sponsored the new U13s trophy. I know that Lynne, myself and others have ideas for improving the format and further suggestions can be brought up later.

I don't want to steal Sue pingrams thunder but some good performances in the Kent League from Gravesend and we expect to improve our standing further next year. An especially good win against Ashford who were a team hoping to be able to challenge for the league. Including taking scalps from 2 players sitting at 100% averages.

I would like to say thank you for the committee for their support this year, It's a hard job trying to keep on top of life itself sometimes as well as trying to run a table tennis league and so having lots of support at all levels is so helpful. Specifically thank you to Lynne for acting as secretary and tournament organiser, Paul for being treasurer, Maurice for being league coach and Sue for running the Kent League and acting Vice Chairman. Julie for organising the Culverstone hall and helping with refreshments and Peter for organising the Trophies. It also makes you appreciate more the work of the members who stood down last year for their previous work ensuring the league runs.

John Dodd was not an acting committee member but we thank him for the work in entering all the results, although we could help him further by ensuring that we also communicate well with him through prompt results sent to him, notifying of postponements or rearranging of matches. I know that it has been a real headaches chasing these and has caused some anomalies with the overall results although fortunately not affecting overall standings. This is something we could all work on including the committee ourselves for enforcing some of the rules and chasing on John's behalf. Equally I know how hard it has been for some teams to be able to field players and fulfill all their matches and this is something we need to ensure is right in team selections within clubs as the main reason for the league is for all players to be able to have fun and play regular table tennis.

On a positive note we had new players joining our league and it will be great to see more players joining next season.

Lastly I would like to discuss someone who is not new to the league. In fact she has given her all to the Gravesend League, who sadly has had both several accidents resulting in

painful injury and also her husband of many years passed away. I would like to offer her flowers from the league for her to know we are thinking of her.

Thanks again to yourselves.

Richard Nash, Gravesend League Chairman.

3. Treasurers report – Paul Werleman

Auditors report read by Paul Werleman. Feedback only suggested minor adjustments in running such as reducing amount of petty cash kept but also commended Paul for 'doing a great job'. We made £1.14 interest. Monies for Trophies will be charged in next years account but profit allows for these costs to be carried over. The league is in overall good health financially even with the cost of trophies being added onto next season's costs.

4. Fee structure – Paul Werleman

Fees will stay the same at £12. Tan suggested clubs having a set fees to pay for matches, but this was determined to be a club matter rather than a league matter.

5. Kent Junior report – Maurice Butler (Reported by Lynne on Maurice's behalf.)

Report attached separately at the end of the minutes.

6. Kent league report – Sue Pingram

Sue gave feedback on a good performance in the league this year including a 6-3 win against Canterbury who were looking to win the league. We ended up 4th. We expect to strengthen the league entry next year with a possible 3 teams.

7. New Rules – League and Playing rules – Richard Nash

Martin winters - Changing rule of only playing 3 times to being able to play up to 4 with committee consent in order for fixtures to be fulfilled.

It was voted to make the adjustment with final wording now being the following. Changes in bold.

7.1 No player shall play more than the total number of fixtures against the same team in that division, **except with prior permission from the opposing team. The Executive committee must be notified to confirm fair play and approve any points won.**

Richard Nash - Turner trophy handicap calculator to be brought down by 300 points to fit in line with new handicap rankings on 365. Same gap between players so no change to

starting points except lowest ranking players now gain extra points and players at the highest end are now capped!

This was voted in to be accepted and to be updated in the handicap table.

8. Tournament Feedback and suggestions for tournament structure change – Lynne Tovey

Lynne to discussed feedback and ideas already suggested.

Glenn Back offered feedback and suggestions

Richard Nash offered feedback and suggestions.

Committee and new tournament secretary to determine changes to Tournament structure at a committee meeting. It was decided that changes would be put in place to involve more players in Division 1 and increase the number of games for lower ranked players.

9. Election of Officers - Richard Nash and all present

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chariman	Richard Nash	Roger P	Sue
Vice-Chairman	Sue Pingram	Andy	Peter
General Secretary	Lynne Tovey	Sue	John D
Treasurer	Paul Werleman	Peter	Gavin
Score Secretary	John Dodd	Peter	Paul W
Minute Secretary	Post not filled		
Webmaster	Richard Nash	Gavin	Peter
Trophy Secretary	Peter Rushbrook	Richard	Lynne
Tournament Organiser	Andy Larnar	Lynne	Richard
Kent League representative	Sue Pingram	Richard	Lynne
League Coach	Maurice Butler	Peter	Roger M
Committee Member	Steve Mansfield	Sue	Roger P
Committee Member	John Dodd	Richard	Lynne

Committee Member	Julie Roper	Lynne	Sue
Committee Member	Martin Winter	John D	Gavin
Committee Member	Zhong Jiao Tan	Lynne	Sue

10. AOB

Roger Morley offered to support Maurice Butler with Junior Coaching.

Break for Tea and Biscuits (Thanks to Julie Roper.

11. Presentation of Trophies. Peter Rushbrook

Trophy Winners were presented to the following winners

Turner Trophy Winner - Culverstone A

Turner Trophy Runner up - Meopham B

Team Event Team Event 'Cup' Winners - Dan Broad and Richard Nash

Team Event 'Cup' Runners up - Peter Worthington and Paul Werleman

Team Event 'cup' joint 3rd Place - Gavin Tovey and Michael Shephard/ Alex Clarke and Andy Larnar

Team Event 'Plate' Winners - Chris Simms and Steve Del-Bianco

Team Event 'Plate' Runners up - Ewan Johnson and Andy Butcher

Team event 'Plate' third place Joanna Lam and Paul Rutland

Closed Event Mens singles winner - Alan Longhurst

Mens singles runner up - John Dyson

Mens Vets singles winner - John Dyson

Mens Vets singles runner up - Roger Pingram

Restricted Singles winner - Roger Morley

Restricted Singles runner up - Alex Clarke

Ladies Doubles winners - Zhong Jiao Tan and Sue Pingram

Ladies Doubles runners up - Joanna Lam and Min Jie Guo

Ladies SIngles winner - Sue Pingram

Ladies Singles runner up - Joanna Lam

Mixed Doubles winners- Roger Pingram and Sue Pingram

Mixed Doubles Runners up - Andy Larnar and Min Jie Guo

Mens Doubles - winners - Roger Pingram and John Dyson

Mens Doubles - runners up - Michael Sheppard and Richard Nash

Vets Doubles winners - Sue Pingram and Roger Pingram

Vets Doubles runners up - John Dyson and Michael Shephard

Premier Division Winners - Dartfordians
Runners up - GRFC A
1st Division Winners - Meopham D
Runners up - GRFC C

Junior Event
U18 -George Simpson
Runner up Min Jie Guo
U13 -Jason Smith
Runner up Jason Smith
Doubles -George Simpson and Harry Cousins.
Runners up Min Jie Guo and Jim Williams
Junior Coaches award -Mason Parfitt

VJ Trophy - Services to the league - John Dodd

GDTTL (AGM) – 6th JUNE 2017 KENT/GDTTL JUNIOR REPORT

It is pleasing to report a greater involvement of our juniors in Kent tournaments.

KENT SCHOOLS TTA Individual Tournament

The following players came away with major honours:

Sam Pannell (Wrotham Road Primary) - Gold U11 Boys.

Harrison Ditch (Sir Joseph William Maths School) - Bronze U13 Boys, and

Ewan Johnston (Leigh UTC) – Consolation Winner U16 Boys.

Also taking part were Harry Cousins (St John's), Jason Smith Gravesend Grammar Boys) and Lydia Wealands-White (Warden House Primary, Deal).

This was a high quality tournament with England ranked players on show, so congratulations to all taking part.

KENT COUNTY TTA 2017 Invicta Junior GP Series

The aim of this series is to provide a pathway from development level play, to local league level and on to County level, including entry into the The Invicta Closed Tournament in December. This series intends to bring players together across Kent to be coached and to provide them with competitive play. Results are used to build up a Kent Junior/Cadet Ranking list.

The first event was held in St Anthony's School Margate, followed by one at

Cleeve Park School Sidcup. Another will take place in the Howard Centre Rainham this Sunday.

Players who have taken part include Min Jie Guo, Harry Cousins, Owen Walton and Lydia Wealands-White.

GDTTL JUNIOR & U13 CLOSED TOURNAMENT

The entry ofto this was very encouraging and resulted in very competitive play. In the U13's following a count-back, the winner was decided on the head to head result.

U18 Winner – George Simpson

U13 Winner – Jason Smith

Doubles Winners – George Simpson and Harry Cousins

JUNIOR RANKING

Our top junior under the newly introduced ranking system is George Simpson (1283), followed by Harrison Ditch (1246) Ewan Johnston (1244) and Min Jie Guo (1140).

JUNIOR COACHING

Meopham TTC coaching sessions continued at Culverstone Community Centre whilst this new building was constructed. We are now back here for the normal session between 7 & 9 p.m. on Friday evenings. A fairly large waiting list exists and we are looking at ways to tackle this. We are always looking for people to help with the coaching so if you are interested, please let me know.

Lynne Tovey (presenting on behalf of Maurice Butler)