

Minutes of Gravesend and District Table Tennis League Annual General Meeting
12 June 2014 at Meopham Table Tennis Club

Meeting commenced at 7:44 pm

Those present: Jane Geddes, Helene Spence (Saints) Peter Rushbrook, Pete Davis, Alan Longhurst (Dartfordians), John Dodd, Steve Mansfield, Justin Dodd, Martin Winter (GRFC), Julie Roper, (Culverstone) Maurice Butler, Lynne Tovey, Gavin Tovey, Chris Costello, Pete Rye, Paul Werlemann, Ron Butler, Ewan Johnston, Richard Nash(Meopham), Cliff Roberts, Dave Butler, (Traders), Carol Homewood (Sutton), Linda Rushbrook, Sue Johnston, Elaine Davis, William Smith

1 Apologies for absence

Chris Brett, Arie Van Der Leer, Alan Lander, Pam Butcher, Ian Parkes, Stephen Day, Roger Pingram, Sue Sullivan, Jenny Nash, Andy Lerner

2 Minutes of Previous AGM and matters arising

Minutes accepted as true record

Proposed: Dave Butler Seconded: Julie Roper

3 Chairman's Report

Submitted by Peter Rushbrook

Once again the AGM has finally come around.

On the fun side of things GRFC C finished R/U in division one with Meopham D taking the honours. Culverstone has a good season again finishing third. Saints B showed vast improvement on previous years.

Premier league once again Dartfordians ended up winners but R/U position was closely contested between GRFC A and Meopham A, with Meopham finishing third and Sutton fourth once again.

Turner trophy Meopham G came out victors over Culverstone who have proved to be a difficult side to beat in recent years in this competition. Well done to both sides.

Team event Chris Brett/Arie van der Leer ended up winners of the plate for the third time since the event started in 2001 with Helene Spence/Jane Geddes finishing R/U.

Damian Milton/Chris Griffiths came out winners of the cup with Pam Butcher/Paul Werlemann finishing R/U.

Closed championships was a good turn out just over quarter of the people which are registered in the Gravesend turning out. With a change of venue this year at Culverstone hoping it would attract and make it easier for juniors to attend, sadly this did not work.

Pam Butcher/Alan Longhurst took most of the honours this year.

As some of you may be aware it has been difficult for myself this last year with changed hours keeping my job plus the ongoing illness of my son making it difficult to attend meetings.

I would like to give thanks to Andy Lerner for sorting out tournaments this year in my absence and would like to say what a good job you made throughout year also running a Kent league side for Gravesend – thanks Andy.

Thanks to Helene and Carol for their support on the committee now you know why it is so important to have people on the committee. Without you there would be no meetings, no tournaments etc.

Jill Smith our auditor I like to thank for the work Jill has done in the past years and this year in signing off the accounts. I have reason to believe Jill is standing down and if so I know I am right in saying committees past and present and all within the Gravesend league would like to say thank you for your good service over the years.

Jane, what can I say. Thank you for all the support you have given to everybody on the committee and the hard work you have put in keeping the Gravesend league running over the years. Having said you will be standing down I wish and hope you would reconsider. You are very much needed and will certainly be missed, once again thank you Jane.

Now we come to the crunch, help if you want table tennis in Gravesend next year. Please put yourselves forward it's down to you.

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4 Treasurer's Report

Copy of audited accounts supplied and accepted

Proposer: Pete Davis

Seconded: Carol Homewood

Treasurer reported the league was still in good funds and was not looking to increase fees. Events had been well attended and the change in venue to Culverstone Community Centre had made them more financially viable and the events broke even.

Jill Smith who audited the accounts was stepping down so a new auditor would be required.

5 Kent Juniors Report

Submitted by Maurice Butler

'they (work) had a table tennis table and team, I tries it and liked it' quote from Pam Butcher.

It is hoped that some of our juniors will, like Pam, continue to play for many years to come.

Meopham TTC continue to offer a start via our weekly coaching sessions so juniors can improve to an acceptable league standard. We always try to introduce one or two new faces every year.

Since the last AGM Meopham have had 26 juniors attending coaching with 20 currently registered. I anticipate a few will be of a standard to compete in the next Kent closed tournament.

The juniors in the league last season were in Division 1, Richard Pett 70%, Ryan England 60%

Please do not hesitate to refer any juniors to me or Lynne Tovey if they want some coaching. We do not have a waiting list at the moment.

It would be helpful to receive a brief verbal report from any clubs with new juniors on their books so I can incorporate this information in my next report.

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6 New Rules

The proposed rule to change who can vote was considered but was defeated by a majority vote.

7 Election of Officers

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Peter Rushbrook	Dave Butler	Alan Longhurst
Vice Chairman	Jane Geddes	Peter Rushbrook	Julie Roper
Gen Secretary	Jane Geddes	Peter Rushbrook	Julie Roper
Treasurer	Paul Werlemann	Jane Geddes	Peter Rushbrook
Score's Secretary	John Dodd	Dave Butler	Carol Homewood
Minutes Secretary	Helene Spence	Jane Geddes	Carol Homewood
Website Officer	Richard Nash	Paul Werlemann	Lynne Tovey
Trophies Secretary	Peter Rushbrook	Jane Geddes	Carol Homewood
League Coach	Maurice Butler	Dave Butler	Lynne Tovey
Auditor	Vacant		
Committee Members	Carol Homewood	Alan Longhurst	Pete Davis
	Julie Roper	Alan Longhurst	Pete Davis

All posts were accepted unanimously

8 Fee Structure

No changes are proposed for fees for 2014 - 15

Senior players £12.00

Juniors £6.00

9. AOB

Paul Werlemann offered his thanks to members of the committee for their work throughout the season

Pete Davis offered to help with the tournaments

Anyone with a problem paying their TTE fees should contact Jane Geddes

Registration for the new season closes on the 30 July 2014

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

The meeting was followed by the presentation of trophies by the league president William Smith.