**Burwell Table Tennis Club Meeting**

***Monday 16th January* at *19:30***

**Burwell Community Sport Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Phil Morris, Michel Scarff, Ivan Stiff, Keith Richardson, Astra Carter-Marsh, Dan Odling, Kin Cho Chan, Dan Gullon

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Martyn Livermore, Emily Birt

1. **Minutes from the last meeting**

Agreed as correct and signed by chairman

1. **Matters Arising**

A new bat was not given to Phoebe as she was getting one for Xmas.

Money from the ‘Section 106 funding’ will not be possible. This is therefore something the Community Sports Centre will need to take action if they so wish. BTTC would offer what support we can.

1. **Correspondence**

Entry form for the ‘Bribar St Neots Junior Team Challenge’ to be held at St Neots on Saturday 28th January. Committee to approach Anthony, Josh, & Joe to see if they wanted to enter this or any future such events. **Keith & Astra to action.**

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Michel)**

Current balance: £857.25. With the new barriers brackets and painting of the gallery room paid for.

Good turn-outs on both Thursdays and Sunday’s including the current world #15 Joo Sea-hyuk who caused quite a stir!

1. **Team Captains Reports**

Cambs League Captain’s Report (Kin)

Continuing in bottom half of table. No concerns that we’ll not avoid relegation yet. Can always call on Mirek or Keith if required.

Confirmed Helen Arnold will be playing for us for the remainder of the season. Josh & Joe will also be joining next year.

Ely League Captain’s Report (Ivan)

Richard Spencer now playing for us and making a positive difference. Now mid-table. We have also gone through to next round of the handicap plate.

1. **Welfare**

We need to take up the Premier Club’s ‘Safe Guarding’ guidelines and look into having a welfare officer. Phil and all sports centre duty managers are DBS checked along with Michel who is covered as school governor. Need to read through the ‘Safe Guarding’ guidelines and present back to the committee. **Michel to action**.

1. **Junior Section**

To give more space, we’ll not setup the robot for club sessions, but have it on stand-by. This will give more table space, especially when coaching.

We’d like to encourage juniors to have more match play/practice. We’ll wait until Hugo had setup the Saturday coaching sessions (see below) before deciding how best to proceed with a weekend morning junior league.

Hugo to start a Saturday morning session for juniors. Sessions to be for 3 hours and use ½ the hall. The aim is for this to be self-funding. **Phil to action with Hugo**

1. **Equipment**

We decided we could start to use the bats purchased earlier in the season as club bats for beginners.

Praise and thanks were given to Ivan for painting the gallery room. Matches will now be played there where possible, with matches only being played in the main hall where we have two matches at home on the same night.

1. **Any Other Business**

Location of First Aid kit was discussed, the centre will make them more accessible.

Keith & Phil attending CPD Coaching course at St Neots on Saturday 21st January where First aid is believed to be included in the session.

How to ease the collection of monies during our sessions was discussed. Michel to order the spreadsheet alphabetical. Look to focus on money collection within the first15 minutes. **Michel & Keith to action**

It was noted that there will be other bat testing days at both the Ely league & Cambs Closed tournaments. This will be in the gallery room.

We decided to look at holding another Coaching day on a Saturday as it was so successful last time. Cost will be £10 with a maximum of 20 people. 10:00-15:00. 1st week in March. **Dan & Phil to check/confirm dates**

Some ‘Locktight’ type solution to be used to lock table legs in position, thus ensuring tables remain more level on setting-up. Initially will action for one table which will always be put up in the area where the floor is believed not to be level. **Dan O to action**

1. **Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 21:20

Date of next meeting 19:30, Wednesday 22nd Feb.