



Swindon Table Tennis League Annual General Meeting
MINUTES
June 8th 2016
Southbrook Inn, Swindon
Start: 7:30pm

The 2015 minutes were passed, proposed by Lee Bowen and seconded by Sandy Steele Davis.

Matters arising: Brenda Baldwin confirmed that the 2014-15 accounts had been audited after last year's AGM.

Chairman's address: Andy Hurley

Welcome and thanks for coming along this evening. This is your opportunity to tell us how you want your League to be run and I invite you all to air your views this evening. This year we lost two stalwarts of the sport who all made huge contributions to the Swindon League over the years. Bill Bailey, our former General Secretary and Roy Hazell, our former President. Both will be greatly missed by their friends, teammates and members of the Committee.

After last year's successful separation of the AGM from the prize giving evening, we will continue to run a similar event here at The Southbrook over the next month or so. A buffet will be provided and you are all very welcome to attend.

Our General Secretary, Debbie Quinlivan has decided not to stand for Committee this year so we will be looking for a volunteer or two to step into her shoes. The Committee would like to place on record our thanks to Debbie for her huge contribution to the successful running of the Swindon League over many years.

At this year's Wiltshire Table Tennis Championships, a number of Swindon players contested (and won) finals:

Julie Dean (Northside) – Ladies Singles Winner
Peter Epps (Nationwide) and Julie Dean – Mixed Doubles Winner
Alan Duke (Northside) - Masters Singles R/Up
Glen Freeman (Sanford Link) and Peter Epps - Veterans Doubles Runners Up
Sharanya Adesh (Sanford Link) U15 Girls Singles Winner
Shrey Bhardwaj (Ferndale) – U18 Boys Singles R/Up
Shrey Bhardwaj – U18 Boys Doubles Winner
Scott Marshall/ Jack Karpinski (both Sanford Link) – U18 Boys Doubles R/Up
Sam Pinches (Sanford Link) – U13 Boys R/Up

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Finally, a team representing the Swindon League will do battle with leagues from across Wiltshire in the John Ford Trophy at the weekend. We wish them the best of luck.

Enjoy your AGM.

Andy Hurley, Chairman, STTL.

Treasurer's report: Brenda Baldwin

The league recorded a loss of £130 which was mostly down to the purchase of the new plastic ball. The team and player fees for the forthcoming season will not be increased. Accounts were approved, proposed by Sandy Steele Davis seconded by Alan Duke.

Tournament Secretary's Report: Alan Duke

After many years of pointing out that entries were very low for most of the Closed Championship and End- of-Season events, and trying all sorts of formats over a number of seasons in an attempt to increase attendance, unfortunately this season no such events took place. A couple of complicating factors at the end of the scheduled league season (loss of one multi-table venue, and many outstanding, postponed league matches) also presented difficulties in attempting to organise any events over that period. With regard to the Pickett Team Handicap, once again all matches were arranged and played on time with no problems - thanks to all concerned. But yet again, entries were down, from 10 last season to just nine teams this season. Congratulations to winners Ferndale E, and commiserations to runners-up NALGO.

Sandy Davis asked if we would be running them again. Lee Bowen asked if we would allow non-league registered players (juniors) to enter the competitions, it was pointed out that they needed to be TTE registered players before entering the league competitions. Tom Watmore commented on the running the events after the season had completed may have some impact on entry levels. The meeting decided that it would be an option to have 2 weeks set aside for the closed competitions ~~and~~ in addition to the 3 weeks for the Pickett competition during the season. The committee would hold an early meeting to discuss the format and dates.

Registration Secretary's Report: Alan Duke

The League continued to handle Table Tennis England Membership applications for those who wished us to do so, but as before only for the initial pre-season registrations. In total there were 97 players registered in our League (91 last season), of whom 48 (39 last season) joined TTE via the League. For next season, Table Tennis England are proposing an increase to the Membership Fees (to £12 for adults and £6 for juniors/cadets).

League Registration Forms will be available for collection at the end of the meeting.

Results Secretary's Report: Alan Duke

As mentioned with regard to Tournaments, there were quite a number of matches still outstanding at the end of the scheduled fixtures, mostly caused by problems with availability of Churchfields School on a couple of occasions during the season. But it was pleasing to see that all but one of these matches were eventually played.

No great problem was experienced with the scorecards, most of which were returned fairly soon after the match (and mostly correctly filled in).

Development Report: Lee Bowen

Another good representation from Swindon at Wiltshire TT Closed with Swindon picking 9 trophies from 14 finals. One Swindon club had 14 entries in the event. The Opening of a new venue at Swindon Academy was successful, in attendance was representatives from Table Tennis England, Wiltshire TT, Dan Aves from Table Tennis daily and Tom Maynard No 16 in the rankings who did a demonstration. We have started get new players coming along of various age group. TTE have visited the Academy and have approved that 2/3* events can take place, once we have a few issues corrected. The facilities are there for all clubs to use. 2 Cadet Teams from Swindon entered the National League, both teams achieving some good individual results. Plans to enter more Cadets teams.

New tables being obtained by Wasps replacing some of older tables held at Swindon Academy, who have committed to a long term Development.

We had the first school table tennis games held at Swindon Academy where 4 schools competing, with one another. Swindon Academy and Commonweal go through to the finals in July, good media coverage throughout Wiltshire and social media. There were number of other schools wanting to participate, but due to the time scale, we could not accommodate anymore. But plans are in place to increase more schools in a league format. This will be supportive to the centralising of the coaching at Swindon Academy.

Unfortunately we had to put back a number of matches scheduled, which involved Swindon Cadet/Juniors. This was due to the availability of hall at Churchfields.

Future Plans

Continue with the introduction to more schools/Academies to take part in the Butterfly skill programme.

Stage Swindon Cadet/Junior matches.

Continue with friendly.

Get more schools involve in after school coaching.

Stage 1 day coaching and ranking.

Have a Development league of 2 players as a trial.

Discussion took place on the involvement in the Wiltshire inter schools tournament by the League. The tournament should be driven by WASP but the person involved had little or no experience on organising such an event, it was decided the Lee should continue his connection with the competition with the view to it being taken over at some point by the WASP person. We should look at this as being a launch pad for the league to recruit more players and provide schools with details on clubs, events and coaching available to them from the League. More communication needed between the schools as some were very difficult to approach or respond to those approaches.

Election of Officials:

President	Dave Evans
Chairman	Andy Hurley
Vice Chairman	Andrew Jarvis
General Secretary	Trevor Brown
Treasurer	Brenda Baldwin
Tournament, registration and Divisional Sec	Alan Duke
Development Officer	Lee Bowen
Junior Secretary	vacant, covered in the Development role
IT Officer	vacant but additional support is available
Committee Members	Mark Hobbs and Andrew Jarvis

Rule Changes:

No rule changes submitted

Registration forms:

Closing date for the return of team entry was set to 22nd August 2016. League would start in October. No fee increases.

Prize giving night:

To be agreed at the next committee meeting and booked at Southbrook Inn.

AOB:

Rosemary Leckie has passed her level 1 coaching course.

Lee Bowen pointed out that 2* & 3* competitions were possibly a year away and help would be needed to run them. He also mentioned that we would probably need to hire in equipment for the events hall hire, tables, nets etc. The meeting thought the cost would be high for this and wanted to ensure if they went ahead the league did not incur any costs.

Meeting Closed at 20:45

List of attendees and apologies for the AGM

Apologies from: D Evans, D Quinlivan, I Neate and P Stoner

Attendees:

Tom Watmore, Sandy Steele-Davis, Lee Bowen, Alan Duke, Andy Hurley, Andrew Jarvis, Brenda Baldwin, Trevor Brown, Val Clack, Rosemary Leckie, Trevor Bannister, Mark Hobbs, Pradeep Bhardwaj and Alan Kimber

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