

Kidlington Forum Table Tennis Club

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 27th July 2015

1. Apologies: Ben Pritchard, Ryan Hambridge.

Present: John Duncalfe, Karl Bushell, Paul Woodward, Chris Smith, Bob Hallett, Joe McKenna-Jones and Christine Scaysbrook.

The meeting began at 7.00pm

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 18-5-2015 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes: CSc said the Pavilion was booked for the Town & Gown match on Sunday 8th November. It was agreed that JD would check to make sure that the booking was confirmed. (note: Les Dent had confirmed the booking on 14 July with JD by email, copies to PW and CSc).

PW said that he was moving away at the end of August and could no longer be Chairman. He was thanked for all the work he had done for the club over the years and he will be greatly missed. His jobs were considered under AOB.

4. Teams for next Year: JD said that responses to his emails requesting whether players wanted to play in the League next season had resulted in 7 players saying yes. Karl said he had had other commitments and interest from 1st Division players. After discussion it appeared that we could field 2 teams in each of divisions 1, 2, 4, and 2AS and 3 in division 3. It depended on players responding.

It was agreed that JD contact players again giving a deadline to reply by. That deadline was 4th August; the date team lists had to be with the League.

It was also agreed that KB would contact 1st division players and BH 3rd division players.

PW said that we contact them by phone as emails were not always replied to.

5. Priorities for the development Plan: KB said one priority should be attracting juniors to the club, especially girls. He had written to Cherwell DC saying that he could arrange taster sessions for Junior Schools but had no reply yet. He wanted to get all Kidlington schools to send juniors to the club and he would take the best to form an Academy. He would try to form a girls' section. There was a possibility that two women coaches could come to the club to run the sessions, one was from the City Council and the other was a new player to the club; Maria Lebedeva. It was agreed that forming an Academy for juniors was a Development Plan priority.

JD suggested that Equipment be the other priority. It was agreed. He suggested that we replace one table annually as some were not in good shape. It was agreed that we buy a table now but, on BH's suggestion, we review buying new tables annually. It was agreed that KB buy a decent net for ball collection. JD asked whether we buy a new robot. KB said our current one only used 38mm balls and was difficult to set up. However, he thought we should not buy one until we could find one that took the new plastic balls successfully. It was agreed.

6. Coaching: KB was concerned that juniors coming up from the beginners' session were deficient in technique. He thought that that session should concentrate on the

basics and introduce topspin early. BH said KB should define those for coaches. KB said he would arrange a beginners' coaching session to discuss basic coaching. It was agreed that the current format of beginners (6.30-7.30) and intermediates and elites (7.30-9.00) on Tuesdays in term time would continue. That could be reviewed if numbers attending dictated.

It was agreed that the two new coaches, Farshad and BP, would be with JD on beginners' sessions. JD would set up a rota.

KB and Nick Langley would continue with Elites and Intermediates. KB said that there was a possibility of new coaches for the session. Goran had said he could do 1 in 4 and Maria and another woman coach from the City may also be available. He would check on those.

7. Treasurer's Report: KB reported that we had £17600 in the Coventry Account and it had earned £3-400 interest last year. We had £7459 in our current accounts. Andrew Flint had completed the audit and said the accounts were fine.

8. Club Shirts:

KB said that John Birkin had received a current club shirt from him so he could show it to the potential new suppliers; Shirtworks. KB said that we were joining with the Oxford League to order new shirts. John Birkin would show us new designs and a mock up shirt for consideration.

9. AOB: (a) CSc nominated BH as the new Chairman, JD seconded. BH was elected unanimously;

(b) PW gave JD a box of keys and a set of keys which were for other parts of the Pavilion not normally used by the Club;

(c) KB confirmed that he now checks the fire alarms;

(d) PW confirmed that the following all had sets of keys:-

PW, but he would be handing them on later; CS; CSc; KB; JD; BH; BP; Neil Hurford; Guy East; Guy Plowman; Nick Langley; Andrew Flint; Tanya Jenner. Simon Price has a set which he will hand back.

(e) PW said he had arranged open sessions until the end of August but someone new would have to do it after that. He said Klair Price, Simon's mum, had offered her services to the club and perhaps she could do it. He also suggested Tanya Jenner and Lyn Hambridge could be approached. It was agreed that JD ask them whether they would be prepared to do this task;

(f) CSc said that she had been asked for receipts for money given in with membership application forms. KB said that anyone collecting completed application forms should ask whether the member required a receipt and, if so, write it on the form. He could then send it. He confirmed that he can send members' TTE fees to TTE. They should then get a new membership card from TTE.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th August, 7pm at the Pavilion.

Signed.....Bob Hallett, Chairman

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