Tiverton Table Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

16th May 2023 - 7.00 p.m. at Uplowman Village Hall

**MINUTES**

1. **Apologies**

None

Present – John Edbrooke, Chris Baker, Tom Baker, Dave Tregunna, Chris Haughton, Jon Boughton, Sarah Baker, Steve Goodwin, Ivan Emery

1. **Opening remarks from Chairman**

* **John Edbrooke**

Hold on new memberships as club is at full capacity; Children’s coaching is thriving led by Sarah and a few others. Adult membership is at 32, our highest ever. Sarah organised club t-shirts and shorts with the club paying for the printing on the back of the t-shirts which was very well received.

1. **Presentation of accounts**

* **Chris Baker** (End of year accounts as of 5th April 2023)

2 bank accounts, total club reserve is £5036, Uplowman charge us for 2.5 hours per night.

Chris Haughton – could the club pay for petrol for away matches?

John Edbrooke, Jon Boughton and Tom Baker – doesn’t think this is fair or necessary.

Chris Haughton – could be a fixed fee that would also cover biscuits, Tea and Coffee.

General agreement that the club could give Chris Haughton a fixed fee for petrol as he always drives.

1. **Election of committee**

• Chairman – John Edbrooke

• Treasurer – Chris Baker

• Secretary – Sarah Baker

• Team Captains – John Edbrooke (Rockets), Chris Haughton (Trojans)

• Administrator – Dave Tregunna

All agreed and re-elected committee.

1. **TTE membership**

* **Dave Tregunna**

All memberships expire on 31st July. You can click to auto renew.

Tom – should put it on the application form and make people aware that they should become a TTE member for insurance purposes.

Sarah – encourage the children to sign up to become members of TTE

1. **Fees and subscriptions**

* Annual membership and weekly subscription rates shall be decided

Chris Baker – propose to continue with current fees. All agreed.

* Membership quota

Chris Baker – stopped new members due to club being full. Had 3 enquires since then

Steve – should consider whether we should expand the club. He approached Blundells. They charge £18 per hour.

Chris B – should see if numbers settle down.

John E – Samford Peverell have 3 tables but the conditions are not as good. They charge about £10 per hour.

Steve – could we have the league matches at Samford Peverell?

John E – conditions are not good enough

Dave – could people pre book sessions?

Ivan – what about having 2 sessions a night?

Jon – not feasible with the children’s group 6-7pm.

John E – will come back to Blundell’s when they have got more information

Chris B – monitor attendance over the next 3 months

Tom – could we have a night at Blundells and at Uplowman?

All agreed to monitor attendance and report back

1. **Future of league teams**

John Edgebrook (Rockets) and Chris Haughton (Trojans) are happy to carry on with their teams.

John E – doesn’t think we have the space to have 3 league teams.

Chris H – would like to have 3 teams in the league

General discussion about whether we should have 3 teams.

How much demand is there for a 3rd team?

All agreed to stick with 2 teams and will see if anyone comes forward who wants to captain a 3rd team (with enough members in the team)

Will review at a later date

1. **Coaching**

* **Sarah Baker** (Junior sessions)

All going well. Current helpers are Bill, Steve, Pete and Teresa. Volunteers to step in if Sarah has a league match (Jon Boughton, Teresa Baker, Ivan Emery)

1. **Sports and cultural event**

* **Jon Boughton**

Social event and BBQ at our venue outside. Tuesday 1st August

1. **Any other business**

Chris H – Exeter League Competition. Will encourage league players to play in the competition next year.

Chris B – will raise the issue of the poor lightning with Lynne.