

BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB
General Management Committee Meeting – 31 May 2023

Present: Bernard Cooney (Chair), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer), Andrew Armstrong, Lesley Blanchard and Keith Hardman.

1. The meeting commenced at 8:00pm with the Chair welcoming the members of the 2023/24 Management Committee. A broad agenda had been sent in advance.
2. Apologies received from Jenny Givens.
3. Co-opt additional members?

It was agreed that even though 6 general committee members were permitted we would not seek to co-opt new members at this stage to fill the vacancies left by the departure of Dave Noden and Keith Williams.

4. Roles

The following were agreed:

Welfare Officer – Chairman

Property Manager – Keith Hardman

Finance – Ian Brownrigg & Jenny Givens

League & Tournaments – Graham Turner & Andrew Armstrong

Housekeeping – Lesley Blanchard

Ray O’leary had previously been nominated to look after communications, but this had fallen through. For the time being the Secretary will continue with this role. Keith Williams had previously been appointed adult coaching officer. But it was agreed that for the time being the Secretary would hold the role of club coaching officer.

5. Junior Co-ordination

The issue raised at the AGM was discussed. It was agreed that the club does have a pathway, but it might be possible to do more. GRT is looking at the possibilities for National Junior League with help from Dermot Tierney. There are also some who are interested in taking the Level 1 coaching course, including Dave Aimson, Roy Carroll and James Haskell. There are no current local courses. GRT will enquire as to whether TTE might be prepared to stage a course in Liverpool. And. will also look further at the role of Neil Pickard to try and ensure that the best use is made of the time he is prepared to offer to the club.

6. Club & Junior Tournament

It was agreed that the Club Tournament should again be held at Anfield if it can be obtained. Saturday 16 September was proposed.

It was also agreed that the club hold a junior event, to give all juniors the opportunity to meet and play. A banded event will be organised before the school summer holidays, and Saturday 15 July was proposed for this.

The Secretary will take both items forward.

7. Sponsorship & Shirts

Bernard reported that discussions for a new deal with the Care Trust are ongoing and are looking very positive. A further batch of new shirts is possible for the new season.

8. League AGM & Season 23/24

GRT reported on the matters being covered at the League AGM. Andrew will represent the club. We can support the proposed rule changes, but the change to the playing order requires explanation, and good reason for it before support. Regarding the proposed rule about members of the League Man Com signing adherence to a code of conduct, the club is concerned that the rule as it is presently drafted appears to convey a threat that is hollow, and not backed up by explicit consequences. It was agreed the club should at least raise the question.

9. Priorities

It was agreed that the priorities for the Man Com for the coming year should be:

- a. Setting up the new CIC
- b. Assignment of the present lease in favour of the new entity.
- c. Dissolution of the private members club.
- d. Premises.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:04pm.

Graham Turner,
Secretary, 31 May 2023