

Hertford and District Table Tennis League

A.G.M July 3 rd 2023. 7.30pm

Present:- Gordon Imroth, Terry Smith, John Manley, Steve Hooker, John Barnes, Faith Frankel, Simon Rata, Alan Lamprell, John Hughes, Sally Kemp, Les Edmunds, Colin Bullworthy. Rai Liiv, Neil Skull, Andy Reeve, Colin Fell and Jo Swain

Apologies for Absence:- Sandy Nash, Graham Waddington, Deborah Sumby, Barry Sumby, Chris Tuttle and James Pugh

Minutes 2022:- The minutes from the July 6 th 2022 A.G.M. were passed.

Treasurer's Report:- Andy Reeve stated in his report that as the net assets had increased over the year he would therefore propose that there should be free registration and that the team fees should remain the same.

This was proposed, seconded and passed.

Match Secretary's Report :-

This season we had 24 teams, one more than 2021/22, split into three divisions. Smart AV Boys, Watton-At-Stone and Allenburys did not register for the new season. I would like to know the last time our league had no representation from Allenburys. Three teams from Water Lane in Bishops Stortford joined the league and Lytton rejoined after a number of years absence.

In the Premier Division, Water Lane A lead from the start, eventually finishing five points clear of Kidston A. Both teams won all their matches apart from two head-to-head draws.

In Division 1, Cheshunt B won more easily, finishing 28 points clear of their C team.

After being relegated from Division 1 at the end of the 2021/22 season, Grundy Park won Division 2, 21 points ahead of Water Lane Phoenix B.

Last played in 2021/22, the Divisional Cups were reinstated. Unfortunately, the original finals were abandoned due to a waterlogged pitch! When two of the finals were eventually played in March, Water Lane A completed the League and Cup double, defeating HRC A in the final of the Creasey Cup. Water Lane Phoenix B denied Grundy Park C a double by defeating the League winners in the final of the MSD trophy. Due to various reasons, the

final of the Clifford Troll Trophy will be played at the beginning of the 2023/24 season.

Although finishing bottom of the Premier Division, HRC B gained some compensation, beating Stanstead Abbots A in the final of The Hertford Builders Cup.

Registration forms are now available for the new season via the website. Extra teams always welcome. Due to the healthy state of the League finances, the registration fees for the new

season have been capped at ZERO.

Thanks to everyone for another relatively stress-free and hopefully enjoyable season.

Chairman's Report:-

The Chairman expressed a big thank you for all the Committee's hard work and continuing support to enable the Hertford and District Table Tennis League's survival.

Gordon Imroth was welcomed as a new Committee member and Rai Liiv was thanked for taking the minutes.

Thanks also to Sandy Nash who is our Herts County Rep and John Barnes for being our League company member for Table Tennis England. Thanks to all the teams and players as well.

A big thank you to Colin Bullworthy for all his hard work for without him there would not be a League.

I hope I have remembered to thank everybody and if I have forgotten anyone then please forgive me.

This year we have lost several players. Fred Burdett, who was a true gentleman, and played in the League for many years. Jack Bender who played for Kidston. We also lost Paul Stanley and Kevin Gray.

On a more positive note it has been an enjoyable season and all the best for the season ahead.

Presentation of Trophies:- The Pine Trophy was awarded to Gordon Imroth for all his good work and commitment to table tennis.

Premier Division – Water Lane A Division 1 – Cheshunt B

Division 2 – Grundy Park C

Creasey Cup – Water Lane A MSD Trophy – Water Lane Phoenix B

Hertford Builder's Cup – HRC B

Election of Officers:- Proposed, seconded and agreed to 'en masse'.

Any Other Business:-

1. There was discussion on the idea of presenting the Trophy to cup winners on the night of the final. It was thought there would be too many problems with the logistics.
2. There was discussion regarding the provision for Junior matches. This was felt to be something that Water Lane and Cheshunt could get together to see if something could be worked out.
3. Lytton asked if there were any extra players as they needed players, especially for away matches. Geoff Jeffries was proposed as a possibility.
4. Make sure that clubs register as early as possible, 23 rd July, 2023.

The meeting closed at 20.22hrs