

## **Hertford and District Table Tennis League**

**A.G.M June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024. 7.30pm**

**Thundridge Village Hall**

**Present:-** Jo Swain, Colin Bullworthy, John Barnes, Colin Fell, Sandy Nash, Simon Mok, Finley Manley, John Manley, Rai Liiv, Neil Skull, Graham Waddingham, Yehor Turchyn, Andrii Rylchuk, Andrieieva Alona, Simon Rata, Terry Smith, Tina Layton, Zak Layton-Elliot, Steve Burton, David Aitken

**Apologies for Absence:-** Deborah Sumbly, James Pugh, Andy Reeve, Les Edmunds, Faith Frankel, Mike Roberts, John Hughes, Paul Jones

**Minutes 2023:-** The minutes from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 A.G.M. were proposed, seconded and passed with amendments to the spelling of Graham Waddingham and the proposer for no league fees was Colin Bullworthy and not Andy Reeve.

**Treasurer's Report:-** Andy Reeve had informed the Committee that he was unavailable to attend the meeting and that the Accounts would be presented at a later date. He said that the financial position of the League was still healthy and that the amount of money in the bank was similar to the year end 2023

This was proposed, seconded and passed.

### **Match Secretary's Report :-**

Colin Bullworthy said it was another, hopefully, enjoyable season with few, if any, major issues.

Postponements were an issue particularly for clubs who have to pay for venues but then have to cancel at short notice thereby leaving them out-of-pocket. Although not ideal, playing with just two players would at least help to fulfil the fixture.

In the League, HRC entered a fourth team increasing the number of teams to 24, split into three divisions with eight teams each. HRC 'A' won the Premier Division finishing eight points ahead of Water Lane 'A'. Water Lane Phoenix 'B' and Cheshunt 'D' won Divisions 1 and 2 respectively.

Water Lane 'A' won both the Divisional and Builders Cup. To complete another successful season for the club, Water Lane Phoenix 'A' and 'B' won their respective Divisional Cups.

Out of the seven trophies on offer, Water Lane won five of them and came runners up in the other two.

Registration forms for the 2024/2025 season are available on the website and completed forms need to be returned by 21<sup>st</sup> July to enable the League structure to be formulated and handbooks printed ready for the League start sometime in mid-September. League registration fees will remain at £0.00.

Finally Les Edmunds has informed the Committee that Lytton will be withdrawing from

the League. Everybody who knows Les will wish him well. He has asked to say that he holds a table tennis social on Monday evenings, maximum of six players and people can contact him direct if interested.

Thanks to Rai for doing the minutes in 2023 and doing the same tonight.

### **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 thanked as he had graciously stepped up to become the Hertfordshire County Representative and John Barnes for being the League Representative Company Member for Table Tennis England.

Andy Reeve was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

Colin Fell was thanked for his work as the League's webmaster and for the production of the League's Handbook.

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

There were no League tournaments again this year because of a lack of a suitable venue.

If anybody has been forgotten then the Chairman asked for forgiveness.

We have lost Iain MacAllister from Furneux Pelham and we send condolences to his family.

Finally, it has been an enjoyable season and all the best for the season ahead.

**Presentation of Trophies:-** The Pine Trophy was awarded to John Barnes for all his good work and commitment to table tennis over a long period of time.

Premier Division – HRC 'A' Division 1 – Water Lane Phoenix B

Division 2 – Cheshunt 'D'

Creasey Cup – Water Lane AMSD Trophy – Water Lane Phoenix B

Hertford Builder's Cup – Water Lane 'A'

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

### **Any Other Business:-**

1. There was discussion about the registration fee of £15.00 per team and what the Hertfordshire County Table Tennis Association does with the money, and the HDTTL specifically. The League is bound under its constitution to pay these fees so it is affiliated and if there is to be a change then a proposal would need to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> March prior to the AGM.

2. There was discussion about the need to ensure that all members are registered with Table Tennis England. This should also be true of those members who play table tennis socially but do not play League matches. It is recommended that Club Play Membership

be obtained for all those not playing League matches.

3. It was also recommended that Club Secretaries ensure that players, when registering, are affiliated to the correct club.

4. It was confirmed that there are no age restrictions to playing League matches.

5. When cancelling matches then at least two weeks should be offered, if possible. Postponed matches can be played until the end of April to try to ensure matches are not claimed.

6. Make sure that clubs register as early as possible, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.

The meeting closed at 20.45hrs