

Minutes of the RAL Table Tennis Club AGM 2015

Held in CLF Meeting Room 2.21, R1, RAL at 12:15 on Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Members present: Anders Markvardsen (Chair), Eric Thomas, Ron Liquorish, Brian Wyborn (Sec.), Geoff Burton, Hiten Patel.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Tom Griffin, Dale Faircloth, Tim Pett.

2) Minutes of last AGM, held on 23rd June 2014.

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted nem con.

Matters arising from the last AGM.

Tom should investigate various sorts of accounts to hold the club money in to increase interest as it was currently in a low interest Current Account. This action is still outstanding.

ACTION TG

Tom should look at the best ways of sharing the members list and other club related information (Notice Board and/or SharePoint site etc). This action is still outstanding.

ACTION TG

Tom to confirm that the match and membership fees due for 12/13 had been duly collected. This action is still outstanding.

ACTION TG

Anders reported that he had some volunteers and some software to schedule coaching sessions. He would now try to go ahead and arrange some sessions. This action is still outstanding.

ACTION AM

BEW confirmed that registered ETTA players were covered by the ETTA insurance. This applied to both RAL players and their visiting teams. He had been told that all Rec Soc members were covered under the Rec Soc's insurance (still trying to get a copy). It still needs to be clarified what the RAL Rec Soc insurance covers especially in relation to lunchtime casual players and guests and whether the visitors book was still in operation. It was also suggested that a notice be erected to the effect that 'We accept no responsibility and non-members mustn't use the facilities and are not covered by ETTA or Rec Soc Insurance'. This action is still outstanding. Situation of spectators was also raised for clarification.

ACTION BW

Tom to confirm that the match and membership fees due for 13/14 had been duly collected.

ACTION TG

Tom to circulate final accounts for 13/14 as soon as available.

ACTION TG

Tom had duly purchased the balls for the season.

Eric reported that the teams had been agreed ready for the DDTTA pre-season meeting.

3) Chair's report

Anders presented the Chair's report.

He outlined that it had been another successful year for the club.

The league teams had done well as will be reported by the fixture secretary later.

Anders noted that the Wahlgrens (Erik and Johan) were going back to Sweden after a successful year with the club. He also noted that Richard Burton would not be playing for us next season.

Box Leagues are going well under the administration of Hiten Patel. Hiten has ideas for some changes.

He thanked the committee for their work which ensured that the club ran smoothly during the year.

4) Treasurer's Report

Tom was unable to attend the meeting.

Match and membership fees for 14/15 need to be collected. Tom to invoice asap.
ACTION TG

Tom to circulate final accounts for 14/15 as soon as available.
ACTION TG

Tom to buy balls for next season. See item under 11 A.O.B.
ACTION TG

5) Secretary's Report

Brian reported the following:

There have been no committee meetings held during the year.

The club had hosted several DDTTA committee meetings and AGM during the season and had also hosted the Bidmead finals.

It was noted that the TT room floodlights had been upgraded to LED by the lab. It was thought that it was a good idea to get the Main Hall rooms lights upgraded before next season.
ACTION BEW

Good liaison has been maintained with the Rec. Soc. about retirement functions in the TT room with no real problems.

The club would like to thank the RAL Rec. Soc. for their support.

6) Evening League Secretary's Report

Eric presented the following report:

This year the club as a whole has had a series of coming second.

This year, we were able to enter five teams for the Didcot and District League, and one for the Oxford League. The league positions for RAL teams are as follows:

The RAL team in the Oxford League have finished 6th in Division 1.

In the Didcot League

RAL A finished 2nd in Division 1.

RAL B avoided relegation from Division 1.

RAL C finished 6th in Division 2.

RAL D finished 3rd in Division 3.

RAL E finished 2nd in Division 4.

In the DDTTA Cup competitions

Only two teams entered the handicap shield.

In the Bidmead

RAL were knocked out in the pool round after two quite close matches.

In the Divisional Championships.

Erik Wahlgren was runner up in Division 1

Tim Pett was runner up in Division 3

At the DDTTA Closed Championships

Erik and Johan Wahlgren were the doubles champions.

All in all there had not been any major problems with the teams and Eric thanked the captains for their support.

7) Election of Officers: Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were prepared to stand again.

The meeting agreed to elect the following officers en block:

Chairman	Anders Markvardsen
Secretary	Brian Wyborn
Treasurer	Tom Griffin (Anders and Brian offered to help)

8) Election of Committee

The current members of the committee present were all prepared to stand.

The meeting then elected the committee as follows nem con:

Ron Liquorish, Tim Pett and Eric Thomas.

Eric agreed to continue as Evening League Secretary.

9) Rule Changes

There had been no proposals submitted for rule changes.

10) Discussion of Evening League Teams for '15-'16 Season

Oxford

Probably Neil Hurford (capt), Chris Lansley, Stuart Pringle, Anders Markvardsen in Division 1. Roel Dullens could be additional sub if needed. (Note this is slightly different to what was said at the meeting. Anders checked with Neil after the meeting).

Didcot

RAL A - Probably Chris Lansley, Neil Hurford, Chris Smith and Karl Bushell in Division 1. Roel Dullens could be additional sub if needed.

RAL B - Probably Anders Markvardsen, Geoff Burton, Eamonn Deeley and Mark Adams in Division 1. Need another player.

RAL C - Probably Brian Wyborn, Neil Oastler, Ron and Kevin Liquorish in Division 2.

RAL D - Probably Renato Turchetta, Tom Griffin, Tim Pett and Dave Wynn in Division 3.

RAL E - Probably Eric Thomas, Matt Chambers, Kevin Knowles, Dale Faircloth in Division 3.

The possibility of a RAL F in Division 5 was discussed. Daniel Wakeling was a possible captain. Some work would be needed to form a viable team.

The pre-season meeting will be held 14th August therefore teams need to be firmed up by about mid August. Note Eric goes on holiday so may need to hand over to Brian to complete.

ACTION ET/BEW

11) Any Other Business

It was pointed out that the ODTTA web link was incorrect on the RALTTC web page.

ACTION BEW

Eric explained that he had received a form from TTE to fill in for the club. This was discussed.

ACTION ET

DDTTA Rule changes - The names of the probable captains and players must be declared for each team to the Pre-Season Meeting. All affiliated clubs will be automatically entered into the Bidmead Cup and fined if they withdraw.

In a free vote the meeting voted that 'The home team will provide any PLASTIC ball from the ITTF approved list or any orange CELLULOID ball from the ITTF approved list'.

The meeting also approved the DDTTA to purchase a dozen PLASTIC balls for each team next season.