

Hertford and District Table Tennis League

A.G.M. JULY 6TH 2022, 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Terry Smith, Gordon Imroth, John Barnes, Simon Rota, Joe Torres, Mike Roberts, Steve Cross, Steve Hooker, Sandy Nash, Rai Liiv, Chris Tuttle, Kevin Sawyer, Cathy Parsons, Jo' Swain, Andy Reeves, Colin Bullworthy and Colin Fell.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- Jan Kinsman, Debra and Barry Kinsman, Alan Lamprell, James Pugh, Graham Waddington, Celeste Reeve, Vikki Flaum.

MINUTES 2019:- The minutes from 2019 were not available due to a computer error.

TREASURERS REPORT: -

The team fees to Hertfordshire for 2022/23 will be £14 per team.

Net assets in the building society as of 30/4/22 is £250.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT: -

After 580 days (83 weeks), we finally restarted the league in October 2021. Due to starting later than normal, we decided not to hold the Divisional Cups this season. We also removed the doubles from league matches (they will return in 2022/23), reintroducing them in the Handicap Cup.

The competition was split into three divisions with 23 teams from 12 clubs, a sizeable increase from 15 when we abandoned the 2019/20 season. We welcomed two teams from Kidston after the demise of the Cheshunt League and a new team, Smart AV Boys. Cheshunt entered three extra teams and HRC, Grundy Park and Stanstead Abbots one extra team.

The Premier Division and Division 2 were both won by the same margin. HRC A dropped just 14 games in twelve matches, three players with 100% records to win the Premier Division by 23 points, the same as Kidston who lifted the Division 2 title. In complete contrast, Division 1 finished with two teams' level on 89 points, Cheshunt B pipping St Andrews A by a better head-to-head record.

The Handicap Cup saw the reintroduction of doubles. HRC B beat Stanstead Abbotts A in the final, the score line not reflecting the closeness of the contest, two games being decided by the “golden point”.

Thanks to everybody for making the return so enjoyable, particularly the majority of captains who have entered their scores online. Hopefully next year, it will be everybody.

The new season is due to start mid- September. Registration forms are on the website

and if possible, I would appreciate it if they could be returned as near to 23 July as possible (not by 15 August as stated at the meeting).

CHARMANS REPORT :-

A big thank you for all the committee’s hard work and continuing support to enable the Hertford Leagues survival. It has been, to say the least an unusual situation due to the pandemic of Covid !!

During this time, we have lost some lovely characters. Barry Mitchell and David Madson, true gentleman and advocates for the game and they are sadly missed.

Thank you to Vikki Flaum for being the secretary and taking minutes, she has sadly decided to stand down from this post.

Thank you to Colin Fell for the website and printing the Handbooks.

Thank you to Andy Reeve for being our treasurer.

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

There were no tournaments this year due to the pandemic but hope to have them next season but we need to find a venue!!!

I hope I have remembered everyone, and if I have forgot anyone then please do forgive me.

But on a more positive note, it has been an enjoyable season and I hope that you also have enjoyed the season and all the best for the season ahead.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Due to Vikki Flaum standing down it is agreed that Jo Swain will take the minutes for this AGM, but appealed for a volunteer to join the committee to take on this role.

Steve Hooker agreed to join the committee and the rest of the committee were unanimously re-elected. (Jo' Swain , Colin Bullworthy, Andy Reeve and Joe Torres).

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES: -

The Pine Trophy was awarded to James Pugh for his commitment in keeping the Cheshunt Club going and helping some of the members to enable them to play and his contribution to the league.

Medals were awarded to the winners of Premier Div. HRC A, Div. 1, Cheshunt B, Div. 2, Kidston B.

Hertford Builders Trophy was awarded to HRC B.

A.O.B.: -

Registration fees for 2022/23 will be £15 per team.

Sandy Nash agreed to be the Herts County for the Hertford League rep

John Barnes agreed to be the representative to Table Tennis England.

3 teams are interested in joining the Hertford League and it was agreed that Lytton and Water Lane can join but that Henham TT was too far away (25+ miles)

The Terry Burroughs Cup will be returned to the Cheshunt Club as the Cheshunt League has folded.

It was voiced by Steve Hooker that nobody should play a 1st team player in their 2nd team.

Cathy Parsons announced that Watton-at-Stone is withdrawing from the League.

AGM concluded at 8.45 pm