

**BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB**  
**General Management Committee Meeting – 10 May 2024**

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

1. The meeting commenced at 8:08pm with the Chair welcoming the members of the Management Committee. A broad agenda had been sent in advance.
2. Apologies received from Jenny Givens (birthday celebrations).
3. AGM 2024

It was agreed that the club AGM would be held on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at Marine at 7:30pm. It was suggested this could also be the first general meeting of New Co.

4. Update on Resolution 3 of AGM 2023

GRT reported that after considerable delay New Co (Bath Street Marine TTC CIC) had now been formed with company number 15681121. The initial Directors are Bernard Cooney, Ian Brownrigg & Keith Hardman, with Graham Turner acting as the Company Secretary.

Work is now underway with a new firm of Solicitors to format Articles of Association for New Co, consistent with the Constitution of the Club. An inventory of property has also been taken to prepare for the formal transfer to New Co.

Unfortunately, Marine AFC has so far not been willing to agree an assignment of the lease of land, on which the club building sits, to New Co, without onerous additional conditions. These conditions had not been considered acceptable. As a result, it has not been possible to make a full termination of the Club as instructed by the AGM as the club still holds the lease, and cannot sublet to New Co. It was therefore agreed that for the time being the club would remain open holding just the property and the lease and going forward would conduct a new activity of providing table tennis facilities from its premises. This will need to be explained to the AGM. The club will continue with a skeleton membership only of the 3 Officers.

All other property and people of the club will transfer to New Co.

5. Finance update

IB reported that the current balances at bank are £49979 in savings account and £1854 in the operating account. The past year has seen the club in a broadly healthy financial position, and work is now underway on preparing the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024 which are expected to show overall a small profit. The health of the club reflects the overall continued growth in membership, but there has also been losses. There is a constant churn in membership making it difficult to keep track on who is a current member.

IB also reported on the difficulty of persuading members to update their standing orders to the new rate, and some have still not paid the additional fee needed to make up the difference between SO at £12.50 and SO at the new rate £15. This has given a considerable amount of extra work to IB & JG.

IB suggested that in order to give further time for the new SO rate to embed in the minds of members that there should be no change to fees for 2024/25. It was agreed that a Resolution to this effect would be put to the AGM and GRT will draft accordingly.

6. Review of Activities

- a. In general, the club has continued to progress with new enquiries and membership. It has been a busy year on every front.
- b. Daytime social table tennis now covers most weekday mornings, and there have also been several very successful social events.
- c. With 11 teams in the Liverpool league for the 2023/24 season it has been a tough year administratively, but captains have worked hard to manage the league programme.
- d. In addition to junior coaching, Dave Aimson has now taken on the role of providing adult coaching to those who are new to the game or seeking to improve after their first steps. A series of short courses have proved very popular. So much so, that Dave is now considering whether there should be a charge for a course. It was agreed that for a short course there was no reason why those attending should not be asked for a fee over and above membership. GRT to discuss with DA.

7. Club Tournament

It was suggested that holding the Club tournament at Anfield had not been popular with members, hence the low entry last year. This venue is also costly if only a small proportion of members takes part. It was therefore proposed that no tournament be held in 2024.

8. League AGM & Season 24/25

GRT reported that the League AGM is to be held on 30 May 2024. GRT will represent the Club. There are several Rule changes being proposed some of which, relating to cup competitions could affect the club. These will need to be considered carefully.

Last season, the club was able to play 2 junior teams at the Anfield centre. However it was unlikely that facility would be available for league play for 24/25. There is not enough capacity at Marine to play an additional 1 or 2 junior teams from the venue. Consideration needed to be given to an alternative venue. One local venue that had been used for league match play was St Nicholas's Church in Crosby. But any move to take junior teams there would come at a cost. There was little appetite for this and no other suggestions. GRT said it is an issue that will need to be addressed.

9. Any other business

- a. LB asked if the housekeeping team could have a new Hoover. This was agreed.

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:26pm.

Graham Turner,  
Secretary, 31 May 2023