

BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB
General Management Committee Meeting – 7 September 2021

Present: Bernard Cooney (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer),
Lesley Blanchard, Jenny Givens & Keith Hardman.

1. The meeting commenced at 6:30pm with the Chairman welcoming members present.
2. Apologies had been received from: Dave Noden. Chairman reported on an email from Dave suggesting he may have to resign from the group for personal reasons. Subsequently he had intimated a desire to remain part of the group but apologised for absence because of child minding responsibilities. It was agreed Dave should remain on the Man Com, and every effort would be made to try and fix meeting times that might help him be available. The needs of all however had to be considered. GRT was asked to confirm position to Dave.
3. Appointment of Auditor

Sue Young had offered her services. IB had spoken to Sue about the role, and it was agreed that Sue should be adopted as the Auditor for the current year.
4. Finance – handling refunds.

IB reported that most refunds had been distributed. 12 remained. IB & JG are trying to give out the refunds by hand to make sure they get to the right person. IB reported that a few members had chosen to return the refund to the club. It was agreed that any such instance should be recorded as if the refund had been paid and then a donation of the same amount received.
5. Finance – Sponsorship and Logo

BC reported that the Care Trust who now operate from Marine AFC had offered sponsorship of a possible £800. The idea being to provide a new batch of club shirts carrying the trust logo and club name. Discussions are continuing about the exact colours, most likely grey shirts, with white. GRT agreed to check any size requirements for sponsors logo, and it was suggested that the club's name might become a sleeve flash if a logo incorporating club name couldn't be easily resolved. BC is taking this forward.
6. Club Tournament

A very successful Finals Night was held on 18 August. With the trophy being won by the No.1 seed, Dermot Tierney. The very encouraging fact was that around 30 members attended finals night, giving a great atmosphere.
7. Building improvements & maintenance:
 - a. The trees around the building had been trimmed.
 - b. The club has secured some additional chairs, which are being stored under cover outdoors.
 - c. An outside key safety box had been installed to ensure that no member wishing to use the facilities would be left outside.
 - d. Discussions had been held for a broadband supply, but the provider will not make a supply in the name of a member's club. This will be picked up again once a new corporate structure is formed.
 - e. One or two issues with security were still being experienced. Such as windows not properly closed, lights left on and so on. The CCTV is being used to identify where problems arise, and members are being reminded to exercise care and ensure the building is totally secure when they leave, if they are last out.

- f. There have been one or two enquiries about use by other groups; for example, for a table tennis session for a disabled group. It was confirmed that the club is open to discuss any such possible use for table tennis sessions. So far, the groups that have asked have not followed up. It was agreed that it was up to those groups to pursue their enquiry. The club will willingly accommodate such groups if at all possible, and it will be left with the finance team to decide on the precise financial terms for any such use. It was reported that a league table tennis team from the Anfield Club (formerly Greenbank) have asked to use the club's facilities for the forthcoming season. They will be charged a rate of £20 for either a match night or a practice night. GRT will confirm the arrangements. They will play on a Monday night when no club team is playing

8. Liverpool League Update

GRT reported that the 2021/22 Liverpool League season will commence on Monday 27 September. The full fixture list is due to be released on 16 September. Sadly, the club has had to reduce its entry to just 6 teams, the lowest number for the club in 10 years. It is hoped that we will be able to build up again and increase in subsequent years.

9. Club Structure & Constitution

GRT/IB & JG had a meeting with Breens Solicitors on 27 August to discuss exactly what the club wanted to do and why as requested by the Marine AFC solicitors. We now await the response of Marine AFC as to whether they will accept the request for the lease to be changed into the name of a new corporate identity. This should be considered at the Marine AFC September management meeting.

10. Open Days

The first two open days had been held over the weekend 4/5 September. All agreed this had been a very worthwhile and successful venture. And had attracted a good deal of interest. A further two open days are scheduled for the weekend 11/12 September.

11. Club Offering

It was reported that the daytime open sessions on Tuesday & Wednesday are going well. The junior coaching is just about up to full capacity with the resources, tables and personnel available. Adult coaching has been a little intermittent, but there is definitely a desire for this. The club has the problem of limited qualified coaching personnel. It was agreed that we all need to look out for perhaps 1 or 2 more individuals to volunteer to be trained up to at least L1 coach, to assist and develop the club offering. Possible recruits will be approached.

There was also discussion of extending the club offering to include an open session to which non-members will be welcome. In effect a 'pay & play' session. This would need to be managed. It was agreed that as an initial experiment the 'spare' Tuesday's will be used when there is no league match. This will give a session approximately once a fortnight. The price will be £5 for a 2-hour session. GRT to advertise.

12. TT Kidz

The club will be hosting a TTKidz programme starting on 7 October. IB & JG are leading this. They are completing TTE training as TTKidz activators. So far, no L1 coach has been identified to be the qualified coach present. It was understood that Colin Mitchell had agreed to undertake training to become a L1 coach. If so, then he should get onto a course as quickly as possible. There is a course being run from Preston in October that might be suitable? Robert Wolstenholme

has agreed to undertake training to be the first aider for the course. IB, JG and CM are planning to go through the programme over the coming days. IB & JG were asked about the succession plan for those attending the course, in other words what would they be pointing the children towards following the course? This has so far not been considered. It may be necessary to add a new junior coaching session for follow up as the existing Monday afternoon session is just about full. But this would require a qualified coach, perhaps one of the new L1 coaches? IB & JG will review further their plans for this fast-approaching course.

13. Any Other Business:

- a. BC raised one additional matter, recommending that once we have broadband the club should seek to have its own desktop computer that can be used for bookings, management, printing, and other purposes. This was agreed.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Graham Turner,
Secretary, 7 September 2021