

Blackmore Vale Table Tennis League

2024 Annual General Meeting / Presentation

Venue : Child Okeford Village Hall
Date : Monday 20th May 2024
Attendees : Keith Anthony (KA), Tony Hibben (TH), Barrie Waterman (BM),
Simon Crichton (SC), Chris Watkins (CW), Bridget Vallance (BV),
Stuart Angell (SA), Eric Williams (EW), Sue Boddington (SB),
Peter Jones (PJ), Warren Chalk (WC), Nigel Bastable (NB),
Bob Gambell (BG), John Reynolds (JR), Matt Pickford (MP).

KA welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending, the meeting commenced with the presentation of awards for last season.

Division 1	Champions – Stalbridge A	Runner Up – Stalbridge B
Division 2	Champions – Compton C	Runner Up – Stalbridge C Juniors
Divisional Cup		
Division 1	Winner – Stalbridge B	Runner Up – Child Okeford A
Division 2	Winner – Child Okeford B	Runner Up – Compton C
Team Handicap	Winner – East Stour A	Runner Up – Child Okeford A
Handicap Singles	Winner – Fraser Angell	Runner Up – Oscar Moore
Masters Over 60	Winner – Bridget Vallance	Runner Up – Bob Gambell
Veteran Singles	Winner – Chris Watkins	Runner Up – Andy Crouch
Division 2 Singles	Winner – Peter Jones	Runner Up – Ron Crosby
Junior Singles	Winner – Warren Chalke	Runner Up – Fraser Angell
Open Singles	Winner – Chris Watkins	Runner Up – Stuart Angell
Open Doubles	Winner – Chris Watkins & Eli Gittens	Runner Up – Stuart Angell & Barrie Waterman
Young Personality	Winner – Louis Pepper	
Chairmans Cup	Winner – Simon Crichton	

1. Apologies

Received from Andy Crouch, Nick Smith, Alan Shepherd, Kerry Palethorpe, Mike Williams.

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

Circulated to attendees x17 on 16th May 2023, and copy added to league website. No further feedback, reviewed prior to meeting by the committee so agreed/accepted as produced.

3. Matters Arising

TH referred to rule changes to confirm outcome. Stalbridge start time for junior matches of 7pm had worked successfully. Allowing substitute players to participate in the doubles had also worked well. The change to TTE membership had resulted in 31 players (53%) renewing and 28 players (47%) including juniors not retaining membership. TH felt the league could be in breach of TTE regulation Part J. This states that all members and officials shall be affiliated members (by paying annual fee). Consequently, should a TTE member wish to claim under personal accident or public liability insurance, this may be an issue if the league has not complied correctly with the regulation. CW did not agree with the concern, and queried why this needed to be raised again. There is also the issue that over 80's are excluded from personal accident cover. SB said she had not joined as there was no perceived benefit. It was agreed clarification was needed from TTE.

→TH to progress.

4. Chairman's Report

KA felt it had been another successful year. Wimborne had easily won the end of season friendly by score of 72-40. The Inter League cup match also went well. Work is in hand to recruit more players, Child Okeford will have 2 more teams next season, one in each division. Sunday morning practice at Child Okeford has continued to be well attended.

5. Secretary Report

The handbook was available on the website, no issues reported. Once again we have received income from 3 sponsors – Custom TT, Bribar TT and Thornton TT. Please use and purchase from websites as this should help retain this valuable income. Concerns about Division 1 to be discussed, play up/down in Division 2 worked well and saved postponements.

Pot Luck Doubles resurrected and played on 18th December. 20 players entered, small entry covered cost of sweet tubs awarded to winners and raffle prizes. Report available on the league website.

2nd Inter League Cup match held on 21st April at Stalbridge. 28 players attended, to form A & B teams for each league x4. Weymouth A and Bournemouth B won their groups by Wimborne were the overall winners only 4 points. Report available on website.

League has option for 2 reps on Dorset TTA, no travel, all on zoom. Well done BV as volunteering to run Vets team in county championships next season. County Senior team won Division 2c so will be promoted.

New South West Regional Manager appointed early 2024, Amanda Leonard will oversee 7 counties so our league will be nowhere on her list.

6. Treasurer Report

SC distributed copies of the financial statement prior to meeting and ran through the key points. Better news, after 2 years of making a loss, the league is due to make a profit of £36. Savings identified last season have helped, and this includes club payments for winners and runners up. Bank balance stands at £2,591, subject to hall fees tbc.

7. Match & Press (& Registration) Secretary Report

a) Match Sec

Division 1 had two conceded matches at the end of the seconds half. Champions were Stalbridge A with Stalbridge B runner up. Division 2 champions Compton C with Stalbridge C Juniors runner up. An excellent achievement by the junior team, and a great improvement seen by all the junior players.

Player Averages

- Division 1 – Chris Watkins played 45-100%, Tim O'Mahoney played 24-100%.
- Division 2 – Martin Andrews played 30-93.33%, Anthony Hibben played 39-93.31%
- Divisional Cup Winners – Division 1 – Stalbridge B, Division 2 – Child Okeford B
- Team Handicap Winners – East Stour A.

b) Press

Blackmore Vale magazine, I am able to get league tables published, but extra articles I have submitted have not been used. They are OK with the sports editor, but the main editor is in favour of other sports.

A yearly article prior to the start of the season will be sent promoting Blackmore Vale TT hoping to get more players interested in playing.

8. Tournament Secretary Report

CW happy holding the tournaments during the week, pleased to see better turnout numbers and events have gone well. Unable to play some events due to numbers/time.

9. Election of Officers

The following were duly proposed/confirmed by attendees.

Chairman	Keith Anthony
Vice Chairman	Peter Jones
Secretary	Tony Hibben
Treasurer	Simon Crichton
M&P Secretary	Barrie Waterman
Tournament Sec.	Chris Watkins
Registration Sec.	Barrie Waterman
Welfare Officer	Chris Watkins
TTE Representative	vacancy
DTTA Representative	Tony Hibben
Website Administrator	Chris Watkins
Coaching Officer	Chris Watkins
Executive Members	Stuart Angell Nigel Bastable John Reynolds

BG proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Cutler who after many years of service to the league is standing down from the committee. Endorsed by all.

10. League Fees

KA asked SC for view on fees for next season. View was taken that as balance has stabilised at circa £2k, and more teams expected next season, there is no justification to change current player or team fees.

11. Club Payments

BW advised that club payments (Winners and Runners Up) were due to be ;

Stalbridge	£135
East Stour	£ 15
Child Okeford	£ 55
Compton	£ 55

This was subject to current finances allowing, which SC confirmed OK.

12. Proposed Constitution Change

TH proposed to update item 5.2 which related to league finances, and referred to cheques being authorised by two signatories. Cheques rarely used with bank transfer now reliable and secure, so wording proposed ;

The Treasurer will process outgoing payments raised against the Bank Account. These will be agreed with either the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary and authorisation will be noted on the statement of accounts.

13. Strengthen Division 1.

KA/TH had raised concern during the season about the lack of players/teams in the first division. Need to make division more competitive. Past players had been contacted by email, and everyone should encourage these and any other players to join the league.

➔ KA/TH will continue to approach players.

14. Next Season Prep

Preparations for next season discussed, a start date of w/c 9th September was set, so the following actions need to take place :

1. **Registration Forms.** to be issued early July and returned before 31st July. (BW)
2. **Setup meeting.** to be held in early August to decide structure etc. (TH)
3. **Fixtures** need to be confirmed by mid August. (CW)
4. **Handbook.** ecopy to be posted on website by end August. (TH)
5. **Newsletter.** to be issued to update all players by end August. (TH)
6. **Week 1 w/c 9th September.**

➔ CW aware that season finished very early for some, so suggested an initial group format for Team Handicap. This would provide more matches prior to the knockout phase.

15. AOB

a) Pot Luck Doubles

BW suggested holding on Monday 16th December, open to league and non league players. Proposal to use Hard Bats also agreed.

b) Chairman Cup

BW queried whether this needs to be annual award as most of committee have received, so is there merit going forward.

➔ KA would decide each year and hold if not felt appropriate.

c) Stalbridge Junior Home Only

TH raised on behalf of John Hutton submission via email. While everyone agrees the merits of juniors only playing at Home, its has put a burden on other teams. This was a primary reason for Broad Chalke leaving the league. Is there an alternative ? Either restructure teams or play once for double points.

➔ Juniors will be playing with seniors in Division 1, leaving 1 junior team in Division 2.