

# STOWMARKET TABLE TENNIS CLUB

*Annual General Meeting,  
Held at Pickwicks, The Old Fox Yard, Stowmarket  
on Tuesday 2nd May 2017*

Meeting began at 19.50hrs

No	Agenda Item	Outcome / Decision / Action Point
1.	Members Present	Tony Mooney , Lee Balaam, Mark Beaumont, Ian Bridgeman, Ray Perry, Nora Martin, Richard Stokes, Chris Smith, David Gough, Lynn Allen & Nigel Howe
2.	Apologies for Absence	Nick Samson, John Clarke, Keith George, Terry Betts. Gordon Slack, & Carol Clarke
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting (3/5/2016)	Amended by hand to correct spelling. All then agreed.
4.	Chairman's Report (Lee Balaam)	<p>The 2016/17 season has been another busy time for players and committee members alike. Thank you to all the players, committee members, parents and volunteers for your involvement, however large or small - your combined efforts over the years have helped shape our club into one of the largest and most successful table tennis clubs in the county.</p> <p>Following the success (particularly on the competitive side) of the previous 2 seasons, it was always going to be difficult to maintain. With the decision of some of our stronger players to move on, we as a club, have had a less successful season both in the Bury St Edmunds tournament and league. However, we have restructured and increased our coaching which will hopefully lead to an increase in our own players coming through. We have started to employ Aad Kwakkelstein for the more advanced juniors, restarted the beginners' session led by Jack and Nick Samson and started a monthly adult coaching session, led by Nick Samson. It is particularly pleasing to see Jack, who has been one of our leading juniors for a number of years, starting on the coaching route. We wish him well whilst he works through his Level 1 qualification and thank him for taking this very positive step.</p> <p>We have again run the club championships this year. The format of the competition is similar to last year; the opening rounds of most events took place over one evening at Stowupland (rather than split across several sessions) and the pot luck doubles opening rounds were played in the Thursday session at St Peter's. We again had over 20 entrants and the finals are due to be played on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at St Peter's. Good luck to everyone playing in the finals - it would be good to see as many members as possible there to watch and support. It won't be long before the committee will consider whether we run a tournament next year and in what format, so any feedback on this year's tournament would be appreciated. Thanks again to all those, particularly Ian, who have worked to organise the championships.</p> <p>On the social side, we again ran a very successful summer barbecue at our St Peter's venue. We had over 30 people there and this year it was linked to the club's 30<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. Many previous members were invited along and it was good to see a few familiar faces. Thanks also to Tony for organising an interesting and informative display covering the history of the club and league. The next barbecue is booked for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Any suggestions for different future events, I am sure, would be well received.</p> <p>In general, sessions have been well attended, particularly those at St Peter's. The biggest drop off in numbers has been in the adult session on a Friday night, but hopefully this will have been</p>

		<p>addressed, to some extent, by the addition of the monthly adult coaching sessions.</p> <p>For the previous two seasons, we have presented the ‘Bert Robinson Award’ for services to the club. This year, the committee were unanimous that the award should go to Nick Samson in recognition of his contribution to the coaching and development of our players: particularly the juniors. We normally make the award at the AGM, but as Nick is not able to make it this year, we intend to make the award at one of our coaching sessions.</p> <p>I again wanted to note the work of the club’s volunteers. The club has continued to benefit from a strong team of volunteers, both on the committee, and in the wider club, particularly helping with Friday nights. Our club committee has been one of the key strengths of the club: many members invest a considerable amount of their time to help the club develop and grow - a big thank you to those on the committee and indeed the wider volunteers. Some of the existing committee have decided this year to step down and I would like to thank them for the valuable contribution they have made in their past and present roles. The club is always looking for new volunteers and there will now be vacancies on the committee if anyone is interested.</p> <p>After 5 years, some of which also as Club Captain, I have taken the decision to step down from the role of Chairman. I am intending to continue my involvement with the club and remain on the committee, but feel it is a good time to hand over to someone new with the club in a strong position.</p> <p>Here’s to a successful 2017-18 season.</p>
5.	Treasurer’s Report (Tony Mooney)	<p>A profit of £782.17 was made in the year to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 compared with a loss of £66.25 the previous year. The closing balance was £5,701.79 which is much higher than can be justified as an ongoing position and decisions have already been taken by the committee to spend some of this by buying new equipment with a table and 8 nets on order amounting to almost a £1,000 being laid out. A copy of the trading account was supplied to all those present.</p> <p>All practice sessions have been well supported, apart from the adult Friday session at times but even this finished in an overall profit. The Thursday over 50 group produces the highest amount by far. A loss was made once again on league matches which can be attributed to the number of match nights where there was only one or two matches taking place which at £45 per night is expensive. In addition one team pulled out after only one match with a team fee loss of £40.</p> <p>Given the strength of the finances it is proposed that membership subscriptions and playing fees remain the same. The proposal to the meeting, therefore, is that the following subscriptions should apply for the year 2016/7:</p>

**Subscriptions and fees**

	Practice Fees £	Subscriptions £
JUNIOR – Members Non-members	4.00 5.00	11.00
ADULT – Members Non-members	3.00 4.00	14.00
SENIOR CITIZENS & DISABLED- Members Non-members	3.00 4.00	11.00
FAMILY	£7.00 for 3 £8.00 for 4 £10.00 for 5 or more	£30.00 (£23.00 if all players are juniors) + the ETTA individual charge for each member.
DAYTIME CLUB	£2.00	As above.

*Notes*

❖ Family means close family members living together.

**The proposed Fee structure was unanimously agreed.**

6. Club Captain's  
report (David  
Gough)

The Final League placings were as follows:

Tables > 3 Player 2016-17 > Division 1									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	British Sugar	18	17	1	0	158	22	0	158
2	Thurston Spitfires	18	13	0	5	108	72	0	108
3	Thurston Vulcans	18	9	3	6	97	83	0	97
4	Rougham Lions	18	6	1	11	72	108	0	72
5	Stowmarket Pumas	18	5	2	11	67	113	0	67
6	Stowmarket Jaguars	18	3	3	12	67	113	0	67
7	Bury Vikings	18	4	2	12	61	119	0	61

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Tables > 3 Player 2016-17 > Division 2									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	PA	Points
1	Bury Crusaders	21	18	2	1	151	59	0	151
2	Rougham Rangers	21	14	1	6	124	86	0	124
3	Thurston Victors	21	11	5	5	123	87	0	123
4	Stowmarket Tigers	21	10	3	8	113	97	0	113
5	British Sugar Blades	21	6	9	6	112	98	0	112
6	Stowmarket Leopards	21	6	4	11	103	107	0	103
7	Bury Normans	21	3	4	14	62	148	0	62
8	Bury Romans	21	1	2	18	52	158	0	52

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Tables > 2 Player 2016-17 > 2 Player 2016-17									
#	Team	P	W	D	Matches Lost	SA	PA	Points	
1	Rougham Panthers	18	16	0	2	72	18	0	72
2	Rougham Rockets	18	13	0	5	59	31	0	59
3	Ratts	18	10	0	8	51	39	0	51
4	Stowmarket Bobcats	18	9	0	9	45	45	0	45
5	Bury Commandoes	18	8	0	10	42	48	0	42
6	Thurston Arrows	18	7	0	11	40	50	0	40
7	Bury Conquerors	18	0	0	18	6	84	0	6

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### Div 1.

Neither of our teams finished bottom, with Pumas unexpectedly just pipping Jaguars on matches won, having finished on equal points and sets for and against. We have to admit that, had Dave Unwin played a few more matches, Bury Vikings would have leapfrogged us, but I think it's unlikely we'd have been relegated anyway.

It was definitely a transitional year from the point of view of the first 'real' year in Div. 1 for most Pumas and one Jaguars player, and also one with a less-than-ideal team personnel situation. Hopefully, we can build on our experience next season.

There are decisions to be made about how we go forward in Division One next season.

### Div. 2

		<p><b>Tigers</b> finished 4th, 1 point ahead of British Sugar Blades, with Leopards a further 9 behind in 6th. Several players improved on previous seasons and will also look to push on a bit more next season.</p> <p>Let's hope both Carol and Terry Betts can continue to improve health-wise and put in a regular showing next season too.</p> <p><b>2 Player</b></p> <p>As per previous reports, the main thing to note is the improvement from last year with each player's statistics showing good progression.</p>
7	Coaching Secretary's Report (Nick Samson)	No report submitted
8	Election of Club Officials	<p>As has previously been noted with Lee resigning from the position of Chairman there were some changes in the committee; also stepping down were Ray Perry, Sandra Balaam and Nora Martin. The committee expressed the Clubs thanks for all the work and efforts of these officials over the years.</p> <p>Richard Stokes was proposed as the new Chairman by Tony, seconded by Mark and duly appointed to the role, he took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.</p> <p>Lee proposed that the committee members remaining in position were elected 'en bloc' this was seconded by Nigel Howe and agreed by the other members.</p> <p>Tony was proposed by Ian as vice-chairman seconded by Richard and elected.</p> <p>It was agreed the role of Disability Officer could also be covered by the Welfare Officer but to help with this the Deputy Welfare Officer's role would remain, although with Chris stepping down from this and there being no other volunteers the role would remain vacant at present.</p> <p>Again there were no volunteers for the position of publicity officer , so this role will also remain vacant.</p> <p>It was agreed the roles of Volunteer co-ordinator and Deputy Volunteer co-ordinator were no longer required.</p> <p>Nigel Howe was proposed as a new committee member by Ian, seconded by Ray and elected. So the committee for 2017-18 is as follows:-</p> <p>Chairman &amp; Junior Rep – Richard Stokes  Treasurer &amp; Vice-Chairman– Tony Mooney  Secretary &amp; Webmaster- Ian Bridgeman  Club Captain – David Gough  Development &amp; Welfare Officer - Carol Clarke  Deputy Welfare Officer - Vacant  Coaching Secretary - Nick Samson  Social secretary – Lynn Allen  Publicity Officer - Vacant  Committee member – Chris Smith  Committee member – Nigel Howe  Committee member – Lee Balaam.</p>
9	A.O.B.	Ray noted that as discussed at the last committee meeting a lot of the equipment in the First Aid Kits was out of date and asked permission to purchase 2 new kits at an approximate cost of £ 31 per kit. <b>This was agreed</b>

Meeting closed at 20.50 hrs  
Ian Bridgeman

Chairman: Richard Stokes