

Steve Sutton AGM 17 July 25

Meeting opened 7.45

There was representation from Ballards, Carshalton, Crusaders, Eldon, Rosehill, Woodmansterne and St Pauls, but no representative from Graham Spicer.

Apologies - Jane Barella - GSTTC, Henry Thornton - Ballards, Mike Loveder- Crusaders, Joe Rich- GSTTC

In attendance - Tony Stephens, Jaydan Griffiths, Callum Heffernan, Chris Posford, Gary Bage, Lewis Vidler, Joe Leone, Peter Klocek, Tom Coady, Mateusz Niedzielak, Pierre Pavez, Krishnamohan Nagarajan, Alex Macdonell, Angus Norman, Steve Sharp, Steve Parris, Michelle McGovern, Ashley Hird, Steve Carpenter

Award of Cadet and Junior Singles trophies:

Cadet singles

WR- Mateusz Niedzielak

RU – Advait Devdutt

Junior singles

WR – Jaydan Griffiths

RU – Pierre Pavez-Maigne

Minutes of AGM – 18 July 24 – no points for discussion other than “Sutton” to be changed to “Surrey”. Minutes approved subject to this change.

Matters arising - none

Chairman’s report – Lewis Vidler

Less people at the AGM this year- which is disappointing.

Second season with current committee, generally has worked well.

Thanks to committee – Steve Sharp, Steve Parris, Tom Coady, Tony Stephens and Michelle McGovern

Des Coke has stood down as secretary and there is no report.

Discussed how comfortable we are with TT leagues website and should we keep old website going. Steve carpenter said addresses on old website were very useful and he is always pointing parents in that direction - so it was agreed we will carry on with keeping the old website.

Went from 2 leagues to 3 leagues which worked well.

More postponements last season than before, and there were 2 no shows. Not considering rule changes for this issue this year, but if it continues next season the league may consider bringing in rules to combat this.

Fees will remain same for this season, but as there has not been an increase in years and we made a small loss this season, there will probably be a fee increase next season.

Sutton entered other competitions last season - the Surrey inter league, Wilmott and Carter cups (ELCC). 2 teams in Surrey inter league Krishna Nagarajan and Daniel Heo, and Dean Rose and Eunho Oh. Guildford won with Krishna and Daniel finishing second. Wilmot and Carter cup - 3 junior, 2 senior teams. It was very competitive. Angus & Krishna played in Oxford, and Chris Lewis & Thomas Watral played at the Ballards venue – who lost to the eventual winner: Central A.

Surrey inter-league – only £17.50 per team.

National competitions – we underestimated the shared venue/ travel costs – it cost more than we expected so we might scale down the number of teams in the Wilmott and Carter Cup. Steve Carpenter (Steve C) said the juniors really benefited and enjoyed the competition and he was sure they would be willing to make a contribution if necessary to continue playing. Steve C said their juniors all play in leagues all the time but in some other clubs they only have juniors play a few matches to make them eligible for the Cup competitions. It is good experience for their juniors to play older people in local leagues. Thanks also to Roy Easto at Sir Philip Game Centre, who helped in the organisation of competition and helped umpiring.

We will probably carry on with 3 divisions next year as it worked well. 2 divisions have a wider variety of abilities. There are 2 additional teams next season. York gardens are moving to St Paul's. Steve C said league matches going into April caused problems with getting teams together because of exams, and can we schedule it earlier. It was stated that it was supposed to end by the end of March. There should only have been re-arrangements and final cup matches in April. Ideally still keep at the end of March, but the league will look at the scheduling once they know exactly how many teams they have in each division.

Other GSTTC trophies given out so that the GSTTC junior could go home.

Handicap Singles Winner: Davoud Afzal

Vets Winner: Davoud Afzal

Junior Under 15 Winner: Mateusz Niedzielak

GSTTC - KO cup RU.

Treasurer's report – Steve Sharp.

Extra income due to extra teams.

Expenses increased due to Surrey affiliation fees going up every year, had to have a new cup to replace an old one, the new tournaments cost more than anticipated. Hopefully not a deficit next year. Fees not going up this season Thanks to Michelle for helping and auditing.

Divisional Secretary's report- Steve Parris.

As already mentioned, there were more postponements this season, which is disappointing. Steve P asked to be kept informed of any cancellations and re-arrangements so that he can update website. There were 15 or 16 left outstanding at the end of the season, but they did get played. There should only be one postponement in each half of the season. Teams should play with 2 players rather than postpone. If there are more postponements in the coming season we will propose a rule for the next year, but the preference would be not to have to introduce a rule for this. Steve P will try to accommodate teams with their preferences. It is very hard for Steve to get it set up to try to accommodate everyone. Haven't got Spicers teams yet.

Chris Posford mentioned that it does cause problems if there are clashes between the Sutton & Croydon league and it might be helpful for Steve P to know about these clashes as soon as possible and could then potentially change the date.

Renew TTE membership from 21 July before the league starts.

Tournament - Steve Sharp

25 entries. Hope there will be more next year, some no shows on the day. Steve C said there was a national/ junior cadets competition clashed on the same day last year so the juniors couldn't enter the open tournament. Steve S said he did check as much as he could but the date has to be fixed very early for the handbook so sometimes clashes happen. Steve said the tournament went really well but would like more entries please.

24 entries for juniors. We open it up to other juniors who don't play in leagues but just play at the clubs which makes the tournament better.

Cups:

Knockout Cup

York Gardens beat Spicers

Handicap Cup

Ballards A beat Crusaders C. All very close matches.

It was difficult to get teams out for the finals so they were not scheduled until Mid-May for final which is too late. We hope to plan semi-finals earlier if possible so more time to plan for finals.

Maybe the season to start 2nd week of September, so can still finish by end of March. Likely to be an 8 team division season. If we are given the paperwork earlier, then we can plan and get the season started earlier.

Handicapping was better this year. There was a big spread of ability.

TTE update

Lewis attended the online TTE AGM - no major news at the AGM. An award was given to Jane Barella for her services to Surrey table tennis. Jane Barella said that Crusaders and Rosehill were very good at training juniors

Tickets will be available for the ITTF World Team Championship Finals to be held in London next year.

Open consultation on update to trans gender policy which Lewis has responded to. It will affect TTE regulated competitions but he said everything will stay the same in our league because all are welcome to play.

Mike Loveder is now filming officially for TTE, and so may not be at our competitions. Lewis asked if anyone else could do photos and maybe set up photo's on Instagram. Steve C said he has couple of juniors interested in photography.

Election of officers

Any one interested in secretary role? No-one.

Kalin Dimitrov offered to be secretary – passed by everyone.

All committee members offered to stand again – passed by everyone.

Rule changes

The requirement for players in the semi/ final cups to have played in 30% of league and cup matches to be reduced to 20% - the rule was passed unanimously.

Additional rule regarding conceding or consolations to avoid distorting league positions.

Changes shouldn't unfairly affect promotion/relegation positions.

New rule - Cancelling will get 0 points. Other team will get points awarded based on other previous encounters. This is if the game is not re-arranged.

Steve C asked if this decision would be made at the end of the season. Lewis said may be at the time - may be when we have more info.

Chris P asked if there would be an appeals process. Lewis replied that the suggestion of points awarded would be made by the committee after careful consideration and teams could reply to the committee, but the ultimate committee decision would be final.

The rule passed unanimously.

Trophy presentations

Knock out Cup – the Willgress Cup

RU – Spicers

WR – York Gardens

Handicap Cup – Barry King Memorial Cup

RU – Crusaders C

WR - Ballards A

Division 3

WR – Crusaders D

Division 2 shield presented by Frank Priest

WR – Eldon B

Division 1

WR – York Gardens

Highest average Div 1 – The Dave Adams Salver

Peter Stahlman

Sutton & D TTL Closed Championship 2024/2025 Results

<u>Open Singles</u> Winner: Perry Fung (3) RU: Peter Scatchard (1)	<u>Handicap</u> Winner: Davoud Afzal (33 points) RU: Solomon Moodie (16) points)
<u>Consolation Singles</u> Winner: Lewis Vidler (3) RU: Vitaly Savenkov (0)	<u>Division 2</u> Winner: Ashley Hird (3) RU: Antioco Collu (1)
<u>Doubles</u> Winner: Perry Fung / Quan Zhou (3) RU: Angus Norman / Peter Scatchard (2)	<u>Division 3</u> Winner: Tony Stephens (3) RU: Karl Charles (2)
<u>Vets</u> Winner: Davoud Afzal (3) RU: Perry Fung (1)	<u>Junior Under 15</u> Winner: Mateusz Niedzielak (3) RU: Advait Devdutt (1)
<u>Super Vets</u> Winner: Quan Zhou (3) RU: Ajay Shah (0)	<u>Junior Under 19</u> Winner: Jaydan Griffiths (3) RU: Pierre Pavez-Maigne (1)
<u>Women's</u> Not enough entries.	

Trevor Channing Cup
Steve Sharp

Ken Mantell Memorial Cup
Michelle McGovern

Steve C said thank you to committee for all their hard work and it was much appreciated by all.

The meeting then ended,