



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th September 2025**  
**at Colebridge Table Tennis Club (Room 1)**

**1: Welcome**

John Swinburne welcomed everyone to the AGM. Reminded those present of the safety procedures and those entitled to vote (fully paid members 18 years or older). JAS explained that, unfortunately, our President Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst is not available this evening. However, we are delighted to welcome Kimberley Dodd, Senior Caseworker for Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, who agreed to attend in his stead.

**2: Notice of AGM.**

SD read the Notice convening the meeting, confirmed that the Notice for the AGM was sent out via email by BW on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025, giving the required notice. SD also confirmed there were 15% (approximately 14) of all members entitled to vote present, therefore the meeting was "quorum" and able to proceed.

**Those Present: (25)**

John Swinburne (JAS), Kimberley Dodd (KD), Michael Rinnhofer (MR), Ian Scott (IS), Ben Willson (BW), Stephen Davies (SD), Craig Allen (CA), Nicola Rinnhofer (NR), John Overton (JO), Frank Cotter (FC), Robert Chapman (RC), Michael Browne (MB), Said El-Belbol (SE), Andrew Rowland (AR), Mahroof Hussain (MH), Riz Akbar (RA), Fatema Damji (FD), Jack Ganderton (JG), Leigh Ganderon (LG), Victoria Ganderton (VG), Haymas NG (HN), Jaymas NG (JN), Ida NG (IN), Margaret Allen (MA), Sakinah Damji (SDa).

**Apologies: (4)**

Received from: Roy Prosser, Kate Hughes, Steve Ratheram, Alex Sosnovenko.

**3: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024).**

No minutes to approve. JAS explained we don't have any minutes from the previous AGM due to an unfortunate experiment with technology.

**4: Annual Report**

The annual report was circulated electronically prior to the meeting. No questions were asked.

Acceptance proposed by JAS, seconded by FC.

All those in favour: all.

All those against: 0.

Abstained: 0.

The Chairperson signed the Annual report as a true record.



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### 5: Financial Report.

MR presented the financial report to the members.

Key points:

- Shortfall by around £13k.
  - Main reason is the two projects of the drive and the floor - would've been in surplus without those projects.
- Membership up slightly.
- League fees are now separate from membership fees.
- Coaching income: only slightly less than last year.
- Donations and grants down by approx. £6000.
  - Some donated by the neighbours to contribute to the drive.
- MR raised Easyfundraising. *(More on that in the AOB)*
- Anomaly on youth leader fee since paid outside period.
- Coaching fees basically same as before.
- Utilities up because of new contract. Reminder to be careful about overuse of heaters.
- Cleaning fees basically the same.
- Property and insurance very similar.
- Two new match tables and two new tables from Fortis Academy at good rates.
- League fees slightly down; fewer teams.

Acceptance proposed by MR, seconded by RC.

All those in favour: all.

All those against: 0.

Abstained: 0.

The Chairperson and Treasurer signed the financial report as a true record.

Separately, JAS explained about the three redundant tables that we had donated to The Edge Academy.

### 6: Election of Officers and Committee.

JAS explained that in line with our constitution, two committee members retire by rotation each year but may offer themselves for re-election. JAS proceeded to explain that this year IS & JAS were retiring by rotation and, as no other nominations had been received, both would stand for re-election.

Re-election proposed by NR, seconded by JO.

All those in favour: all.

All those against: 0.

Abstained: 0.

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JAS explained about that during the year that Kate Hughes had resigned from her position as General Secretary. The committee had co-opted Stephen Davies (SD) to act as General Secretary and therefore SD now stood for election. No other nominations had been received and therefore called for a vote.

RC proposed that SD be elected. MR seconded.

All those in favour: all.

All those against: 0.

Abstained: 0.

JAS continued to advise that the committee for the following year are:

**President:** Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst

**Chair:** John Swinburne

**General Secretary:** Stephen Davies

**Treasurer:** Michael Rinnhofer

**League & Membership Secretary:** Ben Willson

**Youth Leader & Coaching Officer:** Ian Scott

**Site & Maintenance Officer:** Roy Prosser

**Disability Officer:** Craig Allen

JAS thanked the committee members for their work carried out throughout the past year.

### 7: Presentation of Awards:

The presentation of awards was conducted by IS, and the trophies presented by Kimberley Dodd on behalf of Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP.

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### **Young Member of the Year: Jaymas NG**

*He regularly volunteers and helps out at sessions e.g. with beginners. He trains well with everyone. It just so happens he's a very good player too!*



### **Young Player of the Year: Jack Ganderton**

*There was a lot of competition here. Jack got the award because he came through the local league route and he was the Junior Singles champion and Senior Mixed Doubles winner (with Margaret Dignum) at the Bromsgrove Closed Championships. He's good at taking coaching and tactical advice; well supported by Craig Allen.*



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### **Senior Member of the Year: Nicola Rinnhofer**

*A lot of behind the scenes voluntary work. Many little things, e.g. she restocks all the cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies etc.*

*Defibrillator batteries and the money cupboard too!*



### **Veteran Member of the Year: Mike Bowen**

*Mike (right) was the leader for the room 1 floor project, obtaining all materials and laying the floor on his own in a very short time period. The trophy was presented by MR (left) at a later date.*



No further awards this year.



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**8: AOB.**

## **Fan**

RA raised the issue with the new fan. JAS confirmed it has now been fixed.

## **Membership visibility at open sessions**

SD raised a matter on behalf of Steve Ratheram, seeking better visibility on who is a member at open sessions since it could be costing us money.

NR suggested something like a plastic bit on people's shoelaces. RC suggested an up-to-date members list in the room. IS said a way to check members online would be good. JAS said we shouldn't make things harder for everyone for a small number of potential non-paying guests, and it's okay to challenge people if unsure if they're a member. The conclusion was reached that it is a tricky topic which is better to be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.

## **Adult coaching**

SD raised a matter on behalf of Alex Sosnovenko, asking about whether there will be any adult group training sessions in a bootcamp format.

IS said that while no bootcamp-style sessions are planned, weekly sessions are planned – most likely in a single room on Thursday evenings.

## **Charity legislation**

JAS explained that there is a change in Charity Governance. As a registered charity, we cannot own the building or the land and therefore the title deeds etc are held by a Custodian Trustee. This function has been carried out by Ambition, a company linked to UK Youth and they delegate the responsibility to run the club through the committee. However, due the above mentioned change, Ambition will cease to exist. We must therefore make alternative arrangements. There are 3 options to replace the function carried out by Ambition.

We will be discussing our options with our legal representatives within next few weeks to determine the best long-term course of action.

The result will be communicated.

## **Easyfundraising**

MR encouraged members to use the Easyfundraising option found on the Colebridge website. He stressed it's no cost, very little effort, and helps Colebridge a lot.

## **Sakinah Damji**

IS introduced the room to Sakinah Damji, who was present at the meeting, and we all wished Sakinah good luck in an upcoming tournament.

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**9: Meeting closed at 8.26pm.**

Agreed as a true record by: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....