

Present:

Richard Menzies
Alisa Khalid
Yaser Razouk
Raza Haghighat
Fraser Dempster
Jay Chithresh

Apologies:

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Agenda:

- President Report
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Equipment Report
- Proposal to add Publicity Officer role
- Proposal to add Recreational Convenor role
- Election of roles
- Ratify constitution
- 5 Year Development Plan review
- Domain name for website
- Table Tennis events for the year
- Social events for the year
- Team Training & BUCS Table Tennis Competition in October
- Any other business

President Report

Hello Everyone!

Thank you very much for joining the AGM. I am very sorry I cannot be here to share this message with you personally. We started this club with Richard just two years ago, surprised there was none at the time. Since we did not have a lot of coverage by GUSA, it was not easy to make students aware this club existed in the first year especially. Over time, we have managed to get a great community of people together and training sessions became a great place to meet friends, have fun and forget about the stress of university life for a moment.

I am very happy we have managed to create such an environment and it has been a great experience to help to make it happen. We are onto next chapters and as the club needs to grow, we will need to start thinking of joining competitions as well. I am optimistic, there will be many people passionate about helping the club achieve it, while still maintaining the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere we have fostered the last two years.

I am sure the next president will have tough but exciting challenges ahead of them, bringing the club into BUCS and competing with other universities. I am excited to see a match between the University of Glasgow and University of Edinburgh - soon to add table tennis to a list of many sports these two universities compete against each other.

Secretary Report

Nothing to add.

Treasurer Report (distributed post-meeting)

Currently we have £354 in the club bank account.

This is comprised of £180 from members who have signed up to the club this academic year and £174 carried over from the previous academic year.

Equipment Report

We currently do not have any club equipment.

Motion: Add Publicity Officer role and Add Recreational Convenor role

Richard stated the motions to introduce 2 new committee roles:

- Recreational Convenor
- Publicity Officer

Both passed unanimously.

Election of the committee

Richard gave an overview of the committee roles to be elected with a description of each role:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Welfare Officer
- Team Events Convener x2
- Social Convener
- Equipment Manager
- Recreational Convenor
- Publicity Officer

Election of the committee roles

President

Richard nominated himself.

No objections

Richard elected.

Secretary

Reza nominated himself.

No objections.

Reza elected.

Treasurer

Fraser Nominated himself in writing beforehand.

No objections.

Fraser elected.

Welfare Officer

Alisa nominated herself.

No objections.

Alisa elected.

Team Events Convenor

No nominations.

Social Convenor

Jay nominated himself.

No objections.

Jay elected.

Equipment manager

No nominations.

Recreational Convenor

No nominations.

Publicity Officer
No nominations.

Richard proposed a motion to create an Ordinary Committee Member role.
Seconded by Yaser.
Passed unanimously.

Ordinary Committee Member
Yaser nominated himself.
No objections.
Yaser elected.

Motion: Ratify Constitution

Richard stated the motion to formally ratify the club constitution.
No objections.
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: 5 Year development plan review

Richard stated the motion to review the 5 year development plan.
Proposal to postpone this to a later date.
Postponement passed unanimously.

Motion: Buy a domain name for the club website

Richard stated the motion to buy a club domain name for the club website.
This will cost £10.
No objections.
Passed unanimously.

Table Tennis Events

Discussed having a friendly against Strathclyde University and/or Edinburgh University - 4 Teams of 3 people.
We could hold this as a yearly event.
We would want to hold this around the end of November or the start of December.
Such an event would probably last around 3 hours.
We could have a small prize for the winners.

Discussed holding a competition within the club. For the competition we could split the members into 2 groups, less advanced and more advanced, so as to make the competition fair.

Social Events

We could hold a Bar/Pub/Sub Crawl - other clubs and societies are doing this so it can be assumed to be covid safe, but we still have to check.
We could team up with Tennis/Badminton/Squash and have a joint social during the year.
We should hold a social event near the beginning of the semester, perhaps in the next few weeks.
Discussed how social events help to raise the profile of the club.

Team Training & BUCS TT Individual Championship

There is a BUCS Table Tennis Individual Championship on November 20-21 at the University of Nottingham. GUSA has allowed us to attend with the same benefits of membership, but are not going to provide funding for us to go.

We do want to attend the competition and it is good that we are competing.
We are having a meeting with GUSA soon and could try to negotiate with GUSA about funding - several arguments were raised as to why we should get funding.

There is also the Scottish University Championships which we would want to attend.
We were contacted on facebook about this. We will respond and ask about table tennis competition - this would suit our club more, and we would get to know other universities in Scotland.

Any Other Business

Session Times

The timing of the sessions were discussed - we may be the only club to have sessions during the working day.

This can cause problems for members wanting to attend and so we can lose members because they cannot attend at any time.

Discussed using other locations for the sessions, where the availability is better, such as the Squash courts or one of the studios - contact University of Glasgow Sport about this.

University of Glasgow Sport suggested electing session lead roles for members, in the event that no member of the committee can attend a session. Before electing a member as a session lead, we would need to know and trust the member.

Suggested that a timetable should be made that people can fill out on a weekly basis to organise the sessions.

Equipment

We have recently run out of table tennis balls.

The club should buy table tennis balls.

Yaser has ~40 old ones he can give the club.

Yaser can also speak to Terry, the head of Table Tennis Scotland.

Affiliation

Yaser proposed a motion to affiliate with Table Tennis Scotland, the national governing body for table tennis.

Alisa Seconded.

Richard Seconded.

No objections.

Passed Unanimously.

Who can cover which session

Discussed who can cover which session going forward.

Fraser can cover the Thursday sessions.

Jay can cover the Monday sessions.

Reza can sometimes cover the Tuesday sessions.

Inner-Club Tournaments

Discussed holding a 'one point' tournament to draw in a large number of people, with the idea being that anyone can win because each match is only one point.

Discussed holding this for non-members who could pay a fee (£1 suggested) to enter into the tournament.

Suggestion to hold this somewhere central, almost as an exhibition, in semester 2 on a nice day.

Coaching Sessions

Reza would be happy to coach some sessions and can attend the Tuesday session around 80% of the time.

It would be better to hold these sessions separately from the recreational sessions, potentially in the form of a weekly team training session.

Exhibitions

Discussed organising exhibitions somewhere people could watch, for example, having a table tennis table set up outside the library.

Concern raised that the UofG Sport Table Tennis Tables are indoor tables.

It would be fine to use them outdoors weather depending and so would have to choose a good day to hold the event.

Potentially an event for the future.

Suggested to hold an exhibition for Glasgow University TT vs Strathclyde University TT which people could watch.

Payment

Discussed payment options for people who don't want to be regular members and only want to show up for one session.

Question raised of whether people would be able to pay per session.

This is not the way GUSA clubs work, payment is usually taken for the semester or the year.

If it was wanted, we could talk to GUSA about allowing members to pay per session.

Meeting adjourned by Richard | 18:08