

Heriot Watt University Table Tennis Club



AGM (6th May 2005)

1) Attendee list

Burtscher, Leonard
Dieffenbacher, Oliver
Ma, Jie
Pan, Fugui
Travers, Julien
Wiedemann, Daniel
Wynne, Johnny
Zhang, Yaoyu

In total, our club has 13 registered members although 4 of them turned up only in the first weeks of term1.

2) Review of the season

✓ ELTTL

On the whole, all 9 players experienced a both exciting ELTTL season, with the team finishing fourth in Division 3. This can be considered as a great sportive success if taking into account that almost all the matches that were lost had to be conceded due to the initial organisational chaos and the players' unavailability during the term 2/3 holidays. Beating the 2004/2005 champion, Murrayfield VI, 8-2 and 10-0, the team displayed its actual qualitative superiority in this division.

✓ Handicap Cup

The team's victory in the Handicap Cup constituted the greatest success in this season. Boasting an amazing overall team performance and triumphing over North Merchiston, Online Edinburgh as well as Edinburgh University I and II, Oliver Dieffenbacher, Daniel Wiedemann and Julien Travers managed to engrave the University's name on the Cup for the first time since its introduction 26 years ago.

✓ BUSA

The BUSA matches were also great highlights, both from a sportive and from a sociable perspective. After becoming vice champions in the Scottish conference of the competition (only four teams participated: besides HW, Edinburgh University, St. Andrews and Glasgow) and being dealt with a lucky bye for the last 16, however, Heriot-Watt had to bow before the ability of the Cambridge Uni side. Although this was a tough blow to the team's aspirations and the trip for this away fixture was connected with a considerable flight delay (overnight 4-star hotel accommodation sponsored by Easyjet!), the entire journey turned out to be great fun for all four players.

✓ Sports Union Ball / Ark Trophy

The first trophy that the Club won was the Ark Trophy for the most improved club awarded at the Sports Union Ball in February 2005. As explained by SUP Sophie Ashcroft, “Table Tennis have grown from having no Committee at the start of the year to playing in two Leagues”, rightly adding that the Club had managed this “in true phoenix from the ashes fashion”.

✓ “Good things / bad things”

The greatest disappointment in fact turned out to create the greatest success – with the rather poor attendance in the training sessions and severe motivation problems in the case of some members, it was extremely positive to see how the three regular players Oliver Dieffenbacher, Daniel Wiedemann and Julien Travers managed to play most matches. Nevertheless, ways have to be found how the attendance could be improved next year.

3) Finance & Equipment

✓ Balance

The remaining balance surplus of £ 55.92 has been agreed to be used for refreshments at a last Club social. On the whole, it can be claimed that the Club pursued a very sensible and cost-conscious financial strategy without being unnecessarily stingy.

✓ Outstanding claims ?

There are two outstanding claims to be handed in to the Sports Union President by 12 May 2005: one for the entrance fees to the Edinburgh University Tournament of £ 2 each for Jie Ma, Daniel Wiedemann, and Yaoyu Zhang and one for the entrance fees to the SUSF Tournament totalling to £ 15 (two singles, one double) for Philip Intallura and Daniel Wiedemann.

✓ Finance Meeting with SUP

The finance meeting with the Sports Union President will take place on 25 May 2005, 11.45 a.m. and will be attended by Oliver Dieffenbacher and Daniel Wiedemann.

✓ How to “spend” money on our account ?

See agenda item ‘Balance’

✓ Inventory list / Equipment to be purchased for next season

The inventory list will be updated by 12 May 2005. Although being slightly damaged during the season (by unknown people outside training sessions!), the two Butterfly tables are still in a good condition. Furthermore, a huge number of ***-balls (used in matches) is available. Nevertheless, all club members agreed - as not enough for individual serve training i.e – that more training balls (recommended quantity: 144) should be purchased for the next season.

4) Planning for academic year 2005/2006

✓ **Members ?**

Unfortunately, 4 members will leave university in June, a lot are still uncertain whether to join the club next year again. So far, only Yaoyu and Johnny will definitively stay members of our club.

✓ **Election of new Committee (?) [President, Treasurer, Secretary]**

As only two present members will stay in the Club next year, it has been decided to leave the election of the 2005/2006 Committee to the future members, appointing Yaoyu Zhang (email-address: yz74@hw.ac.uk) as provisional President to liaise with the teams and officials affiliated with the ELTTL and BUSA and to act as contact person for the SU at the beginning of next season.

✓ **‘To -do list’ for next generations : How to run HW Table Tennis Club ?**

As the President´ s largescale efforts were far from being in vain, but also recognizing that the initial organisational problems prevented a couple of matches from being played, the Club has decided to try and provide its successors with a key points ‘to -do list’. This list is to comprise all facts and figures they will need to know about how the Club needs to be run, ELTTL/BUSA demands etc. in order to have a less stressful start into their season.

✓ **Website (<http://ileo.de/hwtt>)**

In this context, the Club´ s webmaster Leonard Burtscher has generously agreed to leave the HWUTT Website online until the end of 2005, in order for the new Members to be provided with some additional support and data.

5) AOCB

✓ **Election of new HWU Sports Union President [12th May]**

The election of the new HWU SUP was announced and the candidates were mentioned by the HWUTT President who motivated the members to go to the polls.

The minutes of this AGM were taken by Daniel Wiedemann.