

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 2nd January 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club

Present: Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), John Bolitho, Hazel Higgins, Doug Lowe, Carol Meredith, Ray Meredith, Samantha Meredith, Phil Paine, Paul Rouse, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Lynn Bolitho

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2000 were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Correspondence

- a. From Warwick District Council inviting renewal of the lottery licence for £17.50. It was agreed to renew the licence. It was also agreed that the question of whether to hold a lottery with a major prize (as in 2000) or a smaller raffle (as in 1999 and previously) for presentation evening should be discussed nearer the time.
- b. From Morton Morrell Primary School thanking the Association for the long-term loan of tables.
- c. From Derek Harwood congratulating the Association on the improved communications with members, in particular through the regular use of circular emails.

3. League report

- a. It was reported that the RNA v Phoenix match had not been played. The league secretary reported that he had spoken to the teams and agreed that the match would be played at a later date.
- b. The following late cards were reported:-
?? Colebridge A v WCC A
?? Phoenix A v Phoenix C.

In each case this was the first late card from the home team concerned so no penalty was required.

4. Financial report

A copy of the accounts to date was circulated and is attached to the file copy of these minutes. £50 had now been received from Tees Sport for their handbook advert. Income and expenditure for the season so far was roughly in balance.

5. Tournament

The Tournament Secretary submitted a draft entry form which was approved in principle. It was agreed that if a clash with the national junior league could not be avoided for our top juniors then the junior boys and girls qualifying rounds would be held on Sunday instead of Saturday. It was agreed that Phil Paine pay a deposit to the WCC Staff Club for finals night as soon as possible.

6. General Secretary's report

It was agreed that the following rule amendment be submitted to the 2001 AGM:-

That rule 5d be amended to read:- 'No team shall be allowed to play a league match until its registration fees and any other payments due have been paid unless the Executive Committee agree otherwise. No penalty shall be imposed on a team if payment has not been made by the first league match. Thereafter (if the team is not disqualified) a penalty of one point shall be imposed each time it plays a league match played until payment is made.

7. Representative report

A team had been entered in the national cadet league and had won 3 of its first 4 matches.

8. Competitions report

A small number of cup matches were outstanding. It was agreed that teams would be told that they must complete their matches before the next round began on 29th January.

A suggestion was received that in future cup matches should not be played in the week before Christmas. It was agreed that in future, although the week before Christmas would remain a cup week, match sheets would state that these matches could be played in the cup week before Christmas or in the following two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period.

9. Warwickshire report

There had been no Warwickshire meeting since the last Executive Committee meeting. It was noted that Leamington juniors had done well in the Warwickshire Closed, winning all the junior events except junior boys.

10. Press report

The press officer reported that the Courier had not contained a table tennis report one week in December. This was because the report was 'subbed out' when the sports editor was on holiday. The Courier had also been unable to send a photographer to the Warwickshire Closed or junior regional trials but it was hoped to get one for the Leamington Closed.

11. HQ report

It was reported that a window in its frame had been removed by vandals. It was agreed that as the window was not needed the hole should be bricked up.

The meeting had a long discussion on the future of HQ. In principle it favoured the plan to exchange the land on which HQ stood for land immediately behind the community centre and site a new HQ there. It was agreed to commission preliminary plans at a cost of about £200 to enable discussions with various bodies to proceed. It was also agreed that the AGM would be consulted before any irrevocable decisions were made.

12. AOB

It was reported that a change of officers at the Radford Community Centre meant that it was no longer possible for those using HQ to buy drinks there unless they joined the Community Centre. It was agreed to post a notice at HQ advising members of this fact.

13. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st March 2001 at AP.
This meeting would finalise arrangements for the Leamington Closed.