

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16th May 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club

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

Apologies for absence were received from Lynn Bolitho and Paul Rouse.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th April 2001 were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising

Re item 3b – the general secretary reported he had received a further letter from ETTA advising that the affiliation fee unit for 2001/02 would be £3.64 not £3.63 as previously advised.

Re item 3c – it was agreed to make 4 nominations for the Maurice Goldstein award.

It was reported that the ETTA National Council had nominated Malcolm Macfarlane as a vice president of the ETTA in recognition of his services in connection with information technology.

RESOLVED:- That the Executive Committee congratulates Malcolm on his nomination as an ETTA vice president.

3. General Secretary's report (AGM)

a. The Chairman reported that a member wanted to amend one of the AGM motions. This was difficult under current rules. It was agreed it was too late to amend the rules this year but to look at the issue after the 2001 AGM and propose a rule amendment to the 2002 AGM if it seemed desirable.

b. The general secretary reported he had received a motion for the AGM from Phil John proposing that division 3 become 2 aside next season. It was agreed that the Committee could not support the motion in the form proposed as it was felt the number of divisions in each competition should be determined by the entries. It was pointed out that at present higher standard teams could not in practice enter the 2 aside because the standard was not high enough. It was agreed to encourage higher standard teams to enter the 2 aside competition. It was also agreed to change the wording on the entry forms to ask first whether teams wanted to play 3 aside or 2 aside.

c. It was reported that the ITTF had altered the laws of table tennis so that games would be 11 up in future. A motion was on the ETTA AGM agenda proposing that local leagues could opt out of this initially for one year if they wished. It was agreed that the Executive propose to the AGM the Association should move to 11 point games for the coming season.

4. Correspondence

From ETTA offering various courses for coaches. It was agreed that the league would pay the course fee for anyone who wished to attend.

5. League report

a. A complaint had been received from RNA complaining that the Free Church D v E match had been played after the last date for playing matches and this had moved the FC team out of a relegation position at the expense of an RNA team. It was agreed that this match be deemed unplayed and scored 0-0.

b. A complaint had been received from Phoenix A that the Management Sub Committee had scored their match with RNA B 0-0 and thus deprived them of the chance of winning the division. The Chairman pointed out that not only had the match had not been played by the due date but it was still outstanding by presentation evening. The Management Sub Committee's decision was confirmed.

c. It was agreed that future handbooks draw attention to the last date by which matches must be completed.

6. Financial report

It was reported that at present the surplus for the year was about £360. There were still some minor bills due but it was expected that there would be a small surplus. It was agreed that this should be paid into the development fund.

It was reported that presentation evening had made a profit. It was agreed that the Social Secretary was to be congratulated on this and on an excellent evening. It was agreed that (provided she agreed) the Social Secretary be asked to rebook the Lillington Club for Friday 17th May 2002. The slightly later date was chosen in the hope that it would be possible to have a complete results report available for the evening.

6. Representative Report

a. It was reported that our cadet team had reached the national finals of the national cadet league.

b. It was agreed to try and provide (royal blue) shirts for junior district teams through sponsorship next year. John Bolitho offered to sponsor the cadet team.

7. Competitions report

It was reported that all competitions had been successfully completed.

8. Warwickshire report

The Warwickshire TTA would be held on Wednesday 27th June at the Marconi Club.

9. Press report

The Courier's sports editor had been attended to presentation evening but had been unable to send a photographer. However we have supplied some photos which it is hoped will be published.

10. HQ report

A meeting about the proposed new HQ had been held in Radford with representatives of the Parish Council, Community Centre and Social and Sports Club. This had made good progress.

11. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold a quick meeting after the AGM. The next full meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday 25th July, after the closing date for league entries.