

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16 November 2000 at the AP Sports and Social Club

Present: Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Doug Lowe, Ray Meredith, Phil Paine, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from John Bolitho, Lynn Bolitho, Hazel Higgins, Carol Meredith and Samantha Meredith.

1. Vacancy.

Paul Rouse was appointed a member of the Executive Committee under rule 3a.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th September 2000 were approved and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising

- a. The Chairman confirmed that the WCC staff club had been booked for 7th April 2001 for the Leamington Closed finals night.
- b. It was agreed that the minutes of the Executive Committee be made available to members on the Association's web site in future.

4. Correspondence

- a. From ETTA a routine mailing including:-
 - (i) ETTA rules and directory 2000/01 - noted
 - (ii) Reminder to pay affiliation fees – the chairman confirmed the fees had been paid
 - (iii) Minutes of the ETTA annual and special general meetings - noted
- b. From the Associations insurers Perkins Slade Ltd, the insurance certificate - to be held by the chairman.

5. League report

- a. It was agreed that results cards should go first to the Press officer, then to the Chairman to be entered on the web site and then to the League Secretary for retention.
- b. The League Secretary reported that Trevor Bradley (previously Free Church) had now registered with Flavels with the agreement of the two clubs.
- c. The League Secretary reported that Colebridge league fees were overdue. It was agreed to submit a rule amendment to the 2001 AGM to penalise clubs that did not to pay their fees on time without special permission.
- d. It was reported that due to a misunderstanding a Myton player had played for two different teams in the junior division. It was agreed that on this occasion no action be taken.

6. Financial report

A copy of the accounts to date was circulated and is attached to the file copy of these minutes. It was noted that expenditure exceeded income by about £200 at present but that this was normal at this stage in the year.

7. Representative report

- a. The Representative Secretary reported that in the Midland League the Junior team had won two matches out of three and Veterans B had lost their first match 6-4 to Birmingham. Men's B would play their first match this weekend. In the Heart of England Cadet League the team had won one and lost one.
- b. It was agreed that the Representative Secretary request one member (or parent for juniors) of each team to report the results of matches to him promptly so that they could be reported in the press.
- c. It was reported that a previously unscheduled national junior league weekend would clash with the Leamington Closed qualifying rounds. It was agreed to request that the Saturday matches be changed to Sunday and to consider the position further if this was not agreed.

8. Competitions report

There were 21 entries to the Southwell Cup resulting in 5 matches in the first round which were scheduled for this week and 11 byes. There were 22 entries for the Coronation Cup giving 6 matches to be played in the first round scheduled for the week of 18 December and 10 byes.

9. Warwickshire report

- a. Entry forms for the Warwickshire Closed had been distributed to all team secretaries. The closing date is 1st December and the event is on Sunday 17th December at St Nicholas Park, Warwick. The Association would be entitled to half the profits in return for organising the competition. AP Club had agreed to arrange refreshments and in accordance with the usual arrangements was entitled to any profit made. A limited number of free parking permits had been supplied by Warwick District Council and the entry form invited applications for them on a first enter, first served basis.
- b. The junior regional trials would be held on Sunday 26th November. It was agreed that the Association would pay half the entry fees of Leamington competitors, the other half being paid by Warwickshire.
- c. Birmingham had proposed that Warwickshire purchase team shirts and asked if leagues were prepared to fund this. It was agreed in principle that if this went ahead Leamington was prepared to fund its proportion of the costs.

10. Press report

The Press Officer reported that the new sports editor of the Courier was giving good coverage to table tennis. She would try and arrange for a press photographer to take pictures at the Warwickshire Closed and Regional Trials.

11. Headquarters report

The Chairman reported that he and John Bolitho had discussed the possibility of rebuilding HQ with Radford Council. One idea suggested was relocating the building behind the community hall. The next priority was to try and obtain funding. It was emphasised that discussions were at a very early stage.

12. Leamington Closed

It was agreed to hold event entry fees at £2.40 (£1.60 for juniors) and increase the administration fee to £1.50. The fee structure would be simplified by not having a different entry fee rate for the youth event. A single entry fee would cover the grade and grade above events giving a 'two for the price of one' bargain. It was also agreed to try and run the handicap on a single day (probably Saturday). The Tournament Secretary would bring a draft entry form to the next meeting.

13. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 2nd January 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club.