

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 3 January 2002 at AP Sports and Social Club.

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

Apologies for absence were received from:- Andrew Meredith and Carol Meredith,

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 November 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman subject to replacing '£696' by '£666' in item 4.

2. Correspondence.

- a. From ETTA inviting the Association to appoint a representative to the ETTA AGM to last until a new appointment is made. Resolved:- That Malcolm Macfarlane be appointed.
- b. From ETTA announcing the establishment of a new local umpire qualification. It was agreed that information about this be distributed at the start of next season.
- c. From ETTA advising on optional amendments to the laws of table tennis when disabled players participated - Noted.

3. League report.

- a. A report was received on the final placings in the Divisions A to C Autumn competition except for one match being played that night. The make up of the divisions for the Spring competition were agreed including the admission of a new team St Georges D to fill the vacancy in Division C.
- b. It was reported that a player who had previously played for Free Church had now played a match for St Georges. It was explained that the player had stopped representing Free Church some time ago and therefore they had no objection. The only outstanding question was whether the player had been registered with St Georges. It was agreed that the League Secretary investigate this.

4. Financial report.

It was reported that £50 had been received from Tees Sport for their handbook advert. Payments had been made of £20 to Powergen, £31 to Severn Trent Water, £70 to Warwickshire TTA as our contribution for their shirts and £49 float to Hazel Higgins to pay the HQ cleaner.

5. Tournament Report

The tournament secretary submitted a draft entry form which was agreed with minor amendments. It was agreed that the first few matches on the afternoon of the finals should be scheduled for 15 minutes each to allow the last (men's singles) final to be scheduled to start not later than 10pm and give an earlier finish. It was agreed to seek John Bolitho's advice about ensuring the lighting for finals night was safe.

6. Competitions report – It was reported that the first rounds of the Coronation and Southwell cups had been completed.

7. Representative report

It was reported that the Leamington shirts had been received.

It was reported that the cadet team had played well to beat Coventry.

8. Warwickshire report.

It was reported that 77 entries had been received for the Warwickshire Closed.

It was reported that the Blessed George Napier premier club from Banbury whose members attended coaching in Leamington had applied to affiliate to Warwickshire as more convenient than Oxfordshire. This was permitted by ETTA rules if Warwickshire agreed. It was agreed that Leamington should support the application.

9. Press report

It was reported that the league was now getting substantial coverage in the Coventry Evening Telegraph mid week pink edition as well as the Courier.

10. Coaching report

It was reported that coaching was roughly breaking even. As previously agreed a separate coaching account had now been opened.

11. HQ report

a. It was reported that the roof had now been fixed. 50 new barriers had been bought and were now being stored at HQ.

b. The ETTA Architect and Regional Development Officer had visited the site to see first hand what was proposed for the new HQ.

12. Next meetings

a. It was confirmed that a special meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 31 January at AP to finalise arrangements for the Leamington Closed plus any other urgent business.

b. It was also agreed that the next ordinary meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 February at AP.