

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 25th July 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Lynn Bolitho and Carol Meredith

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 May 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman subject to the following amendments:-
 - a. in item 8 insert 'AGM' after 'Warwickshire TTA'
 - b. in item 9 delete 'been'
 - c. in item 10 delete 'and Social and Sports Club.'
2. Correspondence – from ETTA reporting that its Honours Committee had approved the nominations of Hazel Higgins, Phil Paine and Derek Harwood for the Maurice Goldstein award.
3. Appointments
 - a. President – Phil John
 - b. Vice Presidents – All the existing Vice presidents were re-elected.
 - c. Life members – No new life members were proposed.
 - d. Treasurer – Ray Meredith was elected
 - e. Coaching Officer – Sam Meredith was elected
 - f. League Management Sub Committee – Malcolm Macfarlane, Estyn Williams, Ray Meredith, Phil Paine, John Bolitho.
 - g. Selection Sub Committee – Phil Paine, Lynn Bolitho, Liz Haynes, Caroline Williams.
 - h. Competitions Sub Committee – Carol Meredith, Doug Lowe, Malcolm Macfarlane.
 - i. Coaching Sub Committee – Sam Meredith, Chris Atkins, Andrew Meredith, Malcolm Macfarlane.
4. League Structure – It was agreed that there be three 3 aside divisions using a 12 team format and two 2 aside divisions as follows:-

Division 1:- AP A, Colebridge A, Colebridge B, FC A, Phoenix A, St Georges A, St Georges B, WCC A, Wellesbourne, Whitnash A.

Division 2:- Flavel, FC B, FC C, FC D, Phoenix B, RNA A, RNA B, RNA C, RNA D, WCC B, Whitnash B.

Division 3:- Ashorne, AP B, Eathorpe A, Eathorpe B, FISSC A, FC E +, Marconi, Myton A +, Phoenix C+, RNA E, Standard Photographic A, WCC C.

Division A:- AP C, Eathorpe C, FISSC B, FC F, FC G, FC H, FC I, St Georges C.

Division B:- Eathorpe D, Eathorpe E, FC J+, FC K, Myton B+, Myton C+, Myton D+, Standard Photographic B,

The positioning of the teams marked + to be subject to discussion with the clubs concerned.

It was agreed that arrangements for the junior league be discussed with Phil John.

5. It was agreed to write to Colin Cooper wishing him well on his retirement as a playing member.
6. It was agreed to purchase copies of the laws of table tennis to go out with handbooks.

Diary of events – the following dates were agreed subject to availability of venues:-

Warwickshire trials - Weekend 8/9th September 2001
Start of 2001/02 season - Monday 24th September 2001
Regional trials - Weekend 24/25th November 2001
Warwickshire Closed – Sunday 13th January 2001
Leamington Closed - Weekend 9/10th February 2002 – Sydenham
Leamington Finals night - Saturday 16th March 2002– WCC Staff Club
Presentation Evening - Friday 17th May 2002– Lillington Club
AGM – Wednesday 12th June 2002 - AP
League entries close - Friday 19th July 2002
1st Executive Committee after AGM – Wednesday 24th July 2002
Club Secretaries meeting - Wednesday 11th September 2002
Start of 2002/3 season – Monday 23rd September 2002

7. John Bolitho agreed to renovate the lighting system for finals night, which would involve almost complete renewal.
8. Matters raised at the AGM:-
 - a. It was agreed to enquire of Lynn Bolitho as to the type of account offering the greatest interest for an Association.
 - b. It was agreed that any team that wished could have a request for an early start for matches printed in the handbook.
 - c. It was agreed that any representation or complaint by one club involving another should be forwarded to that club with a pro forma stating when it would be discussed and inviting comments.
 - d. It was agreed that if the junior league went ahead a letter would be sent to parents about the need for them to make arrangements for the safety and supervision of children.
9. Financial Report. It was reported that there had been virtually no transactions to date.
10. Representative report. It was agreed to enter the following teams but that the representative secretary be empowered to change the numbers depending on demand.
Midland league:- 2 mens, 1 junior, 4 vets, 1 intermediate (U21), National Junior League 1, National Cadet League 1, Heart of England Cadet league 1.

John Bolitho agreed to arrange for royal blue shirts for 3 junior and cadet teams.

11. HQ report – The ETTA architect had submitted comments on the design of the proposed new HQ. In addition the Radford Social and Sports Club had requested a meeting.
12. AOB. It was reported that Phoenix would be having a table tennis event at the Town and Country Festival on 25-27 August organised by Paul Rouse and anyone prepared to help would get free entry. It was also reported that the Association's web site address was changing to <http://leamingtontt.tripod.com>
13. Next meeting – to be after the Secretaries meeting at HQ Radford on Wednesday 12 September.