

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at AP Sports and Social Club on 13 June 2001.

In the absence of the Chairman Hazel Higgins (Vice Chairman) took the chair. 20 other members signed the attendance list which is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Earles, John Ingram, Phil John, Doug Lowe, Malcolm Macfarlane, Samantha Meredith, Phil Paine, Paul Rouse and Caroline Williams.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the AGM held on 7 June 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Annual report of the Executive Committee 2000/2001.

It was resolved that the Annual Report of the Executive Committee be approved.

5. Statement of accounts for the year ending 31 May 2001.

The audited statement of accounts and balance sheet were presented. It was agreed that the Executive Committee be asked to look at the rate of interest earned by the development fund.

It was resolved that the statement of accounts for the year ending 31 May 2001 be adopted.

6. Motions from the Executive Committee.

a. That the Association supports in principle the proposal to rebuild its headquarters at Radford on a new site adjoining the Radford Community Centre. The motion was CARRIED

b. That the Association implements the change in the laws of table tennis to 11 point games from September 2001 and does not seek to delay implementation if this option is offered to local leagues. The motion was CARRIED.

c. That Association 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 until payment is made'. The motion was LOST.

d. That in Association rule 14 the sentence 'Hard bat trophy (hard back singles knockout)' is deleted. The motion was CARRIED.

e. That in Association rule 9b the sentence 'All individual matches shall be the best of three games' is deleted. The motion was CARRIED.

f. That a new Association rule 23 is added as follows:- '23 Dissolution. The Association may only be dissolved by a motion carried by a three quarters majority at a general meeting, such motion having been included on the agenda given to members through their club secretaries at least 21 days before the meeting under rule 4c. On dissolution all assets of the Association shall become the property of the English Table Tennis Association'. The motion was CARRIED.

7. Motion submitted by Phil John

'That the 2 aside format be extended to take in Division 3 in season 2001/02'. During the discussion The Executive Committee advised the meeting that they did not support the motion because it would force players into the 2 aside competition whether they liked it or not. However they would certainly try and raise the standard of competition in the top 2 aside division. Tony Ford suggested the Executive Committee to print a request in the handbook for an earlier start for any teams (especially teams containing juniors) that wished it. The motion was LOST.

8. Election of officers.

The following officers were elected unopposed for 2001/02:

Chairman: Malcolm Macfarlane
Vice Chairman: Hazel Higgins
General Secretary: Estyn Williams
Treasurer: vacant
League Secretary: Ray Meredith
Press Officer: Caroline Williams
Representative Match Secretary: Phil Paine
Tournament Secretary: Malcolm Macfarlane
Competitions Secretary: Carol Meredith
Coaching Officer: vacant
County Representative; Malcolm Macfarlane
Social Secretary Lynn Bolitho
Headquarters Officer; Alf Chapman

8. Election of up to 6 other members of the Executive Committee.

Chris Atkins, John Bolitho, Elizabeth Haynes, Doug Lowe, Andrew Meredith and Samantha Meredith were elected unopposed as members of the Executive Committee.

9. Election of Auditor.

John Ingram was elected unopposed as Auditor.

10. Any other business.

a. Phoenix said that one of their matches had been disallowed because it had not been played by presentation evening. It was pointed out that the rules required postponed matches to be played within 21 days of the start of the final week's fixtures. Phoenix said they did not dispute the decision but were aggrieved that the Executive Committee had not consulted them beforehand or informed them of the decision before presentation evening. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should look at their procedures for the future.

b. Steve Bolton complained about the failure of anyone to look after 4 children from Ashorne Club at a junior league match. In response to a question Steve said that the parents had dropped the children off without asking anyone to look after them but he still felt someone should have done so. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should look at the organisation of the junior league generally, who was responsible for children at junior league matches and other league events and whether this was made sufficiently clear to parents.

Signed Chairman

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