

# Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes the Executive Committee held on 14 November 2002 at AP Sports and Social Club.

Present:- Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Richard Grover, Derek Harwood, Steve Hawkins, Hazel Higgins, Doug Lowe, Andrew Meredith, Carol Meredith, Phil Paine, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence:- Chris Atkins and Samantha Meredith.

1. The Executive Committee learnt with great sadness of the death of the wife of the President, John Earles. The Committee asked the General Secretary to write to John expressing its sincerest condolences.

2. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 11 September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the correction that the meeting had been held at HQ Radford.

3. Matters arising.

- a. It was agreed to make a presentation to the retiring President Phil John later in the season.
- b. The committee expressed its thanks to John Earles for his very generous presidential donation.
- c. It was also agreed that the President (and future presidents) should be invited, if available, to present the trophies on finals night and at presentation evening, to take the chair for the election of the Association Chairman at the AGM and to write a foreword for the handbook at the end of the year of office.

4. Correspondence

- a. from Whitnash asking how the decision on the composition of divisions was reached – agreed the general secretary reply explaining this.
- b. from Eric Teale suggesting a parent and child event at the Leamington Closed – agreed to try this on an experimental basis.
- c. from ETTA – details of new service law and junior age qualifications – noted.

5. League report.

It was reported that only a few player registration forms were outstanding and these were expected shortly. It was reported that one player had declined to submit the minimum information required. It was agreed not to take any action this season but that next season submission of a player registration form be a prerequisite to playing in the league.

4. Financial report.

It was reported that Warwick District Council had ceased to allow sports facilities such as HQ Radford 100% council tax rebate and were now only allowing 75%. It was agreed that the Chairman investigate the possibility of the Association becoming a charity which would give it 100% rebate as of right. In the meantime because of this and other increases the cost of hiring Radford by a 3 a side team be increased next season to £60; the figure to remain at £45 for 2 a side teams as they had smaller squads and played only half as many sets each evening.

5. Representative Report

In the Midland League the men's team had played and won 1 and the juniors had played and lost 1. In the Heart of England the cadets had played and lost 2. The Wilmott Cup was scheduled for 16 November and the Leach and Hammersley Cups for 8 December.

6. Competitions report

- a. It was reported that entries for the Coronation Cup were down from 23 to 15 and for the Southwell Cup from 20 to 13. As a result one fewer round was needed for each cup so the cup week before Christmas would not be needed and could be used for catching up matches.
- b. It was reported that there had been complaints from some teams about handicaps. The Committee agreed that it would never be possible to satisfy everyone and asked the General Secretary to explain the position to members in his next circular email.

7. Warwickshire Report – The Warwickshire Closed would be held on Sunday 5 January and would include new restricted grade events.

8. Press Report – The press officer was congratulated on coming runner up in the ETTAs press officer of the year competition.

9. Coaching report – Coaching with Ian Marshall had started again at Myton 7.30pm- 9.30pm. It was agreed to include details in the next circular email.

10. HQ report

It was reported that a new cleaner had been found.

It was reported that Alf Chapman believed that the roof needed replacement.

11. Next two meetings - It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 January 2003 at AP and the following meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 February also at AP.

Signed ..... Chairman.                      Date .....