Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes the Executive Committee held on 23 January 2003 at AP Sports and Social Club.

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

Apologies for absence:- Derek Harwood, Steve Hawkins, Andrew Meredith, and Samantha Meredith.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 November 2002 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising - None.

3. Correspondence

a. from John Earles thanking the Association for its donation to Cancer Research UK in memory of his wife.

b. from ETTA re volunteers conference – agreed to subsidise anyone who wished to attend.

c. from Rotary Club inviting participation in their pingpongathlon – circulated to members by email.

4. League report.

It was reported that only 7 player registration forms were outstanding.

St Georges reported that Standard Photographic had not appeared for their match. Agreed to investigate and try and get match played.

It was reported that there were about 22 outstanding matches which was not too serious for this stage in the season.

A new results booklet will be sent out with tournament entry forms.

5. Financial report.

It was reported that £150 had been paid by St Georges for player registrations and HQ hire and a further £17 from additional player registration fees. In addition the Warwickshire Closed had made a profit of around £400 which would be shared equally between Warwickshire and Learnington as organisers. Payments had been made of £47 for electricity at HQ and a donation of £25 in memory of Arthur Clarke.

6. ETTA Chairmanship

Those members who had attended the election meetings of Alex Murdoch and Alan Ransome reported back. The Committee was disposed to support Alan Ransome. As voting would not be until after the next meeting it was agreed that this opinion should be circulated to the membership by email and comments invited.

7. Tournament report

The tournament secretary submitted a draft entry form and this was agreed. It was also agreed to provide a light buffet on finals night and that Phil Paine would discuss this with WCC staff club.

8. Representative Report

The Heart of England Cadet League had now completed its programme. Learnington had finished near the bottom of the league. However our team in the national cadet league were unbeaten so far. Learnington had now been eliminated from the national team competitions except the veteran men which was to be paid next week. It was agreed to reimburse the pool expenses incurred in this competition. In the Midland League the juniors had beaten both Coventry teams but had lost to Kidderminster. The men's team had won 1 and lost 1. The veterans had won 1 and drawn 1.

9. Competitions report

The first round of the Coronation cup will take place next week.

10. Warwickshire Report – The Warwickshire Closed had been a considerable success both as an event and financially.

11. Press Report – The press officer reported that she had submitted copy to the Stratford Herald for the first time this week.

9. Coaching report – Coaching at Myton with Ian Marshall is proceeding well with 10 or 12 players attending most weeks. The possibility of a coaching day on a Saturday was being investigated.

10. HQ report

It was reported that there had been some trouble finding a new cleaner but is was hoped this had now been overcome.

11. AOB

It was agreed to purchase a clock to present to Phil John to mark his retirement from the presidency.

11. Next two meetings - It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm Thursday 20 February at AP. This meeting would include the seeding and draw for the Learnington Championships but other business would be considered as well. The following meeting would be held on Thursday 10 April also at AP.

Signed Chairman.

Date