

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22nd July 2004 at AP Sports and Social Club.

Present:- Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Richard Grover, Phil Paine, Ian Stevens, Jim Thomas, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Harwood, Andrew Meredith and Carol Meredith,

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2004 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising – None
3. Correspondence - from ETTA routine correspondence – noted.
4. Appointments
 - a. President – John Earles was re-elected
 - b. Vice Presidents – All the existing Vice Presidents were re-elected. No new Vice Presidents were elected.
 - c. Life members – No new life members were elected.
 - d. League Management Sub Committee – Malcolm Macfarlane, Estyn Williams, Derek Harwood, Phil Paine and Jim Thomas.
 - e. Selection Sub Committee – Phil Paine, Caroline Williams, Andrew Meredith and Richard Grover.
 - f. Competitions Sub Committee – Steve Hawkins, Doug Lowe and Malcolm Macfarlane.
 - g. Coaching Sub Committee – Andrew Meredith, Malcolm Macfarlane, and Jim Thomas.
 - h. Rules Revision Committee – Estyn Williams, Ian Stevens, Malcolm Macfarlane. (Note – it was agreed that this sub committee have its first meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 August at 1 Wilson Grove, Kenilworth).
5. League Structure – It was agreed that there be three 3 aside divisions (1,2 and 3) using a 12 team format and two 2 aside divisions (A and B) using a 12 team format as follows: -

Division 1 Whitnash A, Whitnash B, WCC A, Free Church A, St Georges A, St Georges B, Colebridge A, Colebridge B, Wellesbourne, BGN A, RNA A, Riverhouse A.

Division 2 Flavels, St Georges D, AP A, WCC B, RNA C, RNA D, Marconi, Free Church B, Free Church C, Eathorpe A, Ashorne.

Division 3 Whitnash C, St Georges C, BGN B, RNA B, Free Church D, WCC C, AP B, FISSC, Eathorpe B, Standard Photographic, LCP Spartans.

Division A Riverhouse B, Free Church E, Free Church F, Free Church G, Free Church H, Eathorpe C, Eathorpe D, LCP Dreamers, LCP Packers, St Georges E.

Division B Eathorpe E, Eathorpe F, Eathorpe G, Eathorpe H, Free Church I, Free Church J, Free Church K, LCP Inkers, LCP Groovers, 1 additional team (name unknown).

It was agreed that all divisions would play two separate (Autumn and Spring) competitions. Each team would play each other once only in each competition. Trophies would be awarded for both competitions. There would be promotion and relegation at Christmas and again at the end of the season.

6. Diary of events – the following dates were agreed (subject to venue availability):-

Start of 2004/05 season - Monday 27th September 2004

Warwickshire Closed – Sunday 9th January 2005 - Warwick

Leamington Closed – weekend 26/27th February 2005 – Sydenham

Leamington Finals night – Saturday 12th March 2005 – WCC Staff Club

Presentation Evening - Friday 20th May 2005 – WCC Staff Club

AGM – Wednesday 15th June 2005 – AP

League entries close - Friday 15th July 2005

Club Secretaries meeting – Thursday 15th September 2005

Start of 2005/06 (Diamond Jubilee) season – Monday 26th September 2005.

Any county championship fixtures in Warwick/Leamington would also be printed in the diary.

7. Handbook – It was agreed that the handbook would be similar to last year. It was agreed that the General Secretary email members inviting handbook adverts. The price for a full inside page for a non table tennis business to be £25.

8. Representative Report – It was provisionally agreed to enter the following teams but the Representative Secretary was authorised to amend this if necessary:- Midland League: men 1, juniors 1, veterans 3, Heart of England Cadets 1, National Cadet League 1 if sufficient interest.

National Competitions:- men, veteran men, Champion Club if the club (Whitnash) wanted to enter on the basis that the Association would pay the entry fees and the club travelling etc expenses.

9. Competitions – A member had sent a letter proposing that there should be a two aside competition. As the Competitions Secretary was absent it was agreed that no final decision would be made without consulting him. However if he agreed the Coronation Cup would continue in its present 3 aside form but the Southwell Cup would become 2 aside with 5 matches (4 singles and a doubles) using a team handicap as at present. Both cups would be open to 3 aside or 2 aside league teams as at present.

10. Coaching – it was agreed that coaching at Myton would restart on 6 September.

11. AOB – It was agreed that the Association itself should apply for Premier Club status. It was also agreed that the Association should look at the possibility of providing free training courses in schools in partnership with the local authority funded through 'Awards for All'

12. Dates of next two meetings – it was agreed that the next meeting be held on Thursday 16th September at 8pm at HQ Radford. The following meeting was provisionally arranged for 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November at AP.