

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 5th January 2006 at WCC Staff Club.

Present: - Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Richard Grover, Derek Harwood, Hazel Higgins, Doug Lowe, Ian Stevens, Jim Thomas, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Paine.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 November 2005 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to changing 17 February to 16 February in item 8. There were no matters arising.

2. Correspondence:-

a. from ETTA, routine correspondence – noted.

b. from the Association's insurers confirming receipt of this year's premium

3. League report - It was reported that Colebridge had claimed one game from their match with St Georges because the St Georges player was not present by 8pm. This was allowed and the score was entered as 8-2.

4. Representative report – A report was received from the Selection Sub Committee on points raised in a letter from Alan Stockham of Eathorpe. Alan had queried why more junior and cadet teams had not been entered for competitions. Alan also asked why trials had not been held as he felt some players from Eathorpe should have been chosen for the teams that had been entered. It was reported that the Representative Secretary had replied to Alan on behalf of the Sub Committee saying that they had not been aware that these players were willing and able to play at the time entries had to be made well before the season started. They were not against trials when appropriate but pointed out that the biggest problem was not in selecting the best players from those known to be available but in knowing who wished to be considered. The Executive Committee agreed:-

a. to support the view taken by the Selection Sub Committee

b. to ask the General Secretary to draft a rule for it to put forward to the AGM to the effect that clubs should inform the Representative Secretary of those that wished to be considered well before the beginning of the season.

5. Financial report – It was reported that a generous Presidential donation had been received and income had also been received of £25 handbook advert plus some further fees.

Payments had been made as follows:- Electricity £66, insurance £320, Handbook £200, Warwickshire fees £533, Ormsby cup entry fee £24, humidifier for HQ £160.

6. Competitions report – It was reported that there were 4 Southwell games and 3 Coronation games outstanding.

7. Warwickshire report – It was reported that there had been a good entry for the Warwickshire Closed.

8. Tournament report – It was agreed that the events and fees should be the same as last year.

It was pointed out that all trophies must be collected in by finals night this year as they were to be repaired and refurbished from the very generous donation from Hazel Higgins.

9. Presentation Evening – it was agreed to invite Tracy Fletcher to the next meeting.

10. Dates of next two meetings – Thursday 16th February and Thursday 27th April.