Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th April 2006 at WCC Staff Club.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Harwood, Doug Lowe and Phil Paine.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th February 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

2. Correspondence:- from ETTA, routine correspondence - noted.

3. League report

a. Almost all the outstanding matches had been arranged to be played by the 30 April deadline.
b. It was reported that it was likely there would be 40 to 42 three aside teams entering the league next year and an extra 3 aside division would be required. The Chairman favoured calling the new divisions Premier, 1, 2 and 3. He also reported that there were likely to be difficult decisions as to how teams should be allocated to the new divisions. It was agreed that this issue should be reported to the AGM so that Members were aware of it and had the opportunity to comment.
c. It was reported that almost all the perpetual trophies had been collected in early so that they could be repaired and refurbished as necessary. Those returned too late for this were for Division 2, Division 3 and the Coronation. They would be refurbished next year. In addition the Macriell trophy was missing though it was quite likely it had just been temporarily mislaid.

4. Financial report – It was reported that there would be a slight loss to report to the AGM due to the one off costs of trophy refurbishment though much of this had been covered by a donation and further refurbishment would not be needed for 10 years or more. It was agreed that no increase in registration fees or HQ hire fees was required.

5. Social report – It was reported that very few Presentation Evening tickets had been sold so far though this was only to be expected a month before the event. All the necessary arrangements were in place.

6. Tournament report – It was agreed to send letters of thanks to Geoff Taylor for acting as referee and Carol Meredith for organising the umpires for the Learnington Closed.

7. Arrangements for AGM – The General Secretary reported that the venue and light refreshments were booked and the agenda would be sent out in about two weeks time. It was agreed that the agenda should basically follow that for the previous year. The Executive Committee would be submitting two rule changes. One about nominations for town teams had been agreed at the previous meeting. In addition it was agreed to submit a proposed change to simplify the 'late arrivals' rule in the form suggested on the agenda for this meeting.

8.Competitions report – It was reported that the cup competitions had reached the finals stage. One final had been played and the other was about to be played. The Committee recorded its thanks to Jim Thomas for the way he had organised the cup competitions.

9. HQ report – It was agreed to try and obtain a quote for the door for HQ.

10. Date of next meeting – The chairman reported he would be away towards the end of July when the first meeting after the AGM would normally be held. It was agreed to hold the meeting in early August.