

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9th August 2006 at WCC Staff Club.

Present:- Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Tom Brocklehurst, Sue Clarke, Richard Grover, Doug Lowe, Dot Macfarlane, Phil Paine, Ian Stevens, Reg Warnes and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Harwood, Hazel Higgins and Caroline Williams.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th April 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

2. Correspondence:-

a. from ETTA, routine correspondence – noted.

b. from Warwick District Council – confirming that no rates were payable on HQ

3. Appointments

a. President – John Earles was re-elected

b. Vice Presidents – All the existing Vice Presidents were re-elected and in addition Estyn Williams was elected a Vice President.

c. Life Members – no new Life Members were elected.

d. Maurice Goldstein Award – It was agreed to nominate Caroline Williams.

e. Coaching Secretary – there were no nominations

f. Welfare Secretary – there were no nominations and it was agreed that ETTA should be asked to send any correspondence on welfare matters to the General Secretary

g. Executive Committee Members – Tom Brocklehurst was elected to one of the posts.

h. Management Sub Committee – Malcolm Macfarlane, Derek Harwood, Estyn Williams, Phil Paine and Ian Stevens were elected.

i Selection Sub Committee – Phil Paine, Tom Brocklehurst, Richard Grover and Caroline Williams were elected.

j Competitions Sub Committee – Ian Stevens, Doug Lowe and Malcolm Macfarlane were elected.

4. League divisional structure – It was agreed to have 3 no 3 aside divisions 1, 2 and 3, each of 12 teams and 3 no 2 aside divisions A, B and C with 12, 6 and 12 teams respectively. The teams were allocated to divisions as set out on the sheet attached to the file copy of these minutes.

5. Diary of Events – the provisional dates set out in the agenda were agreed and it was agreed that the Leamington Closed qualifying rounds should be on the weekend of 10/11 March 2007 with finals night on 24 March 2007. The future of WCC staff club after the end of 2006 was uncertain and it was noted that if it did not continue it would be necessary to find a new venue for finals night.

6. Matters raised at the AGM

a. Southwell Cup handicap arrangements – it was agreed not to change the present arrangements.

b. Publicising the service law – it was agreed to print the service law in the handbook.

c. Under 11 girls event in the Leamington Closed – It was agreed to hold such an event if sufficient entries could be obtained.

d. Single groups at the Leamington Closed – it was agreed that if there were 4 entries for an event they should play two semi-finals rather than be a single group. If there were 3 entries then they should play as single group with the top two going through to the finals. (The order of play in a single group of 3 should be as follows:- Match 1 the two players seeded 2 and 3; Match 2 the loser of match 1 v the player seeded 1. If the loser of match 1 also lost match 2 then the other two players need not play each other until finals night).

e. Cup weeks to coincide with school autumn and spring half term weeks – Agreed

f. Standards of venues – If any team thought that a venue was dangerous they should write to the committee who would consider the matter. (It was reported that RNA were to apply for lottery funding to refurbish the table tennis room.)

7. Representative Report – The Representative Secretary said he envisaged entering the following teams:-

Midland league 1 Men's; 1 Junior; 2 Vets. Heart of England Cadet :League 2 if permitted; East Midland Cadet League 1. The Committee endorsed this but agreed that the final decisions should be made by the Selection Sub Committee.

8. Cup Competitions – It was agreed that entry forms should be given out to clubs at the Club Secretaries Meeting. Entries would need to close in early October to give time for the draw and handicaps to be arranged and distributed to teams in time for the first round in w/c 23 October.

9. Dates of next two meetings – Thursday 14th September (after the secretaries meeting) and Thursday 9th November both at WCC Staff Club.

Signed Chairman. Date