

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

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

Present:- Hazel Higgins (Vice Chairman, in the chair), Sue Clarke, John Earles, Doug Lowe, Ian Stevens, Reg Warnes and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Brocklehurst, Richard Grover, John Earles, Dot Macfarlane, Malcolm Macfarlane, Phil Paine and Caroline Williams.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th September 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the acting chairman.
2. Matters arising – Under item 11 it was reported that WCC Staff Club would continue to operate as at present until at least 31st March 2007 and probably for longer than this. This meant that meetings could continue to be held there at present and Phil Paine had booked finals night there for 24th March 2007. In the longer term the staff club was likely to become a conference centre. It was possible but not certain that it would still be available for evening meetings. The availability and suitability of the dining room for use for finals night in 2008 was doubtful.
3. Correspondence:- from ETTA, routine correspondence – noted.
4. League report – The League Secretary submitted a written report which was noted.
5. Competitions report – it was reported that 15 teams had entered the Southwell and the first round had been played. 13 teams had been entered for the Coronation and the first round would be played in December. As the number of teams in each cup was below 16 this year there would be one less round so that each round prior to the semi finals could be played in a separate week.
6. Warwickshire report –
 - a. The Committee expressed its sadness at the death of Frank Stevens, Warwickshire Umpires Secretary.
 - b. It was noted that the Warwickshire trials for cadets, U13 and U11 for 2007 onwards would become Talent Identification Day and leagues would be asked to encourage all players in the age group to participate. The junior trials would remain as at present on the other day of the same weekend in early September.
7. Press Secretary – The Committee recorded its approval of, and thanks for, the excellent standard of reporting by Tom Brocklehurst.
8. Social Report – The Social Secretary reported on the results of the recent consultation exercise.

As a result she proposed that:-

 - there should be a buffet rather than a sit down meal
 - it should be held at a social club type venue (perhaps the Irish Club near RNA)
 - there should be a band rather than a disco with a sixties evening or similar so that the event was attractive in itself.

She believed that a presentation evening on its own was not attractive and the event had to be marketed as something interesting in its own right. She believed it could then attract a good turn out of people willing to pay a sufficiently high price to cover for a band.

The Social Secretary would now get quotes etc and come to Management Sub Committee to approve them rather than wait till the January meeting.

9. HQ report –

a. It was agreed that Ian Stevens discuss with Alf Chapman the feasibility and cost of replacing the broken slabs outside HQ and report back.

b. The Chairman's proposals for upgrading HQ using an Awards for All grant to provide extra space for a social area were strongly approved in principle. On detailed matters it was agreed that the kitchen (sink) area should be at the far end of the social area away from the toilet and that the fire door would be better coming out of room 2 onto the car park where there was less risk of vandalism. It was also agreed to ask the Chairman if he could find out the precise extent of land owned by the Association.

10. Date of next meeting – it was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 3rd January at WCC Staff Club and the following meeting on Thursday 1st March also at WCC Staff Club.