

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 14th September 2006 at WCC Staff Club.

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

Apologies for absence were received from John Earles, Hazel Higgins and Caroline Williams.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 9 August 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of the Social Secretary's Report in which Sue Clarke explained that she was circulating a survey to members on their preferences for Presentation Evening.

2. Matters arising – Under item 6f it was reported that RNA would be using HQ Radford as their home venue as the room at RNA was unsafe.

3. Correspondence:-

a. from ETTA, routine correspondence – noted.

b. from ST Georges explaining that their D team were unhappy with the night the home night they had been offered at HQ Radford. It was reported that since the letter had been written the team concerned had withdrawn from the league. Nevertheless it was agreed that the General Secretary reply to the letter explaining the reasons why it had not been possible to allocate the team the night it wanted, in particular explaining that the team had not entered by the closing date.

4. League divisional structure – The League Secretary reported that the fact that Division B was running on a 6 team structure was causing problems with the fixtures chart. It was agreed that Division B should be run on a 12 team structure when the divisions were reformed after Christmas. This would involve 3 teams being relegated from division A, one promoted and one relegated from Division B and 3 teams promoted from Division C. The General Secretary was asked to send an email explaining this to members and the Webmaster was asked to place a note to this effect on the website.

5. Representative Report – It was reported that one, senior, one junior and two veteran teams had been entered in the Midland League. Only one cadet team had been entered in the Heart of England Cadet League because that League had restricted entries to one team per Association.

6. Competitions report – it was reported that entry forms for the cup competitions had been given to clubs at the Club Secretaries meeting earlier in the evening.

7. Warwickshire report – it was reported:-

- that Neil Wheatley had advised the Warwickshire Committee that new fire regulations had been introduced which might affect league buildings such as HQ Radford. It was agreed to await advice from ETTA.
- That Coventry had been awarded the Government's new schools Olympics event (including table tennis) for 2007.

8. Press Secretary – it was reported that the Press Secretary would be unable to carry out her duties for some time for health reasons and therefore there was a need to find a substitute.

Tom Brocklehurst said he was willing to consider this but would like to have further information before deciding.

9. Social Report – The Social Secretary asked that as many members as possible be encouraged to complete the survey on what form they would like Presentation Evening to take.

10. HQ report – It was reported that:-

- HQ was very busy because extra teams were now playing there
- Hazel Higgins had sent a message with her apologies saying that Radford were anxious that the door be painted. The Chairman said this was in hand.
- Carol Meredith had asked that additional plastic containers be obtained for bottles and cans. It was agreed this be done.
- The Chairman was looking at the possibility of applying for an Awards for All grant to provide extra space for a social area.

11. Date of next meeting – it was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Thursday 9th November at WCC Staff Club. Because of changes at WCC Staff Club it was not yet taking any bookings beyond 31 December so no date could yet be booked for the January meeting.