

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 8th August 2007 at WCC Staff Club.

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

There were no apologies for absence.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th April 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition Dot Macfarlane's name in apologies for absence. There were no matters arising.

2. Correspondence:-

a. from ETTA, routine correspondence – noted.

b. from a club wishing to forge twinning links with Leamington. It was agreed that Tom Brocklehurst investigate and report back.

3. Elections, appointments and nominations:-

a. President – John Earles

b. Vice presidents – All the existing Vice Presidents were re-elected

c. Life members – no new appointments were made

d. Nomination for Maurice Goldstein award – It was agreed that Warwickshire TTA be asked to support the nomination of Estyn Williams to ETTA.

e. Coaching Officer – Mark Jackson was elected.

f. Welfare officer – Caroline Williams was elected

g. Additional members of the Executive Committee – no further nominations were made.

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

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

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

4. League divisional structure – The League Secretary proposed a structure as follows:-
Three aside – Divisions 1 and 2 a 12 team format; Divisions 3 and 4 an 8 team format – to play one competition over the whole season

Two aside – Divisions A, B and C a 12 team format - to play separate Autumn and Spring Competitions with promotion and relegation at Christmas.

After discussion this was agreed.

The league secretary submitted a list allocating teams to divisions (copy attached to the file copy of these minutes) and this was approved.

During the discussion it was agreed that the best structure for the 3 aside competition divisions would be four 12 team format divisions. It was agreed that it would be unfair to move to this in 2007/08 because teams had not had any advance warning. However it was agreed that advance warning be given at the secretaries meeting that if the number of 3 aside teams remains roughly the same or increases in 2008/09 it is intended to move to four 12 team format divisions. This would be achieved by limiting promotion to one team per division and relegating as many extra teams as necessary.

5. Matters raised at the AGM:-

- a. Earlier finish for finals night by omitting the break or otherwise – the desirability of obtaining an earlier finish (with the men's singles being scheduled at 10pm if possible) was agreed in principle. However no detailed plans could be made because the venue was uncertain because WCC staff club would not be available.
- b. Glues – it was agreed that the issue would be resolved because the manufacturers would cease making glues which were to be outlawed shortly.
- c. Waste at HQ – it was agreed to bring this issue to the attention of members via email and also to add a page about HQ in the handbook
- d. Formal confirmation of existing Trustees following the introduction of the new rule at the AGM.

It was formally resolved that Brian Aston, Alf Chapman, John Ingram and Phil Paine be the Trustees of the Association.

6. Competitions report – it was agreed that as an experiment in the coming season there would only be one handicap cup competition. This would be the 2 aside Southwell Cup competition but it would have separate handicaps for each individual match. The doubles handicap would be set on the assumption that teams fielded their strongest pair. Entry forms for the cup would be given out at the secretaries meeting.
7. Financial report - £626 income had been received so far.
8. Representative report – The following teams had been entered – Midland League – 1 men's, 1 junior and 2 vets; Heart of England Cadet league – 1 team.
9. Warwickshire report – There had been no recent Warwickshire meeting. However the new web site was now up and running and invitations to the trials and talent ID day had gone out to leagues.
10. Social Report – The Social Secretary reported that she was investigating the possibility of a pig roast for presentation evening next year. She also reported that she did not intend to have a band. After discussion it was agreed that the event should be on a Friday but with a later start, say 7.30pm for 8pm.
11. Coaching report – the coaching organised by Mark Jackson was proceeding well.
12. Date of next meetings - it was agreed that the next two meetings would be held on Thursday 13th September at WCC staff club and Thursday 8th November at a venue to be discussed at the next meeting.