

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 13th September 2007 at WCC Staff Club.

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

Also present John Earles (President).

Apologies for absence were received from Ian Stevens.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th August 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising:- In view of the closure of WCC Staff Club it was agreed to investigate the possibility of meeting at the Home Guard Club in future.
3. Correspondence:-
 - a. From ETTA - League registration forms – the Secretary reported that he would complete the general form and the finance form was handed to the Chairman for onward transmission to the Treasurer.
 - b. From ETTA, advising that the English Leagues Cup Competitions would be held this year at senior and junior levels (but not cadets or veterans) – passed to the Representative Secretary.
4. Handbook – the Chairman had distributed copies of the draft at the Secretaries meeting earlier in the evening and would incorporate any corrections and print and distribute the final version of the handbook on Monday next. This would include a new section on HQ.
5. Competitions report - Entry forms for the Southwell Cup had been distributed to clubs at the Secretaries meeting earlier in the evening.
6. Warwickshire report – It was reported that WTTA recommended all leagues to take up the offer of insurance through ETTA. This offered the same cover as previously at about half the cost. This was agreed.
7. Social report – the Social Secretary had in mind a pig roast combined with a skittles evening. It was agreed that we would not have a band this year. After discussion it was agreed that the event could be held on a Friday but starting later (say 7.30pm for 8pm) to allow people more time to get ready after work. The Social Secretary said she would welcome suggestions as to venue etc.
8. Tournament report – as WCC staff club was closing it was agreed to investigate the suitability of Kenilworth Wardens and the Lillington Club as finals night venues.
9. Coaching report – the Coaching Officer expressed his disappointment that the number of players attending the recent coaching had reduced in the later weeks. There was a long discussion on coaching. The Committee felt that the Coaching Officer was to be congratulated on his initiative in setting up the sessions and hoped that we could build on the experience next year.
10. Date of next meeting - it was agreed that the date of the next meeting would depend on the availability of venues but the preferred date was Thursday 15th November.