

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 15 November 2007 at Kenilworth Wardens Club.

Present - Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Tom Brocklehurst, Mark Jackson, Doug Lowe, Dot Macfarlane, Phil Paine, Ian Stevens, Reg Warnes, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Also present - John Earles (President).

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Harwood, Hazel Higgins and Sue Clarke.

1. Minutes -The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 September 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising:-
 - a. Re item 2 – It was reported that it had not proved possible to book the Home Guard Club for committee meetings and Kenilworth Wardens had been booked instead. It was agreed that future committee meetings should normally be held at Kenilworth Wardens.
 - b. Re item 8 –The Chairman and Secretary had followed up the President's suggestion that Kenilworth Wardens indoor nets would be a suitable venue for finals night. They considered that the venue was very suitable and had booked it for £50. The date shown in the handbook was Easter Saturday and therefore they had changed the date of finals night to 15 March. Kenilworth Wardens would supply a cash bar at no extra charge. They could also supply a buffet at a cost to be agreed. The indoor nets had good quality sports lighting so no special lighting would be required. The Chairman was looking into whether table tennis flooring could be laid for finals night but if this was not possible the existing flooring would be acceptable. These arrangements were agreed. It was also agreed that it would be important to advertise the new date and venue to members.
3. The Committee heard with deep regret of the death of Jim Thomas. It was understood Jim's family had suggested donations to a nominated charity rather than flowers and it was agreed to make a donation of £25.
4. Presentation Evening – in the absence of Sue Clarke some members of the Committee made suggestions which they asked the General Secretary to pass on to Sue for her consideration.
5. Membership for those who are not registered players – The rules (rule 6a) permit the Executive Committee to admit those who are not registered players (or Life Members) to membership on such terms as it thinks fit. The General Secretary reported that following changes to insurance arrangements by ETTA it was desirable to have a standard fee for this and to encourage as many people as possible who were connected with the Association to join. This would include those who played in the league's clubs but not the league, coaches, umpires, administrators, players' family members etc. This was agreed and it was decided that the fee should be £1 for adults and 50p for juniors. Such members would not be permitted to play in the league (unless they later became registered players in the normal way).
6. League Representative Company Member with ETTA – Estyn Williams reported that he would be required to resign this position if he was elected to the current vacancy on National Council by Warwickshire TTA. It was agreed to appoint Malcolm Macfarlane instead.
7. League report – it was reported that one LCP team had played very few matches and seemed likely to withdraw from the league. It was also reported that Wellesbourne had been having difficulties getting FC A to agree a match date. It was agreed that both these situations were covered by the rules and the League Secretary should advise the teams concerned of the position if requested.
8. Financial report:
 - a. It was reported that the Bruhl Committee had wound up their fund and had agree that half of it should go to the Association.
 - b. It was agreed that the General Secretary should write and thank Dennis Billington for his very generous donation.
9. Dates of next two meetings – it was agreed that the next two meetings should be held on Thursday 3rd January and Thursday 28th February, both at Kenilworth Wardens.