

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12th April 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club

Present: Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), John Bolitho, Hazel Higgins, Doug Lowe, Carol Meredith, Ray Meredith, Samantha Meredith, Phil Paine, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Lynn Bolitho, Elizabeth Haynes and Paul Rouse,

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st March 2001 were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising

Re item 4b – the teams had attempted to play the individual matches remaining. The singles match had been played but neither doubles could be played because of the absence of one the four players in each case. Agreed that in each case the doubles be awarded to the pair who were present.

3. Correspondence

- a. from ETTA advising that the chairman, deputy chairman and treasurer had been re-elected unopposed – noted.
- b. from ETTA advising that the affiliation fee unit for 2001/02 would be £3.63 – noted
- c. from ETTA inviting nominations for the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award - agreed that the General Secretary submit nominations to the next Warwickshire TTA meeting as directed by the League Management sub committee.

4. League report

Late cards were reported from St Georges A v RNA A, FC F v Ashorne A and FC A v Carpenters. These were all first late cards by the home teams concerned so no further action was required.

It was reported that, based on outstanding cards, the number of matches left to be played was: - Division 1 – 10, Division 2 – 8, Division 3 – 7, Divisions A and B – Nil, Junior Division 14. All matches should to be completed by April 22nd.

5. Financial report

A copy of the accounts to date was circulated and is attached to the file copy of these minutes. A modest surplus was expected on the Leamington Closed taking into account sponsorship. It was agreed that the Chairman submit a bid to Awards to All for grants for courses.

6. General Secretary's Report - AGM

a. It was agreed that the following rule amendments should be submitted to the AGM:-

i. the amendment to rule 5d re late payment of registration fees as agreed at the meeting on 2 January.

ii. In rule 14 delete 'Hard bat trophy (hard back singles knockout)'

iii. In rule 9b delete 'All individual matches shall be the best of three games'

iv. Add new rule:- '23 Dissolution. The Association may only be dissolved by a motion carried by a three quarters majority at a general meeting, such motion having been included on the agenda given to members through their club secretaries at least 21 days before the meeting under rule 4c. On dissolution all assets of the Association shall become the property of the English Table Tennis Association.'

b. It was agreed to submit the following motion to the AGM:- 'This AGM supports in principle the proposal to rebuild its headquarters at Radford on a new site adjoining the community centre.' John Bolitho agreed to put the outline plans on display at the meeting. It was also agreed that the trustees should be advised of the position.

c. The following amendment to the Southwell Trophy rules was agreed for next season:- In handicap cup rule 5c delete '*the nine singles games shall be played before the two doubles games.*' and substitute '*a team may only call for a doubles game if all that team's singles players have already played a singles game.*' It was agreed that this amendment need not to go to the AGM, as it was not an amendment to the Association Rules.

7. Social Secretary's report – Presentation evening

It was reported that all arrangements were in hand for presentation evening on Friday 11 May at the Lillington Club and tickets were selling fast. A raffle would be held on the night and prize donations were requested.

It was reported that it had proved difficult to collect trophies back from last years holders. It was agreed that winners should sign for trophies on presentation evening before being allowed to take them away.

It was agreed to purchase permanent trophies for the winners of divisions A and B.

John Bolitho reported that some trophies needed repair. It was pointed out that the April 2000 meeting had agreed to repair two or three each year. In one or two cases shields were full up with winners plaques and it was agreed that these shields should be mounted on larger shields as part of the repairs.

8. Representative report

It was reported that nearly all the representative matches were now complete. The mens B team looked likely to win division 2 of the Midland League.

9. Competitions report

It was reported that both cups were nearing a conclusion. Myton C had reached the Southwell final. The other semi-final (Myton A v Ashorne B) was being played that night. The Coronation final was between Free Church K/L and Myton C. The Competitions Secretary reported that she would let the teams agree dates for the finals between them.

10. Warwickshire report

It was reported that the WTTA AGM would be held on 27th June at the Marconi Club in Coventry. Any member of the league was welcome. It was also reported that there was difficulty attracting entries for the sealed handicap Mackie Cup. It was felt that one reason more Leamington teams did not enter was their preference for open handicaps.

11. HQ report

The outline plans of the proposed new HQ were discussed. There was unanimous support for the proposals in principle. It was agreed to notify the Association trustees of the position and to discuss the plans with the ETTA facilities officer and with the interested parties at Radford.

It was agreed to find out the date on which the minimum wage rises to £4.10 an hour so that the HQ cleaner's rate could be increased from that date.

12. AOB

Phoenix had informed us that they intended to run a table tennis stall at the Town and Country Festival.

13. Next meeting

It was agreed that the question of whether to hold another meeting before the AGM should be left to the chairman.