

Leamington and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 15 November 2001 at AP Sports and Social Club.

Present:- Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Chris Atkins, Doug Lowe, Carol Meredith, Sam Meredith, Phil Paine, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from:- John Bolitho, Lynn Bolitho, Hazel Higgins, Andrew Meredith and Ray Meredith,

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 September 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising.

2. Correspondence.

- a. From Mark Jackson requesting funding to attend a coaching course - agreed in principle.
- b. From ETTA information on child protection – to be circulated to clubs with young members.

3. League report.

- a. It was reported that Phoenix B had been unable to fulfil their fixture against Flavels – agreed that under rule 12b Flavels were entitled to the most points they could reasonably have expected to have won and this was assessed at 10 points.
- b. It was reported that some teams were still arriving late for matches. It was agreed to consider providing for arrival times to be entered on match cards next season.
- c. The following late cards were reported:- St Georges A v St Georges B, WCC B v RNA A, Nuneaton v AP A. In each case this was the first late card for the home team concerned so no penalty was imposed.
- d. It was agreed to ask Division A, B and C teams to complete any outstanding matches in the Autumn competition by 31 December.
- e. It was reported that although Marconi very strong for division 3, they were happy to remain there for the whole season.

4. Financial report.

It was reported that £1797 had been received in league fees and £82 in competition fees. Payments had been made of £696 to ETTA and £366 to Warwickshire TTA in fees, £25 for junior and cadet trials, and £52 entry to national team competitions.

5. Representative report

- a. It was agreed to congratulate Kelly Sibley on achieving rankings of 2 cadet, 7 junior and 30 lady.
- b. It was reported that John Bolitho had purchased team shirts and that £25 of this had been financed by a donation from Carol Meredith from the income from refreshments from the Free Church tournament. The committee expressed their thanks to John and to Carol.

6. Competitions report

It was reported that 20 teams had entered for the Southwell trophy and that first round matches

were being played this week. 21 teams had entered the Coronation trophy and the first round was scheduled for the week before Christmas.

7. HQ report

- a. It was reported that ETTAs architect advised that some aspects of the plans for the proposed new headquarters did not meet Sports Council requirements. It was agreed to revise the plans and then discuss the revisions with all parties. It was agreed to appoint a small group to produce a table tennis development plan which would be needed as to support grant applications. It was agreed that this group would consist of Malcolm Macfarlane, John Bolitho, Estyn Williams and (if he wished to be a member) Ray Meredith.
- b. It was agreed that Alf Chapman be requested to obtain quotes for work to headquarters roof.

8. Other business

- a. It was reported that the Association had received grants totalling £4200 to be used for various purposes including courses for coaches, umpires and tournament organisers and for coaching sessions.
- b. As banks offered poor interest rates accounts in the name of an organisation it was agreed that accounts could where desired be in the names of two officers with two signatures provided those officers signed a declaration acknowledging that the funds were the property of the Association.

9. Next meetings

- a. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 January 2002 at AP. The meeting would include discussion on the entry form etc for the Leamington Closed and also to seek John Bolitho's advice on replacing the lighting equipment for the finals.
- b. It was also agreed to hold a meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 31 January at AP to carry out seeding and the draw for the Leamington Closed plus any other urgent business.