



LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 30th July 2009 at Kenilworth Wardens Club.

Present – Malcolm Macfarlane (in the chair), Tom Brocklehurst, Mark Jackson, Doug Lowe, Ian Stevens, Chris Thompson, Caroline Williams and Estyn Williams.

Apologies for absence – Claire Cram, Richard Grover and Phil Paine.

1. Minutes – The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 May 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising
 - re minute 2 – Derek Harwood had not yet been made a signatory for the bank account.
 - Re minute 4 – the Committee welcomed Chris Thompson as a member.
3. Correspondence:
 - from ETTA, re individual membership – it was reported that this had been approved by the ETTA AGM
4. Elections, appointments and nominations:-
 - President – Brian Aston
 - Vice presidents – All the existing Vice Presidents were re-appointed (except Brian Aston, now President, and the late Dennis Billington) plus John Earles.
 - Life members – Pete Rourke and Eric Teale
 - Nomination for Maurice Goldstein award – None
 - Social Secretary – Claire Cram was elected.
 - Warwickshire representative – Ian Stevens.
 - Additional members of the Executive Committee – 4 vacancies.
 - Management Sub Committee – Malcolm Macfarlane, Tom Brocklehurst, Estyn Williams, Derek Harwood and Phil Paine.
 - Selection Sub Committee – Phil Paine, Tom Brocklehurst, and Mark Jackson.
 - Competitions Sub Committee – Richard Grover, Ian Stevens and Malcolm Macfarlane.
5. League divisional structure – The League Secretary proposed a structure as follows:-
 - Three aside – Divisions 1 to 4 a 12 team format – to play one competition over the whole season
 - Two aside – Divisions A, B, C, D and E a 6 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 of allocating teams to divisions they requested (copy attached to the file copy of these minutes). Three teams were unallocated. It was agreed to allocate Nomads A to Division 2 and Nomads B and FC C to division 3. Subject to this the list was agreed.

6. Diary of events – The draft diary of events submitted by the General Secretary with the agenda was approved subject to presentation evening being held on Friday 14 May if the Social Secretary recommended this.
7. Presentation Evening. – Unfortunately Claire Cram was unwell but she sent some suggestions via Tom Brocklehurst. The Committee asked Tom to thank Claire, send her their best wishes for a speedy recovery and let her know the points discussed. It was agreed to discuss the alternatives with Claire at the next meeting.
8. General Secretaries report - Review of the rules – it was agreed to appoint Estyn Williams, Ian Stevens and Chris Thompson to a sub-committee to review the rules.
9. Matters raised at AGM:
Disciplinary rules and Code of conduct – it was agreed that the disciplinary rules should be reviewed by the rules sub-committee and that a code of conduct be printed in the handbook.
Coaching sessions – it was reported that Helen Lower was to come to Free Church at some point.
Presentation to Hazel Higgins – Dot Macfarlane had agreed to investigate the possibility of a clock.
10. Representative Report
Phil Paine had proposed entering teams as follows:-
Midland league 1 men, 1 Junior, 2 vets
Heart of England Cadets 2 teams if allowed by that league
National junior and cadet leagues – Free Church intended to enter 1 junior and 3 cadet teams. Eathorpe had enquired about the position. It was agreed to advise Eathorpe that the Committee considered that this was a competition for clubs rather than the Association so they should enter teams as a club if they so wished.
11. Competitions Report
It was agreed to hold 3 handicap cup competitions similar to last season. Forms would be given out at the Club secretaries meeting.
12. Warwickshire Report
A draft version of the WTTA handbook was issued for comment.
13. HQ report
A leak in the roof was reported – the chairman will inform the HQ officer.
14. Next meetings - It was agreed that the next two meetings be on Thursday 10 September after the club secretaries meeting and Thursday 12 November both at Kenilworth Wardens. It was also agreed to provide light refreshments at the club secretaries meeting.