

MINUTES OF THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ALFORD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB  
ON 24 MAY 2005, COMMENCING AT 7:30pm.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

PRESENT: Committee members: S Clarke (Chairman), J Rushton, D Goulden, K Armson MBE, M Ireland, EA Pentland, A Holt, D Cochrane, C Maule.

Local Leagues: Blackpool, East Lancs, Lancaster/ Morecambe, Liverpool, Liverpool Business Houses, Manchester, Manchester Banks & Insurance, Oldham, Salford & Farnworth, Southport, Warrington & Wigan.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS/TRIBUTES:

The Chairman paid tribute to both Stuart Snyder and Fred Holden, who had passed away during the past season, along with their significant contributions to table tennis in the North West, as well as nationally in the case of Stuart Snyder.

APOLOGIES: D Wolstencroft, P Aspin, S Parr, Preston League

ABSENT: Local Leagues – Blackburn, Bolton, Bury, Lytham & Rochdale.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advanced of the meeting.

Proposed by A Knowlson, seconded by H Ross that they be signed as a true record. Carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation trophies were available for presentation to:

Seniors team, winners of 1A – none present

Veterans 2<sup>nd</sup> team, runner-ups in 3A – only Brian Clements present

County Badges had been awarded to:

Cadets – Rebekah Griffiths, Adam Choi, William Hayes, Adele Spibey

Juniors – Lawrence Philips, Rebecca Yip

Seniors - Paul Cichelli

Veterans – Diana Lackie

Some County Badges had been presented previously to Cadets & Juniors, whilst Diana Lackie was presented with her County Badge and Veterans 2<sup>nd</sup> team trophy later in the evening at the end of the Match Secretary's report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The report had been circulated on the night and was read to the meeting. There were no questions.

Proposed by C Maule, seconded by A Collins, that the report be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Income & Expenditure account and balance sheet had been circulated to local League secretaries with the notice of the AGM.

The Treasurer summarised the accounts to the meeting. Income was down £200 on the previous year due to a £200 decrease in affiliation fees. Overall, expenditure was down by

£200, although Sundry Expenses had increased by £270 due to the rise in the Insurance Premium. The Committee were reviewing the type of insurance currently in force to see if it could be reduced. County Town Team expenses had decreased by approx. £500, although this was due to circumstances which may not occur normally. The Junior/Cadet expenses had been reduced due to Tonge TT Club making their mini-bus available for their transport and one team had dropped out of the Senior matches, meaning that one over-night stay had been avoided.

Overall, the accounts showed a surplus of £440 for the year and the Treasurer recommended that fees for season 2005/06 should remain the same as for 2004/05 season.

Clive Maule inquired about the presentation of the Awards for All grant money, as displayed in the balance sheet, which he believed did not meet normal accounting practices. This would be considered at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The accounts had been audited for season 2004/05 by the Auditor, Harry Ross, who was thanked for his work. The Treasurer also reported that the Auditor had also audited the accounts for the 3 previous seasons, 2001/02, 2002/03 & 2003/04, and issued the Auditor's statement for the said accounts.

Proposed by T Owen, seconded by G Rushton that the report be accepted.  
Carried unanimously.

COUNTY MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: This was circulated on the night and read out by Mrs J Rushton.

Following the Match Secretary's comments that once again it had been difficult to raise a team for both weekends for the Veterans 2<sup>nd</sup> team, a discussion followed covering selection procedures, ranking lists, county team trials and player's commitments to playing in county matches.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, stated that the Committee would take into account all the comments made during the discussion, which would be considered at the next appropriate Executive Committee meeting.

Proposed by B Johnson, seconded by G Rushton that the report be accepted.  
Carried unanimously.

#### ELECTIONS:

S Clarke told the AGM that there was no nomination for President or new Vice Presidents. There had been no new nominations for the Executive Committee, hence the current Committee members, who were willing to re-stand, were re-elected un-opposed.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES: There were no proposed rule changes.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A question was raised if there was anything from the ETTA.

The Chairman replied that there were two items for the ETTA AGM in July for which he would like the meeting to advise on how he should vote, as the County representative.

##### 1. Individual Registrations

A motion would be put to the AGM to accept the principle of individual registration as agreed at a National Council meeting of the ETTA.

A discussion followed over the issue. At this stage, since no decision had been taken on either how much it would cost or how it will be administered, then there would be no reason to vote against the motion on principle, since a further vote would still be

necessary, following a decision on costs and administration, before it could be implemented.

The meeting agreed that the Chairman (& National Councillor for Lancashire) should vote in favour of the amendment.

## 2. Voting Rights

Currently, the County representative has an equal number of votes to all the local leagues within the County. The rule amendment would potentially reduce the County Representatives percentages. In Lancashire's situation, local league would have 52 vote units, whilst the County Representative would have 36 vote units.

There was a comment that the County Representative's voting entitlement would still be too large and an amendment had been put forward to reduce it to 18 vote units.

Again, the meeting agreed that the Chairman should vote in favour of the amendment.

The Chairman once again stated that if any local league did NOT intend voting in person at the AGM, then he would be prepared to act as their Proxy at ETTA AGM, casting their vote in accordance with the wishes of the local league.

The Meeting closed at 9.07pm