

MINUTES OF THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ALFORD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
ON 22 MAY 2007, 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, D Wolstencroft, P Aspin, N Buckley.

Life Member: S Parr

Local Leagues: Blackpool, Lancaster & Morecombe, Liverpool, Liverpool Business Houses, Manchester, Oldham, Preston, Salford & Farnworth, Southport, Warrington & Wigan.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS/TRIBUTES:

The Chairman paid tribute to Stan Harvey of Liverpool Business Houses League and Albert Shipley (a past ETTA Secretary), who had passed away during the past season.

APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT: Local Leagues – Blackburn, Bolton, Bury, East Lancs, Lytham St Annes & Manchester Banks & Insurance.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advanced of the meeting and they had also been available on the website. They were taken as read and an accurate account of the 2006 AGM.

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

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATIONS: The Vets 2nd team of Barry Crook, Brian Clements, Dave Buckley & Diane Lackie had finished runners-up in Division 4A and Brian Clements and Dave Buckley were presented with their trophies.

County badges were also presented to Dave Buckley, Bob Johnson & Carl Stebbing.

County badges were also presented to the following players: Andrew Mudie, Victor Shi Guang, Alec Buchanan, Lindsay Hardy, Tommy Ryan, Pam Murphy and Olive Ashworth.

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 P Aspin, seconded by K Armson, that the report be accepted.
Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Income & Expenditure account and balance sheet had been previously circulated and was also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer summarised the accounts to the meeting, highlighting the differences to the previous year. Income was slightly down on the previous year, due to a reduction in affiliation fees. Overall, expenditure was up by over £500, due to mainly the costs in running county teams. There had been two additional teams over last year, the vets 2nd

team and an Over 60's team, which had been self financing apart from the team registration fee. Overall, the accounts showed a surplus of £337 for the year

The Treasurer proposed to the meeting an increase in affiliation fees to £2.40 per player. This would be the first increase in the past 3 to 4 years and following some explanation and discussion, the meeting voted on the Treasurer's proposal, which was passed on a show of hands.

The accounts had been audited; see later under Any Other Business.

Proposed by K Armson, seconded by D Buckley 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.

Cadet & Junior trials had been held at Preston Table Tennis Centre in September 2006.

The under 11's, 13's & 15's categories on 10th & under 18's on 3rd September.

These categories had been changed to comply with the ETTA formation for the Regional Trials, where players could only be nominated for 1 category in the under 11's, 13's & 15's. All players could enter the under 18's, since there is no under 18's category in the Regional Trials.

7 teams had been entered in the County Championships, 1 Cadet, 2 Junior, 1 Senior, 2 Veterans & 1 Over 60's. The 2nd Veterans team and the Over 60's team were run and organised by Barry Crook & Bob Johnson respectively.

The Cadets finished 3rd bottom in their division, the Junior 1st team finished bottom in Division 1A and will be relegated and unfortunately, the Junior 2nd team had to withdraw from Division 2A on the final weekend as there was no adult available to act as captain to take them to the venue which was different from the Division 1A venue. Normally these are held at the same venue.

The Senior team, in the Premier Division, narrowly missed relegation by gaining a draw in their final match against Cheshire, finishing 2nd from bottom.

The Veterans 1st team finished 3rd bottom in the Premier Division, whilst the 2nd team, organised by Barry Crook, finished runner-up in Division 4A.

Bob Johnson, who organised the Over 60's team, gave a verbal report to the meeting.

Although the team finished bottom, several results had been reversed against the team due to playing order being incorrect. Even so, matches had been both enjoyable and competitive.

The same number of teams has been entered into the County Championships for next season. Barry Crook and Bob Johnson have agreed to take on the responsibility of the 2nd Veterans team and the Over 60's team once again. During his report, Bob Johnson did ask that if there were any over 60's players who would like to play next season, then they should contact him. Although the team is self-financing, the actual cost per player was only approximately £10 per match.

The Match Secretary thanked all team captains for their work during the season, Peter Aspin and Dave Graham with the Cadets & Juniors, Keith Williams and Barry Crook for the Veterans and Kevin Dolder for the Senior team.

The award of County Badges is covered in the earlier item - Presentations

A question was asked over the withdrawal of the Junior 2nd team and then re-entering it again for next season. Could the same happen again? The Match Secretary reported that the withdrawal was no fault of the junior players, but due to unfortunate circumstances, the unavailability of an adult to travel with the junior team, which caused this problem, and it was not expected to occur again.

Proposed by P Aspin, seconded by M Ireland that the report be accepted.
Carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS:

President: The Chairman proposed, seconded by K Armson, that Geoff Aspinall (Oldham) be elected as the new President of the Lancashire County Table Tennis Association. The Chairman read out to the meeting a brief summary of Geoff's contribution, as a player and official over many years. Carried unanimously.

Vice Presidents: The Chairman proposed that all current Vice Presidents, plus 3 new Vice Presidents – Peter Aspin, Joan Rushton and Norman Deakin – be elected by the meeting, which was seconded by T Rigby. Carried unanimously.

There had been no new nominations for Officers of the Executive Committee, hence the current Committee members, who were all willing to re-stand, were re-elected unopposed, including Nathan Buckley, who had been co-opted on to last years committee.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:

The Chairman asked for two volunteers to act as counters during the voting on rule changes, which would be a card vote. Nathan Buckley & Graham Coupe volunteered for the task. All the proposed rule changes had been proposed by the Executive Committee.

Rule 7. AFFILIATION FEES

Rule 7.2 Late payment fine for none payment of fees on time to increase from £10 to £15 per month. Seconded by Peter Aspin.

Following explanation for the increase and discussion, the proposal was approved by 27 votes for; 7 votes against.

Rule 7.3 Guarantee Fee: increase deposit from £10 to £20 per league. Seconded by Ken Armson

There appeared to be some confusion over the current level. The treasurer stated that the Guarantee was already £20, although the current Rules of the Association actual state that it is £10.

The Proposal to amend the rules to from £10 to £20 was approved by 32 votes for; 7 votes against.

Rule 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rule 10.6 Fine for non-attendance of the AGM to increase from £10 to £20. Seconded by Arthur Knowlson.

Again, following explanation and discussion, the proposal was approved by 39 votes for; 0 votes against.

Rule 14. APPEALS AGAINST LEAGUE

Rule 14.3 Fee for appeal to increase from £2 to £12.50, which is the current ETTA fee for individual appeals. Seconded by Arthur Knowleson.
Again following explanation and discussion, the proposal was approved by 42 votes for; 0 votes against.

Rule 21. HANDBOOK AND RULES

Rule 21.3 Failure to provide a handbook by deadline to increase from £1 to £5. Seconded by Stan Clarke.
Again following explanation and discussion, the proposal was approved by 33 votes for, 4 votes against.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Treasurer stated that he had forgot to mention in his report that the accounts had been audited by Harry Ross and found to be correct.

Arthur Knowlson thanked the Committee for helping to organise the LCTTA and the L&CTTL on the same evening.

The Meeting closed by the Chairman at 8.35pm.