

Ellesmere Port and Chester Table Tennis Centre AGM

29 July 2014 at Wirral Hundred

Minutes

Attendance:

Russell Benstead, David Bruce, Aaron Beech, Tony White

Apologies :

Received from Jenny Blain, Veronica Nicholas

Accounts

David presented the accounts. There were a couple of problems that were resolved at the meeting and David will redraw the accounts and represent them for attachment to these minutes.

David noted that the Satellite Club Grant was committed to pay for costs at WCC and The Sport England Grant must be spent on Coaching and other courses and DBSs. There is still a good surplus and fees should be held at the existing level but members would have to pay for ETTA fees (must be at least an associate member), entry fees and clothing. An information sheet for members and parents should be produced to explain this and the club's ethos. (Action: Aaron and Russell)

The meeting thanked David for his efforts in helping to set up the club and all his efforts in coaching as well as acting as treasurer.

Election of officers

As no one has volunteered to replace David the meeting agreed to approach regular members to join the committee. Jenny Blain was proposed as treasurer and Paul Hirst, Steve Tutton, John and Diane Dunne, Pete Cottam and Neil Macdonald were among the names suggested.

Plans for upcoming year

Key areas were identified as providing coaching to a wide range of ages and abilities attending. It was agreed that we would divide into four groups: Child beginners who would undertake Butterfly coaching until they can hit a forehand a backhand and a serve, the national league squad, juniors and cadets who will receive coaching to help them to improve

and compete on four or more tables until 8.30. Beginner adults and parents who we persuade to play who will either be coached with the beginners children or on the robot or multiball table, and adult players who will receive coaching from 8 pm and will be used to help with coaching juniors. We would therefore have a robot table, a multi-ball table, around four tables for junior coaching, an open space for butterfly coaching and other tables for senior play. Key points will be regular rotation of players (every 3 to 5 minutes) and top table etc. to give some competitive play towards the end of sessions.

We will enter teams into National Junior and Cadet Leagues, parents need to be approached soon to assess interest and number of teams to enter. We will have an equal access policy so all members able to play will be given the chance to play.

We have money available for two Level 1 and Two Level 2 courses plus some money to cover other courses and DBs. Tony said he would like to become a coach. The following should be approached to see if they wish to go on the courses,(they would have to agree to coach at the club for over half the sessions): Ray Worthington, Robe Wylie, Paul Hirst. Neil MacDonald, John Ashton. Russell Benstead and Peter Cottam should consider if they want to go on a level 2 course depending on funding available.

Russell proposed we consider running an umpiring course, both for juniors who will have to umpire in NJL and NCL matches and to improve the standard of umpiring in the local League. It was suggested that we approach Karen Tonge MBE or Brian Jackson for advice.

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There being no other business the meeting was closed.