**EXETER AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

Special General Meeting

held at David Jeffrey Room, Heavitree Social Club, 3rd May 2018

Bob Carlyon as chairman welcomed, Honorary Members, Life Members and all others present, to the meeting.

Kevyn Rice thanked the League for the presentation of the Keith Ponting trophy.

1. Apologies

President Mike Lyons

1. Roll call of Clubs represented

Representatives of all clubs were present. Attendees are listed on Appendix1.

1. Match Format proposals

Steve Derbyshire introduced written report distributed to meeting

M. Kiff – asked for elaboration on scoring system with TT365

P Wood – Would TTE ban EDTTL because sets would not be best of 5

ANS: Chris Brown has confirmed this is not an issue with TTE

C Jones – asked for details of recording on TT365

ANS: 2-0 would be recorded as 3-1

P Wood – 3 or 5 on agreement. What if no agreement?

ANS: default is 3

J Wood – would playing best of n3 in first half of season and best of 5 in second half make a difference?

ANS: No

M Hugh – would it affect individual averages?

ANS: very slightly

S Walker – ECFC would play until 10pm ie best of 3

ANS: preference is for clubs to have a policy

M Maguire – 1. West Exe is not financially viable under current system

2. West Exe have teams of young players who can’t play until 11pm

R Wilkins – N&SC belives Committee has produced an entirely viable solution

K Rice – Could 3s and 5s be mixed e.g. singles and doubles?

ANS: No

N Sear – Can a team announce that they are a 5 team and that the 5 format is played at their venue?

ANS: No

R Landberger – meeting must remember that the do nothing option is no longer a viable option.

R Adams – Can decision on format be changed once match has started?

ANS: No

P Wood – what happens with playing on two tables? Is this now necessary?

ANS: expectation is that only one table will be required

J Whitehorn – which other clubs have 10pm curfew?

ANS: list given by members verbally

S Tuckett – can matches start earlier?

ANS: clubs like West Exe have restrictions on access

P Davey- doesn’t like the fact that teams can insist on best of 3 format

G Tushingham – Agreed that some resolution must be found but that this proposal is not optimal

G Richmond – hard problem and solution is a good solution

J Shearman – set out financial position of West Exe

R Adams – clubs always let young players play first

ANS: yes but still logistical problems around transportation

N Sears – do clubs need to be cleared away by 10pm?

ANS: Yes

B Yarde-Buller – Earlier finishes will encourage teenagers to continue playing.

M Kiff – Playing best of 3 is not comparable with playing anywhere else.

ANS: Bob Adams suggested this was not a problem

G Tushingham – what about pairs league?

C Jones – in Cumbria 10 set s per match EDTTL had an issue with 10 set matches so this is the right solution.

J Whitehorn – Will we need to reconsider two player matches?

ANS: Yes, if this becomes an issue with short format matches

P Bennett – What about juniors who get beaten easily? They will only play six singles games.

ANS: best of 5 is still an option

B Yarde-Buller – Joe Y-B would always want to play best of 5. So having juniors does not mean that all matches will be best of 3.

P Wood – will any changes be evaluated?

ANS: Yes

VOTE

Steve Derbyshire – proposer, Mike Maguire - seconder

In favour – 23

Against – 15

Abstentions -0

Chairman, Secretary and Minute Taker did not vote

PROPOSITION CARRIED

1. Promotion and Relegation

J Shearman introduced topic and the work of the working party

Discussion – preference was expressed for consultation and feedback through mediums such as Survey Monkey.

The meeting closed at 2130h