

**LONDON BANKS AND CIVIL SERVICE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22th JUNE 2018**

Present: Chairman - Neil Le Milliere (NLM); Secretary - Gerry Martin (GM); Asst Secretary and Treasurer - Barry Pollentine (BP); Divisional Secretary - Colin Walkinshaw; Auditor - Phil Wroe and Representatives from all member Clubs except Northwest, RMT Credit and Old Sedcopians

**1. Chairman's opening remarks**

- 1.1 Neil welcomed everybody to the 25th AGM of the League.
- 1.2 Neil mentioned the perennial problem with playing venues. At the Abbey Centre we had successfully moved from a three to four tables per match night arrangement and been able to accommodate four extra teams. Less satisfactory, was the news that the International Students House (ISH) venue in the Central League was closing after many years. He was planning to investigate whether the new Greenhouse venue in Marylebone was likely to be available for league matches.
- 1.3 There had been some concern over the renewal of the Abbey Centre lease but this seems to have been successful.

**2. Apologies for absence**

- 2.1. There were apologies from Old Sedcopians, and NordWest and from Colin Walkinshaw.

**3. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

- 3.1. The minutes had been circulated prior to the Meeting. They were adopted nem con.

**4. Matters arising**

- 4.1. None.

**5. Secretary's Report.**

- 5.1. The Secretary's Report had been circulated prior to the Meeting. In presenting the mainly factual Report, Gerry said this the year the role had gone relatively smoothly.
- 5.2 Gerry gave the results of the informal online survey he had conducted on possible changes to the Divisional structure.

Eight Team Divisions?	12
Eight Team Divisions (+ Extra Cup Competition)?	2
Six Team Divisions? (Autumn & Winter Leagues)?	1
Stay As We Are - 12 Team Divisions?	11

The poll showed a narrow majority was for a move to a system of eight teams divisions with a significant minority preferring the status quo. There was some discussion of the options and it was generally agreed that an eight team divisional structure might better reflect the variation in playing standards.

The Secretary expressed some concern as to the difficulties it might cause with fixture scheduling. The Chairman concluded that no vote should be taken on the matter and that the League would continue with the current arrangements.

- 5.3 Gerry mentioned that there were still one or two players that still had to pay their Table Tennis England (TTE) subscriptions for the year. He also highlighted the appropriate use of TTE Associate membership.

- 5.4 Gerry confirmed that all the arrangements for the league to meet GDPR compliance had been completed.

- 5.5. The Report was adopted nem con.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

- 6.1. Barry presented the Report. The Accounts for the year had been audited and were circulated at the meeting. The figures showed that the League continued to have a healthy balance, and again there would

be no need to increase registration fees. The biggest spend by the League is now on the Social Evening after the AGM.

6.2. He said that most teams now paid their league fees by bank direct transfer. However this often caused problems when they did not add any ID or to the payment reference details. Currently his records showed that two teams had not paid this years fees. It was agreed that Club representatives would investigate and rectify where necessary.

6.3. The Report was adopted nem con.

## **7. Election of Officers**

7.1. As there were no new nominations for any Committee position, the existing Committee was re-appointed en bloc by unanimous consent of the members present.

7.2 The current auditor – Philip Wroe – was standing down at the end of this season.

Neil stated that Peter Harris had agreed to act as the new auditor.

Bob Clark proposed the appointment and it was seconded by Ian Pickard.

This appointment was carried fifteen votes to one.

7.3 Eric Callow agreed to add the role of Welfare Officer to his committee role.

## **8. Motions for discussion.**

8.1 There were no motions for discussion.

## **9. Any Other Business.**

9.1. Gerry advised the meeting that enhanced privacy options had been added to the web site to comply with GDPR. There would also be an additional approval step in the annual individual TTE membership online renewal system for GDPR.

9.2. There was no Cup competition again this season due to a general lack of interest.

9.3 Gerry reported that a number of complaints had been raised about illegal and/or non-compliant service actions. This was a matter that needs to be dealt with by the players and umpire involved in the specific match/game where the violation occurs. If no resolution can be reached at that time, the matter could then be referred to the committee. Perhaps all players should re-acquaint themselves with the latest ITTF definition of a legal service.

9.4. Neil advised that there would be the usual Social Event after the Meeting - those attending should pay their £5 to Barry after the meeting if they had not already done so.

## **10. Presentation of Trophies.**

10.1. The trophies and awards were presented by Neil.

Gerry Martin  
Secretary  
July 2018