

LOUGHBOROUGH and DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th June 2018 at the Mathematics Education Centre, Loughborough University starting at 7:30 pm.

1) **Minutes of the 2017 AGM** had been circulated. There were no matters arising.

Acceptance was proposed by Louise Watson, seconded by Bo Zhang and passed unanimously.

2) **Apologies** were received from David Handley, Joanne Green, Jessica Birbeck, Shan Gao, Phil Jones and Malcolm Allsop.

3) **Fixtures Secretary** David Handley was unable to attend the meeting. Rafe Cherry asked if all teams finishing at the bottom of divisions (1 to 3) would be relegated and that top teams (divisions 2 to 4) would be promoted. The Chairman said that although this was normally the case it could be varied by the Committee to ensure that teams were in the division they wished to play or were most suited for in order to maintain the balance of the Divisions of the League. He pointed out that there were many factors to consider including that teams from new or expanding clubs needed to be put into suitable divisions according to their ability.

4) **The Handicap Cup** This was presented to Charnwood Blockers, with runners-up Charnwood Choppers.

5) **First Division** The Secretary Bo Zhang reported a very good season with just 3 matches conceded. The outcome of the Division went down to the last match with Unicorn Avocets winning the League's top division for the first time in the Club's history. The trophy was presented to Unicorn Avocets, with runners-up Draycott Donkeys.

6) **Second Division** The Secretary was not present. His report in the end-of-season magazine highlighted the problem of late or missing scorecards from some teams. The trophy was presented to Charnwood Aggressors, with runners-up Draycott Dynamos.

7) **Third Division** The Secretary Phil Jones was not present. The trophy was presented to Hugglescote Hawks, with runners-up Charnwood Choppers (and not Unicorn Dippers as the TTE 365 website shows).

8) **Fourth Division**. The Secretary Jordan Tweed presented the trophy to Sawley Tempted, with runners-up Students G.

9) **Annual Tournament**. The Tournament Secretary Tony Cook stated that the Tournament would be held next year on Sunday 17th February 2019 at Draycott. This was one week later than usual in the expectation that it would not clash with a National Junior Tournament. Hopefully this would give a higher Junior entry. The Tournament had been well supported by Loughborough Students. It was proposed that a Hard Bat open singles competition be held but players restricted to a maximum of four events (as in 2018) so that the Tournament finished at a reasonable time. The Committee would make the final decisions on this.

10) **Treasurer.** Tony Cook reported that the accounts had been audited by Helen Lumby.

The balance was about the same as last year and proposed no increase in Fees or Fines.

Acceptance was proposed by Bo Zhang, seconded by Eric Baker and passed unanimously.

11) **Press Officer.** John Brindley reported that the Loughborough Echo had been very good at printing his reports. He pointed out that Handicap Cup information had been difficult to access as match scorecards were not available via the TT365 website.

12) **The League Secretary.** Ron Forster thought that the season had been rather fragmented because of the long Easter break while the Students were away (for four weeks) and so had not finished until May. In discussion, it was thought that some matches might be brought forward or Students might play twice a week on occasions so that we had an April finish. It was still felt desirable that each team play 20 – 22 matches per season rather than reducing the fixture list.

13) **The Chairman.** David Green reported that Table Tennis England were again increasing Players Fees by £ 2.00 per player to £16.00. TTE were organising a Table Tennis day on Wednesday 18th July. Some ideas for participating in Loughborough were suggested.

14) **Proposed Alteration to Rules.**

The only proposal was to alter the League rule 48 regarding league position of two teams with the same number of points to comply with the options available on the TT365 website. The rule affected was to change the criterion 'games difference' to the criteria 'games won' then 'games lost'. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

15) **Election of Officers.**

All Officers were prepared to continue and were elected *en bloc*.

16) Jonathan Wood from Melbourne Swifts TTC was present at the meeting whose Club wished to enter two teams in the League next year (2018-19).

17) **Goons TTC** reported that they had lost their venue but were hoping to find other premises before the start of the new season.

18) **Next season.** It was reported that some Clubs would be entering an extra team next year whilst others would be entering less teams and a new Club was entering two teams. It was necessary that the composition of the Leagues was decided by the end of July.

19) The **Summer League** would be starting in about two weeks' time, organised by David Green.

20) **Any other business.**

Louise Watson asked about the GDPR policy of the League and security of any data. The Chairman reported that the League's own website (and database) had been shut down. He hoped that the GDPR policy of the League could be stated at the Secretaries' Meeting in September.

21) **Close.** The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Ron Forster

League Secretary