



MANSFIELD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2015

MINUTES

Opening of meeting by Chairman with apologies for absence: Matt Fowkes work commitments
There were 13 members & 6 committee members in attendance

Minutes of 2014 AGM: The members present accepted the minutes dated Wednesday 2nd July 2014
Brian Roddis Proposed minutes & Joe Zygadlo Seconded

MATTERS ARISING

Shipham Shield Competition: Format discussed at length at last AGM (Wednesday 2nd July 2014) it was decided that there should be a rule change proposed at least one month before scheduled AGM.
Joe had proposed a rule change in accordance with the rules in the Mansfield & District Handbook

Review of 2014-2015 season: Brian Roddis

Firstly we have lost three stalwarts in Arthur Sweeney, Norman Holmes & Des Jelly

I would like to thank Ben Swain for updating league results & web site

It was disappointing that membership was down by 2 teams to 16 teams registered & this will be affected in the accounts. To keep interest in division 1 Joe introduced the divisional cup competition which I believe went quite well.

A comment from Ben Swain was no problems in Division 2 but Division 1 was an headache with postponed matches.

I must congratulate Ravenshead Rascals Division 1 & Divisional Cup winners & Zygabyte Old Bats Division 2 winners. I believe all the competitions were well supported & particularly the Mick Dennis Trophy with Graham Smith's help.

Well done to all competition winners

Presentation night went well with Kelly Sibley & Chris Doran in attendance, we are looking to ensure that we have Alan Cooke's attendance next season

Finally thanks to the committee for continued support & Bill Davison for hosting our meetings

Treasurer's report: Debbie Rider produced an annual statement for the accounts, the members in attendance happily accepted the figures

Glen Holmes Proposed

Val Tully Seconded

Andy Bunting made a point that less than 50% of the membership (players) were in attendance at the presentation evening, he reminded the members present at the AGM that the membership fees included costs for the evening. The members think that £600 for the evening is money well spent
Glen Holmes mentioned the lighting issue but we explained that it would cost £700 to change bulbs due to hiring of a cherry picker

Amber Zygadlo thinks the format is very good as everyone knows what to expect & enjoys the exhibition matches.

Ben Swain went to the Nottingham presentation evening for the first time this season & said it was a waste of time!

Glen Holmes said he enjoys Mansfield's format, if we change too much we would be losing from a winning formula. He likes to watch top class players along with Alan Cooke

The Presentation Evening showed a £600 loss so the committee has discussed at length a few ideas to recuperate money for future seasons. Profit/Loss hinges on Presentation night!

1: Increase player's registration fees to cover costs then all players have free entry

2: Charge players who bring families

Val Tully suggested charging a nominal fee to guests

Members also said if fees are increased then other teams may drop out of league

Initially the committee didn't reduce fees when TTE introduced the individual membership fees, Mansfield League need to maintain individual fees to help cover deficit/costs of presentation evening. "Conclusion is that player registration fees will remain unchanged. They needed to be reduced to allow for individual player registration with TT England, but increased to cover the increased costs of the Presentation Evening"

Auditors report: Andy Bunting had approved a true record of the accounts for 2014/2015

"Once again Debbie has produced an excellent set of accounts, simple, straightforward and accurate!"

Profit for the year is up £7!

Election of officers:

Bill Davison, President:

Brian Roddis, Chairman:

Joe Zygadlo, Vice Chairman, Competitions Secretary & Coaching Assistant:

Debbie Rider, Secretary & Treasurer:

Ben Swain, Publicity, Records Officer & Web-Site:

Ray Rider, Coaching Officer:

Andy Bunting, Auditor:

Matt Fowkes, Member:

Graham Smith: Co-Opted member for Mick Dennis Trophy

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AGREED ON BLOCK
VAL TULLY PROPOSED & FIONA RIDGEWELL SECONDED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: ALL IN FAVOUR**

Proposed rule changes:

“That the handicapping system for the Shippam Shield to be changed to the following system:

At the start of each season, all registered players will be given a ranking which will be approved at a Committee Meeting.

It was again discussed at length, it was decided that every member gets a rating at the beginning of the season worked on previous years averages plus discussion from committee members (these figures are to be kept at that level). Any discrepancies/queries with rankings then the committee can discuss at regular intervals/meetings, these need to be e-mailed to Joe Zygadlo

Ben will keep regular updates on the web site which will be PDF downloadable also e-mail to changes to team captains

Joe to use same template & format as Nottingham league where A to Z equates as a number, each team captain to receive a chart to use on the night format being take one letter away from the other to work out who receives the handicap for each individual game. 2 games up to 21

Bill Davison said he wasn't in ratings & still wants to play a few matches in the league along with Shippam Shield matches. Joe had a temporary rating will be taken in to account

Committee to look at ratings in view to discussing at next meeting

Joe Zygadlo Proposed & Andy Bunting Seconded: ALL IN FAVOUR

Divisional Format

Jacksdale C played every match in good spirit & particularly enjoyed the Divisional Cup competition A lot of teams enjoyed it giving them extra games

The question was asked if we could introduce it to Division 2

Any other business:

Introduction of new ball, every local league is using new legislation balls season 2015/2016

**Joe said avoid seemed balls as they are breaking or splitting easily
New balls are more fragile with Butterfly balls being one of the worse**

A box of Xushaofa (XSF) are £6:50 a box

**Glen Holmes said they don't do orange balls so they are restricted at Jacksdale
Joe to contact supplier**

There was lots of talk when speaking about accounts regarding the situation with table tennis in Mansfield, with 4 teams dropping out of the league last season & the encouragement of youngsters into the sport. Joe chases players from other leagues including Chesterfield every season to sign on for a team in Mansfield

Ben has tried to put posters up in leisure centres as they are key places for sporting activities, these areas include Mansfield, Sutton & Kirkby. The problem is they are not Council owned but by “Everyone Active” so posters cannot be displayed

schools are opening care in the community (open school after hours) we maybe should ask if they want to run a table tennis club. The only problem for match purposes is the 10pm close & security checks working with any youngsters

Richard Robinson said there are very few places to play in the Mansfield area & people don't want to travel to Ravenshead. Very few works organizations are supporting sports activities

It was also mentioned that teams in Mansfield give no effort to welcome players into their clubs!

Richard said it was difficult with juniors involvement at Ravenshead as no one is prepared to be patient & spend time coaching them. Kids/beginners don't fit in with adults & experienced players!!

Ben had an e-mail from a 15yr old lad from Sutton who had seen advert in Chad but could only recommend River Maun or Ravenshead. River Maun's membership is increasing & maybe a few players interested in putting teams in the league.

Apparently they want to encourage table tennis & at present have 3 tables with Mansfield league supplying 2 more

Ray to attend a session one Thursday evening

Maggie said we should use social media to communicate

Face Book & Twitter

Access work places where they may have a team of people interested in playing local league matches

Andy Bunting said problem would be premises

Glen Holmes asked who sponsors Draycott as there is a lot of youngsters playing at the premises, they received a quarter million pounds from lottery funding

Sycamore is also another premises in Nottingham with excellent facilities along with a number of youngsters improving skills to be able to play at a high league standard

It was mentioned that there isn't the loyalty towards table tennis & we need leisure centres to promote the sport or school sports halls which are not being used in the evenings. Caretakers in schools are conscious about people wandering around out of school hours

Neil Clifton spent several hours coaching table tennis in the Mansfield area as it was his life, its finding someone with the same commitment to bring youngsters through the sport

Table tennis crops up very often in the Chad newspaper along with photographs, Ben is willing to write article & do a feature for new season to introduce new players but the problem remains

LACK OF PREMISES!

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

A THANK YOU TO ALL ATTENDANCE AT AGM

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