



MANSFIELD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2017

MINUTES

Opening of meeting by Chairman with apologies for absence: **Dean Marsh Snipers B, Andy Bunting away on holiday**

There were 12 members & 6 committee members in attendance

Minutes of 2016 AGM: The members present accepted the minutes dated Thursday 30th June 2016

Brian Roddis mentioned the annual championships being @ Sycamore Sports Centre in Nottingham & it was resolved by being back @ Ravenshead Leisure Centre this last season. Also several amendments & rule changes were put through which were resolved

Brian Roddis Proposed minutes & Joe Zygodlo Seconded

Review of 2016-2017 season: Brian Roddis

Joe Zygodlo published a newsletter for the presentation evening which gave a resume of the season. Ben Swain has kept everyone up to date with progress during the season.

“The season this leaves very little for me to say: we started with 17 teams in Mansfield which was one more than last year. All the competitions were well supported particularly the annual championships which came back to Ravenshead Leisure Centre. The annual presentation evening had a new venue, the Summit Centre had building work which started in May & we had already decided a new venue was needed. The committee visited Kingsway Hall & decided this would be an ideal venue. We again had Alan Cooke & Chris Doran to entertain us & I would like to thank Junior, Michael George & Jack Kirkland for providing the challenges. Alan Cooke said the venue was fine & I believe the catering was satisfactory.

On the county scene I was unable to attend the AGM but have been told that surprisingly the committee remains the same with my -self as vice president.

Nationally TTE AGM is on Saturday week & I understand that there is a proposed increase in individual membership from £12 to £14.

Finally thanks to Bill Davison for allowing the committee meetings at his house and to the committee for their hard work during the season”

This year’s presentation evening was discussed at this point with Richard Robinson saying that the Summit Centre was a better venue but as Joe said we ask about lighting every year to be told it would be actioned if we pay for it!!

Brian Roddis hasn’t lost contact with Kaye @ the Summit Centre so if things change we can discuss returning in the future. Alan Cooke’s comment was at least they could see the balls!!

It was bought up by Ray Rider that people were talking whilst Alan was presenting so a microphone was suggested for following presentation nights if held @ the Kingsway Hall.

Graham Smith, Dick Johnson & Paul Linfield thought the buffet was good quality

Feedback generally the same it’s better than any other local league’s presentation evening

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

Joe Zygadlo Proposed

Matt Fowkes Seconded

Workshop league have asked Joe how we make money each year, Richard Robinson mentioned that the Workshop league ask their members who have won a trophy if they require one so it potentially could save revenue for the league.

Graham Smith asked why do we need such a large balance of money, Kevin Cope mentioned that his club needs balls, Dick Johnson mentioned Hucknall talked about a new table & nets which was asked to the league. It was also asked why we didn't supply balls for the seasons play?

Ben Swain said that any enquiries for equipment then a letter should be sent to the secretary so that it can be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Joe Zygadlo mentioned that the £3000 which was left in Alan's legacy is for development to the sport & if at any time in the future the council were to offer premises on a peppercorn lease then we would need these finances to cover the costs.

Dick Johnson said we could use the money to promote table tennis & recruit new players

Joe Zygadlo mentioned that Colin Deaton funded a summer school which was very successful & he would like to have a road show in schools around the Mansfield area

Auditors report: Andy Bunting had approved a true record of the accounts for 2016/2017

Debbie Rider read out a statement from Andy Bunting

"Having examined the statement supplied by the treasurer, I am satisfied that the profit & loss summary to be distributed at the AGM on 29/06/2017 is transparent and accurate"

Profit for the year is -£47

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

JOHN BULLOCK PROPOSED & DEREK CLARKE SECONDED

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: ALL IN FAVOUR

It was mentioned that the president's name was missed of the handbook which upset Bill but Joe said that unfortunately it was missed due to the fact that he enlarged the handbook from A6 to A5 so the second line disappeared

Proposed rule changes:

Matt Fowkes said RULE 5 didn't give any specifics to qualify attendance at AGM

Joe Zygadlo has amended accordingly

1: The annual general meeting shall be held not later than the end of July

2: At least seven day's notice of the meeting shall be given to all clubs

3: A fine of £10 (ten pounds) shall be levied in any team failing to ensure representative at the annual general meeting

Representative to comply with rule (v) as described below

- iv) Each registered player or league official present at the annual general meeting is entitled to vote
V) Registration shall run from 26th August to the 25th August of the following year

Matt Fowkes Proposed
Ben Swain Seconded
All in favour

It was asked what's the point of a fine?: Matt Fowkes said so every team can have a representative @ the AGM & we need members to have their say how the league is managed. If we don't impose a fine then people don't bother turning up which is the case in all previous years because the fine scheme hasn't been properly actioned. This year 1 team in division one didn't send a representative: Terminetters Division Two had 4 teams without a representative Snipers B, Spin Doctors, Marksman B and Jacksdale C

Next year the committee will be imposing the fine to be paid before the start of the following season, anyone in the particular team will have to pay a share

Divisional Format

This season the Autumn Cup was charged @ £4 by Joe Zygodlo as he thought for some reason that's what the charges were for competitions, Ben Swain said it should have been £3. After that 3 competitions were free entrée. (hard bat being part of the annual championships)
This following season each competition will be £3 along with the annual championships being a one of fee of £8 for all events

Paul Linfield said it was free to enter the Derby championships!

Annual championships went very well with 34 entrées the highest in the last 6/7 years

Joe & Debbie worked very well together making sure the event finished on time

If we get more teams this year then we could possibly have a division three or a junior league

Ben Swain said Nottingham & Worksop League have a fair few junior players & it's a shame we couldn't have a junior league possibly look into hiring the large sports hall @ Ravenshead on a Tuesday or Thursday evening & have a finish for 9pm.

Joe Zygodlo said we could look into having an evening at Samworth Academy get some tables from development fund & start a junior league. We could have a format similar to the divisional cup without the doubles & finish at 9-9:30pm

It was discussed about using the money for advertising & promoting table tennis, the committee did spend several pounds on flyers which advertised 4 free nights of play @ the Summit Centre a few years ago but we didn't have any success for new players into the league

The committee will look into finding a venue where we can offer a similar event with free table tennis & the possibility of coaching

Glen Holmes has tried council offices but no feedback

Debbie & Ray have received an e-mail regarding a link between a league club & St Joseph's Whittaker school in Rainworth we are to make an appointment to visit, discussion could be to develop a family club which starts to grow then people could join local league. The only problem would be 10 o'clock curfew with local authority & it would be difficult for people to commit to playing in a local league. Ray Rider suggested they could play on two tables & have all matches at the home fixture for a couple of seasons to develop confidence

Ravenshead seems to be the nearest venue but it's not a proper club but "a club of teams"

Jacksdale is run as a proper structured club

Joe said we used to hold the annual championships there

Glen Holmes said he would prefer the same format as last season with the divisional cup event, Joe said it would depend on how many teams register. Paul Linfield said it would benefit players if the event was handicapped. We put this to the members in attendance & it was proposed best of three games 21up it was unanimous with 12 votes

Any other business

We had the same conversation as in previous years about Ravenshead, it's the only venue that seems to have open practice nights with all ages apart from juniors (the older end more popular)

Ray Rider did go on an evening for coaching & kept a table purely for this but felt the adults were annoyed that one table was unavailable for free play.

Unfortunately the only venue the committee can suggest for playing the sport is Ravenshead, Matt Fowkes said a young girl enquired & was told it was for league members on a Wednesday night?

The committee is reluctant to get involved as in previous years Martin West & Debbie Rider put a lot of hard work in trying to develop & run Ravenshead as a structured club with the possibility of getting extra nights for play & the intention of having a proper committee. The members were not interested in changing the format.

There are a lot of people going to Ravenshead during the daytime & evening but they are casual players not looking into playing in a competitive league.

It is an unfortunate situation as Ravenshead is the club with the growth of teams

Jacksdale has a lot of juniors coming through but they are saturated for home nights

Kingsway Hall has opportunity for 10 teams

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

A THANK YOU TO ALL ATTENDANCE AT AGM

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