

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 24th July 2019
At Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Kidderminster

Present: President: Mr Ron Butterson

Committee: Richard Cullis, Bernie Leech, Martin Clark, John Stalker, Graham Collier
Janet Hunt, Maggie Shearwood

Margaret Dignum, Stephen Horton, John George, Mark Edwards, Alex Westwood

Apologies: Ken & Barbara Jukes, Luke Moffat, Beryl Shammon, Mark Nicholls

1. President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the AGM.
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM were signed as a true record. Proposer Martin Clark
Seconder Graham Collier.
3. Matters arising from those Minutes. There were none.
4. Annual Report of the Executive Committee - Richard Cullis

This report will be very short because other people will be reporting on various aspects of table tennis in the county and nationally and I haven't much to say.

The County Closed tournament was held this year at Wallace House in Evesham. The results are all on the website, so I won't go into details, but just say congratulations to all the winners and runners-up. Thanks must go to Luke Moffat for organising the venue and Bernie Leech for organising and running the competition.

We again entered teams in the different age brackets for the County Championships. The cadets finished 5th in division 2B. The juniors were 6th in division 1A. The seniors were 3rd in division 2A, a position matched by the veterans' second team in division 3A of their league. The over 60s came 5th in division 1B, but pride of place goes to the veterans A team who won division 1A and will be promoted to the premier division. Congratulations to all who represented the county this season and thank you to John Stalker for his umpiring.

Bernie again ran the County Inter-league competition which was won this year by the home team of Evesham.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank our President Ron Butterson for his continuing support and enthusiasm. Also, I wish to take the opportunity of thanking all Officers, Committee Members and anyone else who has helped in any way by supporting the affairs of the Association. We are particularly grateful to Bernie for hosting the committee meetings. Attendance at some meetings has been poor with some leagues not sending representatives. Next season please would all leagues ensure they elect a county representative to attend meetings and if that person can't make it, send a replacement. This

is your league's opportunity to have your say and make things happen around the county. This year Nigel Anson has stepped down from his county coaching role and I'd like to thank Nigel and his team for all the effort they have put in over many years. Luke Moffatt has kindly offered to step in and run coaching sessions with his colleagues at the JLM club, whilst Nigel will continue to run the county junior and cadet teams.

It is to the credit of all the leagues in the county that they run very efficiently on their own and I feel that the county committee are often surplus to requirements. With this in mind, I will be stepping down as chairman after this meeting and I would like to end this my final report by saying I know a lot of people have no interest whatsoever in the future of table tennis in Worcestershire or do not take it seriously, as evidenced by attendance at meetings and tournaments, but I consider it an honour to have been appointed county chairman and to have served the county I have lived and played in all my life.

Richard Cullis

The President thanked Richard Cullis for all of his work during his time as Chairman.

5. Presentation of the Accounts - Martin Clark

The Treasurer went through the accounts giving details of the breakdown of income and expenditure where appropriate.

Special thanks were given to Ken and Barbara Jukes, Ron Butterson and Eric Hardman for their donations.

Higher costs relating to County Championships were noted due to venues being further afield than previously.

County Closed Championships benefitted from lower venue costs at JLM.

A small surplus arose in the year providing net assets of £13,324 of which £3,360 relates to the Development fund for Juniors & Cadets.

The President remarked that we are in a healthy financial situation.

Martin Clark said we need to encourage people to become coaches which we will pay for.

Martin Clark and John Stalker were at a recent meeting whereby it transpired they are now charging volunteers to do an Umpires course. Martin proposed that in the event that anyone in the County wants to become an Umpire then we will reimburse them.

Janet Hunt endorsed Martins proposition. Graham Collier seconded. All in favour.

John Stalker would also like to add referees courses to the proposition which was agreed.

There was discussion about how to get youngsters started such as getting coaches in the County. Encourage all the leagues in the County to encourage the juniors and the County will pay for this out of the legacy funds.

Stephen Horton suggested a launch day for people who have never played before.

John Stalker proposed acceptance of the accounts, Seconded by Graham Collier. All in favour.

6. Reporting Accountant

The accounts have been examined by Martin Madkins and the signed balance sheet will be attached to the signed Minutes. President asked Secretary to convey our thanks to Martin Madkins.

7. Determination of fees, fines, deposits - Martin Clark

Martin proposed that we make no increase in fees. Graham Collier seconded. All in favour.

8. Election of Officers

President: Ron Butterson. Proposed by Bernie Leech. Seconded John George. All in favour

Vice presidents: Re-election *en bloc* K Green. P Greening. P Hines. Mrs J Hunt. K Jukes. D Roden. Mrs B Shammon. Lynda Reid. All in favour

Officers:

Chairman Bernie Leech. Proposed by Stephen Horton. Seconded Graham Collier. All in favour

Vice Chairman John Stalker. Proposed by Martin Clark. Seconded Graham Collier. All in favour.

All other committee members Re-election *en bloc*: All in favour.

General Secretary	-	Maggie Shearwood
Treasurer	-	Martin Clark
Umpires Secretary	-	John Stalker
County League Secretary	-	Bernie Leech
Coaching & Development	-	Luke Moffat
Communications Officer	-	John Stalker
County Match Secretary	-	John Stalker
Data Protection & Welfare Officer	-	John Stalker
Reporting Accountant	-	Martin Madkins

Bernie Leech suggested asking leagues if it is possible to promote people to be representatives on the County Committee.

9. Development in the County

Nigel Anson has stood down as Development Officer and Luke Moffat is taking his place. Nigel is still running the Junior and Cadet teams. John Stalker to email Nigel to determine what his position is.

President asked Bernie Leech to thank Nigel for the work he has done for the County.

10. Other matters of which notice has been given

There were none.

11. Any other business

Bernie Leech asked if we should carry on having the County Closed at Wallace House or go back to Pensnett as Wallace House wouldn't have the capacity if we get more people enter the Championships next year. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Margaret Dignum suggested having an Over 60's Championship as part of the County. She is willing to run it. We have enough players for two Over 60's teams if the County can stand the cost. This does not have to be decided now this is for 2020. To be discussed at the next meeting.

TTE league manager does not support the Worcestershire website at this time. John Stalker proposed we retain existing TT365 on a one year subscription of £79.00 to get us through the year. Mark Edwards seconded. Carried 6 for 2 against.

John Stalker congratulated Stephen Horton's team for getting into the Premier league.

President asked if we could look into the constitution which says he cannot attend the Committee meetings. To be discussed at the next meeting.

He thanked the Committee and particularly Bernie Leech for the work they have done in the last 12 months. He called the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

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