

Worcester Table Tennis League – Minutes of committee meeting held at YMCA

Sunday 7 April 2019

Present

Dave Bradley (Chair), David Elliott, Janet Hunt, Beryl Shammon, Paul Pattison, Brett Brining, David Brown, and Tony Harding.

Apologies

Brian Ovington and John Stalker

Minutes of Meeting held 10th February 2019 agreed.

Matters arising from Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2019

- **WTTL Championship 2019.** Overall a successful but long day with a 9.30pm finish. Janet had one reservation that perhaps “more could be made of the Men’s Singles” Event. A change of format was discussed with the possibility of extending the Tournament over two days. One difficulty had been that in the morning session only 4 tables could be used in the gym rather than the 6 used in previous years in the Sports Hall. Resulted in delay of a number of games. Only 24 entries this year. Numbers down on last year. It was thought that the Tournament date could be decided upon earlier to try and ensure the booking of the Sports Hall. David Elliott pointed out that it appeared that one player had entered the Tournament without satisfying the criteria set out in the Handbook. The Tournament sub-committee would try to avoid this happening in the future. The Handicap Event appeared to be accepted by all. No complaints. Dave Bradley thanked Janet, Beryl and Paul for the way in which the Tournament was organised. It was noted that only one player had entered the Division 3 event. Disappointing. What can we do to encourage? Discussion.
- **Alternative venues to replace YMCA.** Dave Bradley has been involved with the hire of St Peters Village Hall for the use of Worcester League teams next season. There appeared to be a question of Non Blondes changing their home night with a team from the Malvern League that had to be resolved. Dave wrote to John Cawthra supporting Non Blondes request and asked him to contact Gary Long to resolve. David Elliott mentioned that he had seen a brochure advertising weekly “Ping Pong” sessions at Lyppard Community Centre. He will attend to investigate further. Tony advised that an e-mail had been sent to St Martins requesting confirmation of hire charge. Reply not yet received.
- **Table Tennis Returns.** David Brown confirmed that Web Site had been updated to confirm receipt of information.
- **YMCA Finance.** Tony read over part of an e-mail received from Brian. “it was agreed that I should contact the YMCA to see if we could have Tuesdays and Sundays until the end of August for practice.” To date a reply has not been received. He will follow up on his return. Beryl added that in September a payment was for 12 months so we should be okay until the end of August.

Division Update

Division One – JS (e-mail). Rainbow first, Codgers second. Two outstanding games. Both have until w/e 14 April to complete.

Division Two – D. Brown. Tight finish at top. Three teams involved. T4 who have finished all their games, Jays B and Nemesis (who play each other next week.) David hopes to attend that match

Division Three. D. Bradley. Division completed on time. Dave has contacted all clubs to thank them for their cooperation.

Handicap. Semi Final stage w/c 8th April.

WTTL 365 Table Tennis England and TT365 have confirmed that their commercial relationship will come to an end at the end of July when current contract concludes. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the choices we have to make on behalf of our players.

1. Pay the TTE fee of £16.00 or £18.00, plus pay the £7.00 / £4.00 TT365 subscription.
2. De affiliate from TTE and only pay the TT365 subscription.
3. Pay the TTE fee and pull out of this agreement with TT365, thus going it alone with no TT365 as of August 1st.

Responses to TT365 proposal are required by 17 May. It was decided to hold next meeting prior to this date in order that situation could be discussed further.

2019 AGM. 12 June 21019 was agreed. Tony to contact Brian to confirm date.

Administration / Correspondence.

None

Any Other Business

Janet, Beryl and Paul wished to give special thanks to Mark Shouler, Charlie Burford and Graham Thompson for the extra help they gave during the 2019 Championships.

Meeting ended 21.25

Date of Next Meeting – Sunday 5 May 2019 - YMCA – 7.30pm