

MINUTES OF THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ALFORD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
ON 20 MAY 2008, COMMENCING AT 7:30pm.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, commenting that it was good to see some new faces to him.

PRESENT: Committee members: G Aspinall (President), S Clarke (Chairman), J Rushton, D Goulden, EA Pentland, T Purcell.

ETTA NW Development Officer – Andrea Holt.

Local Leagues: Blackpool, Bolton, Bury, East Lancs, Lancaster & Morecambe, Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Preston, Southport, Warrington & Wigan.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS/TRIBUTES:

The Chairman paid tribute to Bill Salter of Southport & Liverpool League, Stan Parr, a Life Member of the Association and Ken Armson, Vice Chairman, Umpires Secretary and Deputy National Councillor for Lancashire, who had passed away during the past season.

APOLOGIES: D Wolstencroft, M Ireland

ABSENT: Local Leagues – Blackburn, Lytham St Annes & Manchester Banks and Insurance.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advanced of the meeting and they had also been available on the website. They were taken as read and an accurate account of the 2007 AGM.

Proposed by G Coult, seconded by A Knowlson that they be signed as a true record.
Carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATIONS: County badges were presented to the following players:

Cadets – Alex Leslie, Steven Hall (present), Nathan Wilkinson, Michael Lunn & Gabriella Kay

Juniors – Adam Schober Thompson, Ben Drulia, Ben Edwards, Liam Bedford, Michael Padden, Sarah Bardsley, Holly Schober Thompson

O'60s – Ron Bennett

The Maurice Goldstein Award – The Chairman stated to the meeting that the Committee had put forward the Treasurer, Eric Pentland, for this award to the ETTA, which had been accepted, and presented him with the Certificate.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The report had been circulated on the night and secretary made comments on several items to the meeting. There were no questions. Proposed by , seconded by , that the report be accepted.
Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Income & Expenditure account and balance sheet had been previously circulated and was also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer summarised the accounts to the meeting, highlighting the differences to the previous year. Income was slightly up on the previous year, mainly due to an increase in affiliation fees. Overall, expenditure was up by approx. £1000, due to mainly the costs in running county teams, for which the Chairman gave a brief summary of some of the reasons. Overall, the accounts showed a surplus of £92 for the year

The Treasurer proposed to the meeting an increase of 10p in affiliation fees to £2.50 per player. The meeting voted on the Treasurer's proposal, which was passed on a show of hands.

The accounts had been audited by Harry Ross, who confirmed this to the meeting.

Proposed by , seconded by that the report be accepted.
Carried unanimously.

COUNTY MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: This was circulated on the night and read out by Mrs J Rushton.

Cadet & Junior trials had been held at Preston Table Tennis Centre in September 2007.

The under 11's, 13's & 15's categories on 1st & under 18's on 2nd September.

These categories comply with the ETTA formation for the Regional Trials, where players could only be nominated for 1 category in the under 11's, 13's & 15's. All players could enter the under 18's, since there is no under 18's category in the Regional Trials.

The Regional Trials were held at Halton Table Tennis Centre on 1st/2nd December 2008.

7 teams had been entered in the County Championships, 1 Cadet, 2 Junior, 1 Senior, 2 Veterans & 1 Over 60's. The 2nd Veterans team and the Over 60's team were run and organised by Barry Crook & Bob Johnson respectively.

The Cadets finished 3rd in their division, the Junior 1st team finished 4th in Division 2A and the Junior 2nd team finished 3rd from bottom in the same Division.

The Senior team, in Division 1A finished in 5th place.

The Veterans 1st team finished next to bottom in the Premier Division, whilst the 2nd team, organised by Barry Crook, finished runner-up in Division 4A.

Bob Johnson, who organised the Over 60's team, gave a verbal report to the meeting.

Although the team finished third from bottom, several matches had been closely lost, even so, matches had been both enjoyable and competitive.

The same number of teams has been entered into the County Championships for next season. Barry Crook has agreed to take on the responsibility of the 2nd Veterans team again and Ron Bennett the Over 60's team.

The Match Secretary thanked all team captains for their work during the season, Dave Graham with the Cadets & Juniors, Keith Williams, John Rankin and Barry Crook for the Veterans, Stan Clarke for the Senior team and Bob Johnson for the Over 60's.
The award of County Badges is cover in the earlier item - Presentations

Proposed by, seconded by that the report be accepted.
Carried unanimously.

NORTH WEST REGION DEVELOPMENT

The ETTA North West Region Development Officer, Andrea Holt, presented a brief summary of what at been happening in the North West, as far as development was concerned.

1. Table Tennis has recently been chosen by the YST as 1 of 8 priority sports for all Competition Managers, Local Authorities and School Sport Partnerships. The target age groups are U13 boys and girls.

The areas for the CM's to target and work in will be prioritised by the following:

- a) Premier Clubs that have achieved or are working towards Clubmark
- b) Known school or coaching activities
- c) Pro or semi-pro coaches
- d) Known club school sport partnership links
- e) Schools who enter ESTTA competitions
- f) ETTA cadet and junior competitions

2. Providing opportunities for young people into volunteering, leadership & umpiring.
Courses the ETTA run are:

- TT Networker – aimed at 15-18 year olds
- Young Officials Award – aimed at 16-19 year olds

Leaflets are available from AH

3. Clubmark

Currently, there are 6 clubs in Lancashire

Blackpool, East Lancs, Garstang, Lancashire & Morcambe, Preston & St Helens

A number of other clubs, Formby, Withins & Hilton are working towards Premier Club status.

4. The ETTA has recently appointed Katy Parker as the Regional Coach for the North West and will be working with 3 or 4 Premier Clubs – Blackpool, Garstang and Lancashire & Morcambe plus 1 other

5. UKCC 1 had just been completed. 10 people attended the course.

The ETTA are currently devising new courses for teachers, which should be ready for September

ELECTIONS:

President: The Chairman proposed, seconded by H Ross, that our current President, Geoff Aspinall, be re-elected. Carried unanimously.

Vice Presidents: The Chairman proposed that all current Vice Presidents be elected by the meeting, which was seconded by D Graham. Carried unanimously.

There had been no new nominations for Officers of the Executive Committee, hence the current Committee members, who were all willing to re-stand, were re-elected unopposed, including Tom Purcell, who had been co-opted on to last years committee as County Umpires Secretary, following the death of Ken Armson.

David Wolstencroft was elected as the new Deputy Chairman.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:

There were no proposed rule changes for the meeting to consider.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Tom Purcell, County Umpires Secretary, said that he would be writing to Leagues with regards to the recruitment of umpires.

Arthur Knowlson asked that we minute the loss of the Liverpool Business Houses League after a 60 years existence.

The Meeting closed by the Chairman at 8.20pm.