

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

Sunday 27 November 2016

Present

Dave Bradley (Chair), Janet Hunt, Beryl Shammon, Brian Ovington, Jack Davies, John Stalker, Brett Brining, David Brown, Paul Pattison and Tony Harding.

Apologies

All present

Dave Bradley opened the meeting. Welcome to Paul Pattison who has joined the Committee as a co-opted member. Unanimously agreed by all committee members.

Matters arising from Committee Meeting held on 28 August 2016

a) Coaching update. Lengthy discussion. David Brown has spoken to John McKay, a Level 2 Coach in the Evesham area. It was David's intention to attend coaching sessions with John MacKay as part of his progression. This has been difficult because of start time of coaching sessions and travelling involved. Jack has discussed with University staff the possibility of coaching sessions in which both David and Brett would be involved. It was not possible for this to take place as a formal arrangement but thought that both Brett and David could attend, with Jack's involvement, informal sessions with University students. The original idea of a 6 week session at the University involving League players was on hold. Alternative venue – suggestions required.

John advised the meeting that the County Association offer to pay 50 per cent of the Level 1 Coaching fees for David Brown and Brett would be dealt with at the next County Meeting.

b) Midlands Veterans League.

Martin Clayton had been contacted and further information obtained. Considerable travelling was involved and standard reasonably high. Taking this into account, together with organising home venue it was decided not to participate this season. Can be considered in future if there is interest

Administration / Correspondence

The telephone number for Division One team "The Legionaries" that appeared in the handbook was now incorrect. Beryl agreed to contact all Club Secretaries to advise correct contact details.

Dave informed the Committee that he had been in touch with Julie Rogers, the Safeguard Manager at Table Tennis England regarding the welfare of juniors playing in the Worcester League. On her advice as a Committee we should agree to sign up and abide by Table Tennis England safeguarding guidelines which is a standalone policy which can be found on Table Tennis England website. Introduction and Principles of the policy were read over and it was unanimously agreed to adopt this policy. Hard copy is held by the Chairman and Secretary.

John Stalker had been appointed as Welfare Officer.

A letter had been received from Air Ambulance to acknowledge receipt of donation.

No update on YMCA position

John confirmed that Committee Meeting minutes can now be found on 365 website.

Beryl confirmed that table at Cripplegate had been repaired. There had also been a “kitchen” problem concerning clean tea towels.

A suggestion was received from a League player that the system of awarding points to Teams winning/losing matches be considered. The suggestion was that the total points awarded reflected the number of games won on the evening be transferred to points won (i.e. Score 7-3. Winning Team allocated 7 points and the losing team has 3 points. It was thought that if a team was losing heavily there would still be interest in the final matches. It was said that the Malvern League had used this system in the past but had now changed. John agreed to contact them to see why change was made.

Division Update

Division One – JS. No problems. Few postponed matches but no concerns

Division Two – D. Brown. Very well. There had been an issue regarding Friday night fixtures but this had now been resolved.

Division Three. D. Bradley. Very well. No concerns.

Handicap – BB. One outstanding fixture. Has been arranged.

Any Other Business

JH. Suggested date for 20147 Championships was 02/04/2017. Agreed

JS. There had been player registration problems. Now resolved.

Meeting ended 9.30pm

Date of Next Meeting 29 January 2017 – YMCA – 7.30pm