

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
Held on 19th January 2017

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Richard Cullis (Chairman),
Bernie Leech (Deputy Chairman/Bromsgrove & Redditch),
Martin Clark (Treasurer/National Councillor), Graham Collier (Malvern),
Nigel Anson (Coaching/Development Secretary),
John Stalker (Press Officer, Kidderminster),
Lynda Reid (Umpires Secretary/Deputy National Councillor),
Maggie Shearwood (General Secretary)
Mark Nicholls (Dudley)

Apologies: None

33. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

34. Matters arising

Minute 22

Lynda Reid pointed out that the Treasurer had paid the 14 Juniors £5 instead of £6. Martin Clark to rectify this. He gave Lynda a cheque for £14 being the difference.

35. Secretary's business

Had a letter from Doug Young thanking the Committee for making him Vice-President.

36. Treasurer's report - Martin Clark

37. National Council - Martin Clark - Report attached.

Bernie Leech contacted Table Tennis England before Christmas to ask if he could get a grant to help with new lighting at Bentley. After receiving 25 pages of paperwork to fill in he gave up after page 2!

38 Cadet and Junior match reports - Nigel Anson

Cadets

Played 2 days at Cippenham.

1st day: Four matches against Bedfordshire 2, Glamorgan, Gloucs and Sussex.

1st match we drew 5 - 5

2nd match we lost 7 - 3

3rd match we lost 8 - 2

4th match we lost 7 - 3

2nd day we had 4 players 1 missing

Wiltshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

We beat Wiltshire 8 - 1

We lost to Hertfordshire 6 - 4

We lost to Bedfordshire 8 - 2

We finished 6th out of 8. The level of Cadet matches was really good.

Juniors

Played at the Bristol Civic Service Club we had 6 tables and conditions were not good. There was not enough space for 6 tables. Lynda Reid said teams can accept to play at a different level.

1st day: Team was George Carroll, Hawley Ellicott, Craig Witherford, Holly Bilsborow and Karen.

We beat Somerset 8 - 2

We beat Gloucs 9 - 1

We beat Wiltshire 9 - 1

2nd day:

We beat Cornwall 2. 10 - 0

We drew with Avon 5 - 5

We are currently top.

On the final day at Bristol on 25th March we have to play Cornwall 1.

Nigel said it will be close between us, Cornwall and Avon.

John Stalker offered to umpire on that day.

Mark Nicholls pointed out that Hereford has got a new venue and would it be any good for the Junior and Cadet matches. They have got 8 new tables. The venue is called Point 4. Lynda Reid to ask Harry Juttle about this.

39. Senior/Veterans/Over 60's match reports - John Stalker

John has not been sent any match results so far for any of the matches. John is to find out who has the pink and yellow results sheets and will impress upon the captains to submit match reports.

Nigel had the results of the Seniors which are:

Worcs lost 8 - 2 to Cambridge

Worcs lost 4 - 6 to Leicester 2

Worcs lost 4 - 6 to Stafford

John Stalker did not know that the County weekend was going to clash with the Interleague. He thought that Svilen had his team. He then had phone calls to say players were dropping out because they were playing in the Interleague. John phoned Nigel Anson who gave him names of good juniors. Craig Witherford played on the Saturday and Sunday. They tried Adam Nutland who was prepared to play if he could have expenses from London.

Lynda Reid said Mandy Sylvester played. Steve Horton organised and agreed dates but did not get in touch with John Stalker. Lynda asked what is the purpose of a Senior team. Martin Clark said last year the seniors entry fee cost £92 and expenses were £96.

Mark Nicholls asked what the rules are as regards to expenses. Martin said we pay .37p per mile fee per vehicle that goes out. Lynda said we would not pay for more than 2 vehicles. John Stalker will now tell Svilen to send his expenses to Martin.

Mark said he doesn't think people are aware of the dates of these events soon enough. John Stalker apologised to the Committee as he created a page on the website about the event but he forgot to publish it.

Martin said the lesson to be learnt is we fix Interleague and County Closed outside any County Championships fixed date then if another County wants to change these dates we say no.

Graham Collier agreed with Martin. Next year the dates are to be sent to John Stalker to go on the website.

Lynda asked if we should choose our team just on the ranking list or on other things as well. Richard Cullis said we should ask Svilen what basis he used to contact the players before the next meeting so we can discuss this.

John Stalker said that after this season we will have a much better list. He is using data from all of the matches that are being played.

He said he will do a County listing based on the two Unique numbers off the 365 website.

40. Junior Closed - Nigel Anson

Should have been held on 12th February 2017 but he has not had time to organise it. He is going to try for the end of March/beginning of April.

41. Senior Closed - Bernie Leech

This will be held at Bromley on Sunday 5th February 2017. He has 7 entries including Adam Nutland and Tom Savery. The entry form has been on the website since before Christmas.

John Stalker created a webpage but did not tick the extra tickbox. This was corrected a couple of weeks ago. Every league has received a communication about the Senior Closed.

Bernie asked if anyone knew who had the trophies for this event and to get them back to Bernie having been polished as soon as possible. Mark Nicholls said some of the trophies have been damaged. Lynda said we have to hold the trophies to get them engraved and repaired.

Bernie pointed out that in other years we have set a minimum limit of entries to decide whether we hold it or not. The Minimum limit of 20/22 and maximum 32 was decided.

Mark suggested we ask women to start to play in the men's events. Lynda suggested we email them and invite them to play in the main event free of charge.

42. Development - Nigel Anson

We are still holding sessions at St. Egwins. Once a month they are getting an influx from Littleton and getting the hall full which has been good.

Lynda Reid said Ken Baker has got a session for the over 55's. These are popular all over the Country. Martin Clark reminded Nigel about the cash refunds available to Juniors attending coaching sessions.

Mark Nicholls said if anyone is interested Dudley are running advanced coaching once a month. Helen Lower is brought in to run these sessions.

43. Website - John Stalker

Nothing to report. He has had no problems.

44. Any other reports

Bernie Leech said the Interleague went well but remarked how cold it was in the venue.

The final table was 1st Kidderminster A, equal 2nd Evesham A and Bromsgrove/Redditch and Kidderminster B, 5th Dudley and 6th Worcester.

Match of the day was Steve Horton against Dave Rogers who played for Kidderminster B. Bernie has ordered 3 new trophies from Redditch. Martin gave Bernie a cheque in payment. Bernie was pleased with the way the Interleague went.

Mark Nicholls said he thought it was a great day and thanked Bernie. The last game finished at 4.35. Ron Butterson did the presentation.

John Stalker said Jack Davies is the new league representative for Worcester.

45. Any other business

Lynda Reid said Schools events are now up to regional levels and Bromsgrove girls and Prince Henry's boys have qualified through to the regional level.

Martin Clark said eventually he managed to present Dave Roden with his decanter at his home. He is delighted with the crystal. Maggie will endeavour to send a photograph of the presentation to John Stalker to put onto the website.

Martin pointed out that any correspondence or expense claims etc should now be sent to the new address at Kinver.

Lynda Reid said we must congratulate Nigel with being West Midlands Volunteer of the Year and Gemma McKay for being Junior Volunteer of the Year. Nigel thanked Martin for putting his name forward for this award.

John Stalker had a price for new shirts of between £500-£600 for 20 mixed shirts/shorts/skirts. They have a badge on the front and Worcestershire on the back and they are black and green. The shirts will be returned to John after events. John to send the invoice for them to Martin.

46. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7.30

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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