**CARDIFF & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting**

**Monday 17th.April, 2023**

**Held in the Fairwater Conservative Club**

**Present:** Roy Gibson (President), Peter Gordon (Chair), Geoff Lloyd (Secretary), Alex Embericos (Treasurer), Steve Eades (Competitions Sec), Paul Holliday, Conor McMichael, Colin Hicks, Steve Wilson, Brian Fernandes, Owen Rogers(CEO Table Tennis Wales)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Gwyn Trehearne, Colin Hicks, Conor McMichael, Jeremy Walton
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**  Minutes from previous meeting held 24th.February were accepted
3. **Matters arising**Owen Rogers spoke in relation to Safeguarding and Affiliation of clubs to TTW. TTW are insisting on clubs having safeguarding I place in order to affiliate. Advantages of affiliation are the ability to obtain grant funding via Sport Wales. Small clubs with just one team were an issue. This was being addressed in that clubs with 5 players or less can utilise the Safeguarding through TTW. The situation where a displaced team has joined with another single team and thus invalidating the ability to use TTW safeguarding was discussed and a work around was suggested of using different team names. Cardiff League have agreed that they are going to affiliate to TTW and this will therefore cause issues if clubs are not affiliated as TTW are insistent that non-affiliated clubs cannot play in an affiliated league.

Further discussion took place around the Community Club being run at WIS and the Mackintosh becoming an affiliated club. Owen agreed to send safeguarding information to Paul Holliday as proposed Mackintosh Safeguarding Officer.

1. **Reports:**
   * Treasurer   
     The treasurer reported £6,200 in the bank and that the situation remained fairly unchanged.

It was agreed that the League should make an ex-gratia payment of £100 to Fairwater Club for allowing the committee to use the lounge for meetings. The Fairwater management committee were present in the lounge and a request was made to use the Fairwater Function Room for the League AGM and Presentation evening in May. This was agreed in principle but needed confirmation by the Fairwater Club trustees.

* + Secretary / Match Results Secretary  
    The secretary reported that there were quite a few matches outstanding due to the closure of Cardiff City TT Club. The secretary presented several scenarios to deal with this situation, either expunging Cardiff City completely or entering results based on previous performance. It was agreed that the best route was to completely expunge them from the league.

It was noted that the League regretted the closure of the Cardiff City facility which had been a boost to the sport in Cardiff

* + Cup Competitions Secretary / Welsh League Co-ordinator

The Competitions Secretary presented a report (attached).

* + Community Club

Discussions took place around the extension of this venture and it was agreed that it would continue across the summer. Assuming sufficient entries the Summer League could take place alongside.

1. **Any Other Business**

The date of the AGM was discussed and settled on Tuesday May 16th. assuming the Fairwater Club was available. The Mackintosh was discussed as an alternative and the Secretary would check availability with the Mackintosh Community Club secretary.

Roy Gibson suggested that as it was Gerald Chugg’s 100th.year that we could invite him to present the awards at the AGM. RG to check with the family if this was feasible.

It was agreed that the awards would be changed this year to medals rather than the trophies previously given

**Date of next meeting:** TBA