**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**held on Monday 4th October 2021**

**Present:** Bernie Leech (Chairman/Bromsgrove & Redditch rep)

Martin Clark (Treasurer/National Councillor)

Graham Collier (Malvern rep)

Janet Hunt (Worcester rep)

Luke Moffat (Coaching & Development/Evesham rep)

Maggie Shearwood (General Secretary)

John Stalker and Nigel Anson

**Apologies:** None

**Opening remarks**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 19.35 hrs. He welcomed everyone to the meeting hoping this will be the first of a normal sequence of meetings in the future.

**01. Minutes of the last meeting - 16.01 2020**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Luke Moffat and seconded

**02. Matters arising** from those Minutes

There were none.

**03. Secretary’s business -** There was none.

**04. Treasurer’s report -** Martin Clark

**Income**

Donation from Ron Butterton 100.00

Donation from Ken & Barbara Jukes 25.00

Cheque from County Champtionships 13.00

**Expenditure**

Paid TTE for fees for County Championships 495.00

HSBC Current account £4,085.99

Business Money Manager account 16.60

National Savings Investment account 1,255.20

Scottish Widows Bank 7,377.19

TOTAL:  **£12,734.98**

Luke Moffat spoke to Ken Baker regarding getting reimbursed for Level 1 Coaching fee. Martin Grove Helen Cole and Stef Mytton qualified. If they make a claim Martin will sort it out this weekend.

Nigel Anson proposed, Luke Moffat seconded.

John Stalker asked if we have any funds which are associated with helping out local leagues as Kidderminster are struggling. Martin thinks it is an executive decision if this arises.

Martin said if Kidderminster want to make a claim for us to consider he would like to see their financial situation. John to tell Kidderminster to put this in writing and approach the Financial Officer of the Executive.

**05. National Council - Martin Clark**

The last National council meeting was on 25th September 2021 in Milton Keynes. Part physical and part virtual meeting which did not work very well as the people on zoom could not hear all that was said in the room.

Eston Williams from Warwickshire was re-elected as Chairman of National Council.

The main subject was a paper from Peter Charters from Berkshire. This follows on from a resolution he put to the AGM regarding the number of elected members to the Board. There are 3 elected directors. The Articles only allow 3. This is wrong as some sports allow 9 elected directors. It was suggested to increase it to 4. This resolution failed at the AGM. The suggestion now is to have an EGM to put this proposition to the members again. The Board were not very happy with this. Eston Williams suggested that because the next lot of elections will take place next May maybe the Board could defer making any further elections if anyone leaves the Board until the AGM next year. If it gets passed they could then elect another director to the Board.

Martin was pleased that we are getting some more detail as far as the Interim Accounts were concerned.

There is not much else to be reported that would be of interest to the County.

**06. Junior County Trials -** Luke Moffat

Some of the better Junior players have not been asked to attend the event. Had email from Beth Pye’s parents as to why Beth had not been entered for the County because of short notice. Her parents want her to represent the County bearing in mind her higher ranking than other girls. Discussion took place regarding Beth’s prior years selection/non selection. Nigel to put all this into consideration for this year’s selection to represent the County.

**07. Co-options to Executive Committee**

Item 50 of the January 2020 Minutes refers to Stef Mytton asking if we would consider making a position of Tournament Officer on the Committee. Secretary to ask Luke Moffat to see if Stef would like to take up that position and what he envisages it being.

John Stalker said we need to check with TTE to see what are the levels of a Tournament Officer because there are regulations now that there has to be a Qualified Tournament Officer. TTE have strengthened the rules for organisers. Martin Clark to speak to John Mackey about this.

**08. Cadet/Junior rankings -** Nigel Anson

The Trials are being run on Sunday starting at 10.00am at Wallace House. John Mackey to help set up. John Stalker offered to umpire.

Cadets on 30th October 2021 at Peterborough

Junior matches are still to be decided. They may be 20th November 2021. Venue not yet known.

**09. Senior ranking and Veterans -** John Stalker

Rankings have not changed since 2020. However, we have a new Captain called Vince Ellicott. Steve Horton has stopped doing it. Neil Adams is playing with Svilen and Hawley.

**10. Approval of Representatives to other bodies**

There are none.

**11. Approval of cheque signatories**

Martin Clark, Bernie Leech and John Stalker. Bring this forward to the next meeting.

**12. John Barber award -** Nigel Anson

Hawley Ellicott should have been given the award but this did not happen due to Covid. George Carroll still has the trophy. John to chase this up with George so we can present it to Hawley.

**13. County Closed Championships**

Worcester starts today

Malvern next Monday

Bromsgrove & Redditch proposed date of 1st November

Evesham started Monday

Dudley are not starting a league at this point in time due to unavailability of Bromley venue

Kidderminster

Bernie Leech proposed to postpone this until the next meeting. All agreed.

**14. Junior closed**

Postponed until next meeting. All agreed.

**15. County teams and rankings and match arrangements -**

Nigel Anson - As stated early in the Minutes.

John Stalker - Senior’s 27th November 2021 (Maybe at Draycott)

“ 2nd January 2022

“ 27th March 2022

Over 60’s 6th November 2021

“ 18th December 2021

“ 12th February 2022

Veterans 4th December 2021

“ 5th December 2021

“ 11th December 2021

“ 12th December 2021

**16. County Championships reimbursed expenses -** Martin Clark

Cost for reimbursed expenses at the moment is .45p per mile for one if all travelling in one vehicle and .22p per mile for two vehicles. All agreed this should stay the same.

**17. Interleague -** Bernie Leech

It was agreed to postpone this to the next meeting.

**18. League strengths**

Bromsgrove & Redditch have 3 divisions, 8 in 1st, 8 in 2nd, 6 in 3rd. 22 teams.

They are proposing to start on 1st November 2021 with finish date of 21st February 2022.

Malvern have 3 divisions, 6, 7 and 7

They are proposing to start next week.

Worcester have 3 divisions of 6. 18 teams.

Starting today.

Kidderminster 3 divisions. 7 in div 1, 7 in div 2, 6 in div 3. Total of 20 teams

Started on 11th October 2021.

Dudley - None

Evesham have 2 divisions, 12 teams in 1st division, 7 teams in 2nd division.

**19. Development**

Bromsgrove starting coaching on Wednesday night. 10/12 youngsters. 2 sessions per night with Nigel Anson.

Malvern started coaching 2 weeks ago on 26th September. 7 or 8 youngsters.

**20. Communications/Website -** John Stalker

TTE have granted him Super user rights on their website together with General Secretary.

TT365 has been resurrected but will charge a fee.

John still gets no information from any of the other leagues. Can the representatives keep him updated so he can update the website.

Malvern is still without a Secretary.

**21. Any other reports**

Janet Hunt says Worcester league is starting today.

John Stalker - He is now on Committee of Tournament Approval Panel plus he is Enforcement Officer for the red card.

**22. Any other business**

It was decided to make a presentation to Ron Butterton for the work he has done for the County over many years. Martin Clark to organise a piece of glass from Steve Hammond.

John Stalker asked if we should do the same for Steve Horton.

Liz Hallam passed away yesterday. Pass our condolences on………………………

**23. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7.30 online.

Bernie thanked all for our attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………

Date……………………………………………………………………………………