

CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES of the 2020/21 Annual General Meeting held at Old Chelmsfordians on Thursday 23rd September 2021.

Present: Paul Sturton – Buttsbury Youth. Peter Davenport – Chelmsford. Daniel Anderson, Gordon Gatheral - Danbury. Arthur Clark, Steve Kerns – Galleywood. Dawn Baldry, Shirley Carroll – Maldon. David Porter – Old Chelmsfordians. Matthew Brown, Rod MacLennan, Dave Moles, Ryan Pitt – Writtle.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Robin Armstrong, David Gatheral, Norman Hayes, Paul Nicol, Ken Sheard & Norman Smith.

2. Confirm Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on the Thursday 30th May 2019

David Porter pointed out we didn't have an AGM last year due to covid, the last AGM was held on Thursday 30th May 2019. Minutes of this meeting had been circulated in advance and copies were also available at the meeting. There were no questions and was it unanimously agreed that they be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no questions or matters arising.

4. To receive Reports of the Management Committee

The reports of the Treasurer, General Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Competitions Secretary, Coaching Officer, and the Summer League Organiser were distributed at the meeting. There were no questions on these reports.

David Porter summarised the main issues the League had been dealing with over the last two years. Due to the pandemic the 2019/20 season finished with 2/3 games to go and so we awarded the champions and runners up on an average points basis. The 2020/21 season was started but after 3/4 games was abandoned. We did manage to run the 2021 summer league in a slightly different format with 4 singles but playing all 5 sets and no doubles. Unfortunately the TT365 website couldn't cope with this format so league tables had to be manually adjusted.

David Porter then summarised the Officers reports:

Treasurer's report, In 2019/20 we had £14,000 in the bank and we knew we would have to use about £4,000 of that. Following the dispute between TT365 and TTE we made the decision to stick with the TT365 website although they were charging at the time and we knew that would be just over £2,000. The good news is TT365 is now free and according to Chris Dangerfield it will remain free and they will continue to develop it. Matthew Brown has agreed to run TTE's Table Tennis Leagues website in parallel. Also this was the first year we didn't have M&G sponsoring the tournament so we knew we would have approximately a £2,000 loss there, so our £14,000 had gone down to £10,000.

For 2020/21 there was no income or expenditure, maintaining the £10,000. Going forward the committee want to try and retain the £10,000 surplus for a rainy day and Matthew Brown has prepared a break even budget and will talk about that in terms of the fee proposals for next year. The biggest challenge will be making the tournament breakeven without sponsorship, it is not a good time to look for sponsors so we will be looking at the entry fee structure. We are also

hoping to enhance the refreshments to make a bit more money out of that. We have formed a tournament sub committee which will meet in a few weeks. There are plans to move the tournament away from Hylands School and there is a proposal to move it to Mildmay Hall, ARU but that will mean holding it over 2 weekends.

Divisional Secretaries report. This shows the constitution for next season.

Coaching Officer's report. David Gatheral is getting back to pre-pandemic levels with a lot of junior coaching and some senior coaching.

General Secretaries report. Brian Cook stood down from the committee as treasurer having held this and other roles but is involved again as Examiner. David Porter formally congratulated Gordon Gatheral on his regional and national Pride of Table Tennis Awards. Sadly we have to report the passing of four of our life members, Geoff Newman, Barry Lummis, Bill Wadling & Hugh Piper, obituaries are on the league website.

The new season is ready to start next Monday, there are slightly less players but with a very even standard throughout the divisions.

Steve Kerns asked if anyone had any thoughts about holding the tournament over 2 weekends as this had proved unpopular in the past. This was discussed but it was felt that if no suitable premises could be found then we might not have any alternative.

5. Financial Statements

Copies of the draft accounts for the years ended 30 April 2020 and 30 April 2021 were circulated at the Meeting. These accounts are subject to examination.

Matthew Brown had no further comments to add to David Porter's summary in 4 above and there were no questions.

Proposed by Ryan Pitt, seconded by Dawn Baldry and unanimously agreed that subject to a satisfactory examination of the League's finances the 2019/20 and 2020/21 accounts be accepted. It was agreed a proposal by Matthew to change the bank mandate to make online payments could be dealt with by the Management Committee.

6. Rule Changes

No rule changes were proposed.

7. Election of President and Vice Presidents

Position	Nominated	Proposer	Seconded	Result
President	Norman Smith	}	}	}
Vice Presidents	Dean Andrews	}	}	}
	John Cook	}Matthew Brown	}Steve Kerns	}Unanimous
	Peter Hance	}	}	}
	Ken Pearce	}	}	}
	Clive Rippon	}	}	}
	Colin Wade	}	}	}

8. Election of members of Management Committee

All current members had agreed to stand again and there were no new nominations so David Porter proposed to re-elect on block.

The following were duly elected.

Position	Nominated
Chairman	David Porter
Vice Chairman	David Gatheral
General Secretary	Dave Moles
Treasurer	Matthew Brown
Divisional Secretary	Gordon Gatheral
Registrations Officer	Neil Freeman
Competitions Secretary	Matthew Brown
Tournament Organiser	Arthur Clark
Junior Match Secretary	Arthur Clark
Coaching Officer	David Gatheral
Press Officer	Steve Kerns
Welfare Officer	David Porter
General Committee	Daniel Anderson
	Robin Armstrong
	Rod Maclennan
	Paul Nicol
	Ken Sheard
	Norman Smith

9. To confirm Brian Cook as Examiner

Proposed by David Porter, seconded by Rod Maclennan and unanimously agreed.

10. Agree Fees 2021/22 season.

David Porter said the aim for the 2021/22 season was to try and breakeven. It was felt this could be achieved with no team fees and keeping individual fees the same (senior £7.00 and juniors £3.50) with the proviso the tournament breaks even. Matthew Brown to also try and get the KO cup competitions to breakeven, cup fees to stay the same. Unanimously agreed.

David Porter said as already advised by email that we will not be presenting the league trophies at this AGM as they have not all been recovered yet from 2 years ago. Anyone wanting trophies to let the league know and we will get trophies to them.

Special mention to the winners of the 3 individual awards for 2019/20.

Rosebery/Pope & Smith award – Lee McHugh

Charlie Wheeler Award – Joshua Bickles

Hill Dowsett Award - Charlie Craig

11. To note the non-attendance of any club at the AGM.

Proposed by Paul Sturton, it was agreed that Hatfield Peverel TTC and Highwood TTC be fined £10 in accordance with Rule 4.7. for failing to attend this Annual Meeting.

Any Other Business

Paul Sturton pointed out the Competitions report had the junior Cup at the semifinal stage but Chelmsford Crocodiles and Buttsbury A had won their semifinals and the final was won by Buttsbury A.

Steve Kerns requested more care is taken completing scorecards, errors and incomplete cards

increase the chances of mistakes being made. David Porter said he indorsed this having just entered the summer league scorecards on the website.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and supporting the League and the meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Signed as a true record (Chairman)

Date 26th May 2022