

CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



MINUTES of the 2022/23 Annual General Meeting held at Old Chelmsfordians on Thursday 25th May 2023.

Present: David Gatheral (Tournament Organiser & Coaching Officer) - ARU. Paul Sturton (Trophies Organiser), Kevin Willis – Buttsbury Youth. Ian Austin, Adi Kamma, Peter Davenport – Chelmsford. Denis Crapnell (Competitions Secretary), Gordon Gatheral (Divisional Secretary), Eamonn Hall, Dave Oxley- Goody, Mervyn Perriman, Norman Smith (President) - Danbury. James Hicks, Steve Kerns (Press Officer), Ben Page, Steve Peacock – Galleywood. Neil Freeman (Registrations Officer) – Hatfield Peverel. Keith Fitz-John – Highwood. Brian Dixon, Shirley Carroll – Maldon. Richard Baxter (Treasurer), Mark Mulley, Matt Mulley, David Porter (Chairman) – Old Chelmsfordians. Matthew Brown, Rod Maclennan (Committee Member), Dave Moles (General Secretary)– Writtle

Presentation of Junior Trophies

Norman Smith presented the Junior League Trophies for 2022/23, followed by the Individual Trophies – The Charlie Wheeler Award went to Saul Chivers and the Hill Dowsett Award went to Harrison Hill.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Norman Hayes, Lee McHugh & Ian Whiteside

2. Confirm Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on the Thursday 26th May 2022.

There were no questions and the minutes were signed off as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive Reports of the Management Committee

David Porter gave a summary of the Officers reports which were also available on the League website.

Since the last AGM Richard Baxter has been co-opted as **Treasurer** and Denis Crapnell co-opted as **Competitions Secretary**.

Divisional Secretary. League went well with most games being completed on time, Divisional Secretary Gordon Gatheral was congratulated. Also well done to Denis Crapnell in his first year as Competitions Secretary with all the finals being well organised.

Coaching Officer. Have bounced back to pre-pandemic levels due to the great work done by David Gatheral, Lee McHugh and everyone else who helps with coaching. Encouraging to see the number people taking their coaching badges including juniors.

Tournament. The Tournament was successfully held at ARU for the first time in many years despite a leaky roof following a torrential downpour. The Finals Night was successfully held at

OCA.

Junior Match Secretary. A very comprehensive report on the website by Lee McHugh about all the tournaments etc.

Also thanks to David Gatheral for all the tournaments he has put on.

Well done to Paul Sturton taking on the **Trophies** role, recovering all the permanent trophies and ordering the giveaways.

Summer League. Thanks to Ken Sheard once again.

Press Officer Steve Kerns is standing down as press officer after 31 years. David Porter thanked Steve for all the time he has given to writing the reports over the years and asked for a round of applause.

5. Financial Statements

Richard Baxter summarised the Financial Statements which were also available on the League website.

The accounts broke even for the year and so did all the supported Coaching and Tournaments

Balance Sheet: Bank A/c £10k

The Management Committee have agreed to keep £5k in reserve and to make £5k available for any projects that would benefit the league.

David Porter said the League now expects to break even every season.

Brian Dixon asked about sponsorship for the tournament. David Porter said although we would welcome any sponsorship we are not actively looking for a sponsor as the league had recently increased the entry fees for the tournament and it broke even this year.

6. Rule Changes

Rule 3.2.1. Change the title of Welfare Officer to Compliance Officer. (to reflect the new responsibilities of the role)

Unanimously Agreed

Elections – David Porter proposed electing the President, Vice Presidents and the Management Committee on bloc.

7. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were elected.

Position	Nominated
President	Norman Smith
Vice Presidents	Dean Andrews
	John Cook
	Peter Hance
	Ken Pearce
	Clive Rippon

8. Election of members of Management Committee

David Porter reported that he was standing down as Welfare Officer, David Gatheral as Vice

Chairman, Steve Kerns as Press Officer and Daniel Anderson as a General Committee Member.

The following were elected.

Position	Nominated
Chairman	David Porter
Vice Chairman	Vacant
General Secretary	Dave Moles
Treasurer	Richard Baxter
Divisional Secretary	Gordon Gatheral
Registrations Officer	Neil Freeman
Competitions Secretary	Denis Crapnell
Tournament Organiser	David Gatheral
Junior Match Secretary	Lee McHugh
Coaching Officer	David Gatheral
Press Officer	Vacant
Welfare Officer	Vacant
General Committee	Richard Baxter
	Rod MacLennan
	Ken Sheard
	Norman Smith
	Paul Sturton

It was agreed it would be left with the management committee to fill the vacant Vice Chairman, Press Officer and Welfare Officer roles.

9. Appointment of new Life Members

David Porter proposed David Moles and Gordon Gatheral for Life Membership of the League.
Unanimously Agreed

10. To confirm Brian Cook as Examiner

Proposed by David Porter and unanimously agreed.

11. Agree Fees 2022/23 season.

David Porter proposed keeping the individual player fee at £8 and £4 for juniors as we broke even this year so no increase needed. Team fees rather than individual fees were discussed and it was agreed the committee would look into this for next season.

12. Discussion Points

Defibrillators. It was agreed all club venues should have a defibrillator and everyone should know their location and how to use them. It was pointed out grants are available for any clubs who do not have defibrillators and David Porter reminded clubs that they could also apply to the league for help using the surplus funds as discussed earlier.

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

All clubs were represented at the meeting.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Presentation of Senior Trophies

Norman Smith presented the League Trophies for 2022/23 and the Roseberry/Pope & Smith Award which was awarded to Gordon Gatheral.

Signed as a true record (Chairman)

Date 30th May 2024