

# **WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Online Team meeting at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Ron Butterson, Bernie Leech, Martin Clark, John Stalker,  
Janet Hunt, Mark Nicholls, Graham Collier,  
Margaret Dignum, Mark Edwards, Lynda Reid,  
Richard Cullis, Margaret Shearwood

**Apologies:** Ken and Barbara Jukes, Nigel Anson, Luke Moffat.

**1. Our President** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the AGM.

**2. Minutes** of the 2019 AGM were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Martin Clark. Seconded by Graham Collier. All in favour. Martin Clark to sign on behalf of Ron Butterson as this was a virtual meeting.

**3. Matters Arising from those Minutes**  
There were no matters arising.

**4. Annual Report of the Executive Committee - Bernie Leech**

It has been a frustrating year. The last Committee meeting was 12 months ago and nothing has happened in between because of the Covid 19 pandemic. There have been no County Championships they were all cancelled. We did have the Senior Closed last February just before the lockdown. We had the men's doubles, men's singles and under 21's. Craig Witheford won the under 21's, with Hawley Ellicott second. The men's singles was won by Jason Thompson who beat Hawley Ellicott in the final. The men's doubles won by Jason Thompson and Jamie Cartwright, who beat Luke Moffat and Craig Witheford in the final.

Last year it was agreed to run a separate Over 60's Championships which was scheduled for the end of April. Because of lockdown this did not take place and we have not been able to re schedule yet.

Luke Moffat organised the Interleague but because of my knee problem I was not able to attend that day so I have no details. Graham Collier didn't think that the Interleague took place. Martin Clark said we paid for trophies. It was decided that it had not been held.

There is nothing happening for the rest of the season and its looking pretty bleak for the rest of this year. At the moment there is no prospect of any County Championships being held.

**This concludes the Chairman's report.**

Ron Butterson thanked Bernie for taking over the position of Chairman of the Committee and also thanked him for holding the committee meetings at his home.

Mark Nicholls said there is no coaching going on although Luke Moffat managed to get his club back running when lockdown eased for a time.

Lynda Reid said Ken Baker also had his club running before the November lockdown.

Bernie pointed out that at some of the last few Committee meetings we had before the first lockdown last March we were struggling to get a quorum so when we do start up again it would be helpful for the Leagues to send a Representative to the Committee meetings so that we can actually hold the meeting. Martin Clark said that it is in the regulations that if you cannot attend yourself as League Representative then you should send someone who can be appointed as a deputy.

#### **5. Presentation of the Accounts - Martin Clark**

Accounts have been submitted up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 which is when the AGM should have been held but due to Covid 19 restrictions this was put back.

Affiliation fees are slightly down on the previous year by £60. We have had nothing from Table Tennis England in terms of the Licence income. Little in the way of Interest. We had a donation from Ken and Barbara Jukes of £25. A letter has been sent to them thanking them for this donation.

County Closed Entry fees, seniors, £147.50. Expenses £168.00, down by almost £40.00 on previous year. We had £120.00 income from seniors Interleague and we spent £104.00 including hire of hall.

We paid out to £105.95 to Worcester Schools We have paid out £463.00 in Course fees.

AGM expenses of £25.00. Overall we made a small deficit in the year of £292.52.

#### **Balance Sheet**

Nett Assets	£13,035.25
Cash at Bank	4,420.34
National Savings account	1,246.23
Scottish Widows	7,376.45
Legacy Fund	3,364.16

Questions to the Treasurer.

Bernie Leech - If we paid entry fees for the 2019/20 season are we due to get a refund or will it be carried over to 2021 season?

Martin - We had notification from TTE saying they did not want any money at this stage as matches have not been played.

Bernie Leech proposed acceptance of the accounts. Janet Hunt seconded. All in favour.

#### **6. Reporting Accountant - Martin Madkins**

Martin Madkins has examined the accounts and the certified accounts are attached to the Minutes.

#### **7. Determination of fees, fines, deposits - Martin Clark**

Because of the Covid virus and lockdown with no play this season we did not agree any fees. There was no point in making any charge to the Leagues. Martin Clark proposed that there should not be any fees for 2021 Seconded by Mark Edwards.

With regards to fees for next year maybe we can agree this at the next executive meeting.

#### **8. Elections**

**(a) President: Ron Butterton**

Proposed by Mark Edwards, seconded by Martin Clark. All in favour.

**Vice presidents: Re-election *en bloc* K Green, P Greening, P Hines, Mrs J Hunt, K Jukes, D Roden, Mrs B Shammon, Mrs Lynda Reid**

Martin Clark proposed they be accepted *en bloc*. Seconded by Bernie Leech. All in favour.

Bernie Leech thanked Lynda Reid for all the work she did for the County and said that we had been pleased to nominate her as Vice President.

**(b) Officers of the Association**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Bernie Leech</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>John Stalker</b>
<b>General Secretary</b>	<b>Maggie Shearwood</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Martin Clark</b>
<b>Umpires Secretary</b>	<b>John Stalker</b>
<b>County League Secretary</b>	<b>Bernie Leech</b>
<b>Coaching &amp; Development</b>	<b>Luke Moffat</b>
<b>Communications Officer</b>	<b>John Stalker</b>
<b>County Match Secretary</b>	<b>John Stalker</b>
<b>Data Protection &amp; Welfare Officer</b>	<b>John Stalker</b>

**(c) Reporting Accountant**                      **Martin Madkins**

All of the above Officers were re-elected *en bloc*. Proposed by Bernie Leech, Seconded by Mark Edwards. All in favour.

**9. Development in the County**

Mark Nicholls suggested presenting the Juniors with an award. Bernie Leech pointed out that we have a trophy that we present to juniors each year but at present it is with George Carroll. If someone can get this back we can then present it to someone else. We need to liaise with Nigel Anson for a future presentation.

**10. Other matters of which notice has been given.**

John Stalker made a point that the championships be cancelled for the 2021 season because of the Covid pandemic. There is nothing happening at the moment and the players have said they do not want to be contacted until the pandemic is over.

**11. Any other business**

Lynda Reid suggested that the Committee consider having subsequent meetings by Zoom or Team As this would save time for people attending Committee meetings. Graham Collier agreed. Bernie Leech asked John Stalker if he would be willing to set the meetings up on Team and John agreed.

Mark Edwards suggested there should be more information sharing between the Leagues.

Martin Clark mentioned the saga of the Board being at loggerheads with Tony Catt. There was an EGM on Monday and the result of which is that none of the three propositions were achieved. All members are still on the Board.

He thinks this has brought TTE into disrepute in Sport England's eyes.

Lynda Reid said that it is an appalling situation for TTE to be in and she cannot imagine how some of those people can continue to work together.

John Stalker mentioned the websites. We need a central place we could put things on. John has no access to Evesham and Dudley websites. It would be helpful to have access to these websites so he could put any information from TTE on. Mark Nicholls is happy to give John access to post on Dudley website.

John asked if Worcestershire is going to be recording the Leagues who and when they pay their fees to the County. Martin Clark said the Leagues follow the guidelines that say if you have not paid your fees then you should not be playing Competition table tennis. If you do play in a match your result will be dismissed. It is down to each league to say whether or not they follow these guidelines. There is no compulsion for the Leagues to say if you don't pay your membership fees you cannot attend a meeting.

It was asked if any of the Leagues are having problems financially at the moment. Bromsgrove & Redditch have no expenditure at the moment so they are ok. Kidderminster is frozen at the moment. Janet Hunt said Worcester paid the first half of the season last year but didn't have to pay the second half. Richard Cullis said Malvern were asked to pay a retainer for 2 venues but they refused. Lynda Reid said they used their venues for practice sessions - people were asked to pay per session and that covered the cost.

Martin Clark talked about the Rules which were last changed in July 2016. TTE is trading as ETTA Limited. Our rules still refer to ETTA Limited, are we all happy that it stays that way. Lynda said TTE still use ETTA in some parts of their Rules.

All in agreement to leave it as it stands.

Bernie Leech thanked all for logging on to the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 20.48pm.

Signed.....

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