

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEICESTER AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS
LEAGUE FOR 2024/25 HELD AT BRAUNSTONE VICTORIA WMC ON 28 MAY 2025**

Present:- representatives of all member clubs; members of the committee; Peter Wilson in the Chair

1/ Apologies

None were received

2/ Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 23/5/24 were sent out in advance.

Miriam Wohl proposed that they were accepted, seconded by Peter Wilson.

Unanimously approved.

3/ Matters arising

In the ELCC our Ladies team (Karen Smith and Jess Birbeck) were placed 7th.

Peter Wilson reported the deaths of Tony Burns, Glenys Odams Terry Hall and Rob Price and a minute's silence was observed by the meeting, in their memory.

4/ Chairman's Report

Peter reported that we ran the Elbow Tankard as usual; the League Season ran with 5 divisions (including some unfortunate gaps); the Junior League had 32 teams competing; the Closed Championships were held at KP, but with disappointing numbers; the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy was held, with an excellent 11 entries.

Peter finished his report by thanking all the officers, clubs (particularly secretaries) and players for another good season.

5/ General Secretary's Report

Tim Cawston reported that 52 teams competed in the 5 divisions and there was one appeal during the season.

6/ Accounts and Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Webb sent in his report, which was distributed to all in attendance.

There were no questions from the meeting.

Peter Wilson prepared the accounts, but apologised that they had not yet been audited.

Steve Webb proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Peter Wilson.

They were unanimously accepted.

7/ Publicity Officer/Topspin Editor's Report

John Bowness reported that the relationship with the Leicester Mercury continues to flourish.

He has decided to concentrate solely on publicity, with somebody else to take on the running of the Topspin site.

As ever, especially during the 'dead' summer period, John would appreciate any local table tennis news to be sent in to him.

8/ ELCC Report

Peter Wilson reported:-

Adam Pettitt and James Berry represented the League in the Men's Wilmott Cup.

Karen Smith and Catherine Lv qualified for the finals of the Ladies Rose Bowl.

In the Carter Cup (Boys), the League was represented by Corey Lancaster and Dillon Kearney, while the Girls team in the Bromfield Trophy, have gone straight through to the finals, which will all be held at Draycott in July.

9/ Development Report

Peter Wilson reported that the Junior League continued in 2024/25 over 4 sessions held at Leicester GS. League officers helped run these and a number of school events.

He reported:-

i/ that we still have funding for one of Harry White's projects (bat and chat)

ii/that we purchased a second-hand table

iii/ we have contributed in the past to the costs of players taking their coaching qualifications

iv/ we support David Morley's LD groups

v/ we are willing to help clubs with capital costs (such as new/replacement tables- e.g. Goons)

vi/we support the table replacement programme at LGS, where we hold many junior sessions each season.

10/ Alteration to Rules

Peter Wilson reported that there were no proposals from the Committee and no proposals were received from the membership.

TTE individual membership fee levels for 2025/26 are not yet known so the Committee are recommending the following (again with the aim of matching income and expenditure):-

Team fees for next season £48 (Senior League) £36 (Junior League)

Senior players £5 (plus TTE fee if not paid by player)

Senior citizens £0(as above)

Juniors £0 (as above)

Invoices will be sent out to clubs detailing what is owed.

11/ **Election of Officers**

Peter confirmed the list of Vice Presidents –Martin Bolton, Ian McKelvey, Mike James, Mike Smith and Jason Woodfield

At this point Ian Whetherly took the Chair. Peter Wilson was happy to continue as Chairman and was proposed by Mike Smith and seconded by Terry Wale.

There was no other candidate.

Peter was unanimously elected.

Peter now back in the Chair announced that Tim Cawston was stepping down.

He proposed that the remaining committee be re-elected en bloc, with Bob Palmer taking over as General Secretary, John Bowness responsible for publicity and Topspin to be run by special administrators (Chris Parmar-Saville and Dave Mountain).

This was proposed by Peter Wilson and seconded by Clive Stretton

Passed unanimously

12/ **Any Other Business**

The Elbow Tankard (Summer League) will be starting mid to late June- 7/8 entries

Team entry forms (and deposits) due 1st June (in practice end of June)

AMCS will be late August/September with 2025/26 season starting mid-September.

Peter thanked Barry Robinson/Goons for hosting this meeting.

Geoff Parsons then thanked Peter and the Committee for everything they do to enable players to just get on and enjoy their table tennis.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm