

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEICESTER AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE FOR 2021/22 HELD AT SYSTON SOCIAL CLUB ON 30 JUNE 2022 AT 7.45PM

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

1/ Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Webb (Treasurer).

2/ Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2019 were sent out in advance.

These were taken as read.

3/ Matters arising from the last AGM

Peter Wilson reported the deaths of our long time President Derek Butt; Vice Presidents - Terry Bown Roy Harper Tony Lillicrap, Jose Rogers and Steve Zanker; and players Dave Bray and Dave Tanner.

4/ Chairman's Report

We didn't quite finish the 19/20 programme due to COVID (no Cup competitions completed and no Closed Tournament).

During lockdown we tried to keep everybody informed re COVID regulations etc. and we maintained everybody's TTE membership.

We restarted with friendlies from October 2021 and restarted properly from January 2022.

Peter expressed his thanks to all officers, clubs and players for their support during these difficult times.

5/ General Secretary's Report

Tim Cawston (General Secretary) reported that:-

- a) The number of Senior League teams for 2019/20 was 59 and for the half season 2021/22 was 46
- b) There were no appeals

6/ Accounts and Treasurer's Report

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

This included the 2019/20 season and also the combined 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons.

One Q from Mike J; Peter Wilson proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Mike James.

They were approved unanimously.

7/ Publicity Officer/Topspin Editor's Report

John Bowness (Publicity Officer and Topspin Editor) reported that updates had been sent out to approximately 300 addresses to show that Table Tennis was still there and up and ready to run.

John thanked Dave Dewsbury in particular for sending all the updates to every Regent Club player and made a plea to all clubs to try and do the same.

John reported that the Leicester Mercury (printed edition) had sent a long email during lockdown thanking him for the information re Table Tennis and 'begged' him for more news.

8/ ELCC Report

Peter Wilson reported that:-

a) 2019/20 no competition

b) In 2021/22 (100th year of TTE/ ETTA) we entered 3 teams

i) Men (Wilmott Cup) players: - Adam Pettit and Luke Greenfield

ii) Ladies (Rose Bowl) players:- Karen Smith and Jasmine Chan

iii) Boys (Carter Cup) players:- Oscar Bentley and Virgil Birch-Abban

Details can be found on Topspin with the highlight Karen and Jasmine's qualification for the finals at Draycott in July where our team will be Jasmine and Jessica Birbeck.

9/ Development

Peter Wilson reported that in 2019/20 38 teams completed all matches in the Junior League and with a blank in 2020/21 matches resumed in 2021/22 at LGS with 36 teams competing.

Details and results are available on Topspin.

We also maintained some of Harry White's development and funding projects.

10/ Alteration to Rules

Two propositions were received from the membership and none from the committee.

1) Match points (Barry Robinson, Goons)

Proposal:- to amend Rule 21 –“4 points shall be awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for a defeat in which 3 or more sets are won by the losing team” to read “One point shall be awarded for every set won”

Barry Robinson spoke, explaining to the meeting why he felt teams were under rewarded for their efforts when they have lost matches.

Peter Wilson put forward some reasons discussed by Committee for keeping the current rule one example being “team A could play 22 matches winning each one 9-1 and so gain 198 points. Team B

could play 22 and win 19 of them 10-0, one 7-3 and lose twice to team A, but still win division with 199 points!!”

A lengthy discussion followed with contributions for and against from Jordan Tweed, Dave Small Mike Smith Dave Silvester Shirley Pickering and Tim Shepherd.

The proposition was seconded by Jordan Tweed and then put to the vote.

FOR 4; AGAINST 13 (proposal not carried)

2) **Playing up/across (Bob Palmer, Fleckney)**

Bob Palmer proposed that players should be allowed to play across once in the bottom division only, without current re-registration process (can't register back until 28 days have passed).

Rule16c: add after 'last re-registered' 'other than under Rule 16d'

Rule 16d: amend 'shall only be allowed' by adding 'either once in the bottom division between teams of the same club; or' before 'at the discretion of.....'

Bob Palmer addressed the meeting and explained that he felt it would help clubs to avoid defaulting.

Again a lengthy discussion followed, with contributions from Dave Seeds, John Bowness and Mike Smith.

The proposal was then put to the vote:-

FOR 13; AGAINST 8 (proposal carried)

Peter Wilson told the meeting that TTE are proposing increasing fees (Senior £18 and Junior £9) and the Committee is therefore recommending the following fee levels (with the aim of matching income and expenditure):-

Team fees for next season to be unchanged at £48 for Senior League and £36 for Junior League

Seniors £23 (£21 last season)

Senior citizens £18 (£16 last season)

Juniors £9 (£8 last season)

Peter formally proposed these changes, seconded by Shirley Pickering (approved unanimously)

Peter encouraged players to pay their own TTE membership fee.

He reminded everybody that:-

- a) Team Forms (and deposit of £10/team) are due back asap
- b) Player registrations to be made by 27 Aug/date of the AMCS and
- c) Fees forms will go out itemised to each club for payment by 1 Oct.

11/ Election of officers

Following the death of Derek Butt a new President was needed and Peter Wilson proposed John Bowness, seconded by Mike Smith.

This was supported unanimously and John Bowness was warmly congratulated.

As a result we now have only two Vice –Presidents (Mike Smith and Ian McKelvey) so Peter Wilson said that we would address this at a later date.

At this point Ian Whetherly took the chair.

Shirley Pickering proposed Peter Wilson to continue as Chairman, seconded by Jason Woodfield.

This was carried unanimously.

Peter Wilson then proposed that the Committee en bloc with the addition of Bob Palmer (Fleckney) be re-elected. This was seconded by Jordan Tweed.

This was carried unanimously.

12/ Any Other Business

From Peter Wilson:-

The Elbow Tankard (summer league) was starting in the coming week.

There was no Presentation Evening just yet.

Team entry forms due by 1/7/22.

AMCS would be late in August/early September, with the 2022/23 season due to start on 12th or 19th September.

From Dave Dewsbury (Regent Sports):-

Regent 1st team in division 2 are looking for a 3rd player

From Mike Smith:-

1) “Thanks to Peter Wilson for all the fantastic hard work he has done as Chairman” –this was met with applause from all present.

2) In the Pride of TT awards Peter Wilson was a runner-up in the volunteer of the year; Winstanley were runner-up in the club of the year and the LD TTL was winner of the League of the year.

The meeting closed at 9pm