

## MINUTES OF WORKSOP & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE'S AGM 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014

### **Present:**

Global Marble 'A'  
Global Marble 'B'  
Manton Sports  
Manton Tigers  
MBE  
On-Line Elks  
Redlands X-Youth  
Redlands Roosters  
Redlands Fluffy Toys  
Redlands Rookies  
Redlands Joggers  
Redlands Tarr Babies  
Ryton Park Adders  
Ryton Park Cougars  
Ryton Park Eagles  
Ryton Park Falcons  
Stanley Street 'B'  
Stanley Street 'C'  
Stanley Street Cypriots  
Stanley Street Rascals

### **Absent:**

Ryton Park Dragons  
Stanley Street 'A'

**Last year's minutes** - were handed out to everyone present and were proposed as a true record by Andy Kirkland and seconded by Clive Eden after it was pointed out by Dennis Learad that DTH Redlands Joggers had in fact been present and not absent at last year's AGM as the minutes showed. Rob Vaughan to amend minutes and reimburse any fine wrongly incurred by Redlands.

**Matters Arising** – Andy Lee informed the members present that Rob Vaughan had changed the order of play for the Divisional Handicap Trophies for the season just ended and the general opinion from the members present was that that they were all happy with the change.

Andy Lee reported that last season's Finals Nights had been easier to manage due to one of the allocated week's being a 'blank' week for all three divisions and that Andy Kirkland had been efficient and kind enough to bring Stanley Street 'B's fixture that clashed with the first Final's Night forward to avoid any clashes.

Mick Bell asked if we could extend the season by two weeks to avoid ANY clashes

whatsoever and have dedicated weeks within the fixture list as he had a match cancelled on his team by Ryton Park Adders as Andy Lee was attending one of the Finals Night's. AL explained that this would mean that the season would have to be extended by two weeks and it was a hard enough job already to get trophies returned in time for the Presentation Night in May.

Mick Bell proposed that we did extend the season by two weeks to incorporate two blank weeks for Final Nights. No one seconded the proposal.

Andy Lee asked Rob Vaughan to give a brief overview as to what affect the rule change from last year regarding the cancelling of matches and also playing with only two players had had on the season just finished. Rob Vaughan informed the meeting that only one game in Div 1 had been played with 2 players and the same in Div 2 but in Div 3 there had been 6 matches played where only 2 players had turned up whilst in the Cup Competitions there were 2 matches in the Mike Tunningley Shield, one in the Reg Wilcox Trophy but none in either of the MBE Trophy or the David Hooton Trophy. No matches had been conceded all but one match had been awarded to a team because of the opposition not turning up due to confusion between its players. Rob Vaughan said that overall it had been an improvement on the previous season and therefore a success.

Andy Lee informed the members present that as voted for at last year's AGM, Sam Walker had been presented with a cheque for £300.00 to help with his ongoing costs in recognition of his success and that the Junior Singles Trophy had been re-named after him. Sam Walker was really pleased with both gestures.

**Treasurers Report** – Copies of the financial report were handed out for all those in attendance to view and Dave Cowburn gave an overview of the income, expenditure and balance sheet, with special mention to the grants that Glyn Williams had managed to obtain for the league which had enable additional expenditure on equipment. The league made a small surplus over the course of the season. He confirmed that the accounts had been audited and approved by Dave Marsh.

Glyn Williams proposed that the accounts be accepted by the league and this was seconded by Steve Walker.

**Questions From The Floor** – Andy Lee gave an update as to what the Committee had been doing of the last 12 months. For the first time ever the Worksop League had entered a Junior and Senior team in the ETTA's National League Cup. The League provided shirts with DTH Engineering logo's plus Worksop Tennis League on them for both teams - Senior team consisted of Richard and Tom Wesley and the Junior team were Tom McIntosh and Peter Cowburn and though neither side got through to the next stage of the competition it had raised the profile of the League.

Andy Lee also said that for the first time in years the League had organised a Summer League and due to the fabulous response we had to organise two venues instead of one due to 16 teams entering. The feedback so far had been very encouraging.

The League had also introduced a Junior Umpire Award run by the ETTA which Peter Cowburn had very kindly done the assessing of players who had gone ahead with it. So far four junior players had passed and Dave Cowburn had actually received their certificates that very morning.

Andy Lee also informed the meeting that the Saturday Club at the Worksop Leisure Centre ran by Glyn Williams had been a great success.

Rob Vaughan mentioned the David Hooton Development Fund that team/clubs could apply for funding towards new equipment etc. and that anyone who wanted to apply should do so by e-mailing him and then any application would be considered by the Committee.

Fiona Halpin-Stent asked that her thanks to both Andy Lee and Rob Vaughan for all that they do behind the scene for the League were placed on record and after sitting on the Committee for the last 12 months she had realised just how many hours that both actually put into to the running and the development of the League. Members present gave a round of applause.

Joanne McIntosh asked if the League should consider a larger venue for next season's Presentation Night due to just how many turned up at Shireoaks Club with some people having to sit outside!

The following venues were suggested with comments from the floor:

Stanley Street Club - Can't have the room on a weekend

The Innings - We had used it previously but no one seemed over keen

Worksop Welfare Club - Mick Bell said it would be free but only held around the same amount of people as Shireoaks Club

Manton Miners Welfare - Bill Bateman said that it was free of charge on a Friday night and Rob Vaughan added that it was a large room and that the Club had done lots of improvements over the last year or so and had plenty of car parking - Rob Vaughan to speak to Manton Club.

### **Rule Amendments –**

#### **Addition to rule 15:**

If a player does not have an individual average then a 100% average will be applied to the player for handicapping purposes for Divisional Cups

The proposed rule was discussed and two options were put forward:

**A** - Any new player to the League will be given a 100% average for handicapping purposes for Divisional Cups

**B** - Any new player to the League will be given a 100% average for handicapping purposes for Divisional Cups. Any player from the previous season that has not played in any league games, so therefore does not have an individual handicap will be awarded the average from the previous season.

A majority vote was obtained for Option B.

#### **Amendment to rule 7c:**

24 hours not 48 hours for the postponement of a match

27 votes for and 0 against

#### **Mike Tunningley Shield**

Andy Lee shared the feedback that Rob Vaughan had asked for previously via e-mail and then invited thoughts from the floor:

Neil Houghton said he'd never come across the sealed envelope format and thought that

because Division One players didn't know by how many points that they had to beat lesser players by they would hammer lesser players to make sure and he thought that could be soul destroying to junior players.

Keith Smith added that the reason for the sealed envelope was to stop teams cheating as the format was slightly different some years ago.

Both Paul Allison and Dave Marsh said because the competition was different to any other that the League ran we should leave it as it is.

Another point from the floor was that in other League's they gave teams the option of entering or not - Rick Harris added that in his opinion every team should play in it.

Two proposals were put forward regarding the competition:

**A** - We should leave the competition as it is and not change the format - 20 votes for leaving it the same and 7 against

**B** - Should teams be automatically be entered into the competition or should it be optional - 19 votes for being automatically entered and 8 for it being optional.

### **League Constitution**

Dave Cowburn read out to the meeting why the Leagues Constitution needed to be changed as it would allow us to open a Community Amateur Sports Group Savings Account which would give the League a better rate of interest.

It was proposed that the League Constitution was changed and that we would move the account to Mansfield Building Society - the vote was unanimous in favour.

### **Election Of Officers –**

Chairman Andy Lee, General & Match Play Secretary Rob Vaughan, Treasurer Dave Cowburn, Mike Tunningley Shield/Carnation Cup Secretary Dave Lee, Annual Championships Secretary Rob Vaughan, DTH Doubles Mick Bell, Divisional Trophy Secretary Rob Vaughan, Fund Raising Officer Glyn Williams, General Committee Members Jack Tarr, John Lowde and Fiona Halpin-Stent were all returned 'en-bloc' unanimously.

### **Any Other Business –**

Rob Vaughan reminded everyone that he needed notification in an e-mail regarding any match being postponed.

Rob Vaughan also reminded everyone to renew or get their Individual ETTA Registration BEFORE the start of the season.

Andy Lee informed the meeting that the proposal from the ETTA to bring the new style balls in wouldn't happen for the forthcoming season and if it was going to happen then it would be the season after.

Mick Bell suggested that the League buy balls in bulk to get them cheaper and to then pass that saving onto clubs/teams in the League - Glyn Williams informed everyone that he in fact had done such a thing and that he had boxes of three Butterfly balls at £2.40 per box. Rob Vaughan also mentioned that a photograph of a scorecard taken on a phone and e-mailed to him would suffice rather than posting the actual scorecard in.

Next AGM Meeting Tuesday 9th of June 2015