

MINUTES OF WORKSOP & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE'S AGM 11th JUNE 2018

Present:

Manton Sports

Manton Tigers

Redlands X-Youth

Redlands Roosters

Redlands Fluffy Toys

Redlands Red Devils

Redlands Demolition Men

Redlands Rookies

Redlands Tarr Babies

Sparken Hill Blue Jays

Sparken Hill Eagles

Sparken Hill Falcons

Sparken Hill Hawks

Sparken Hill Starlings

Sparken Hill Buzzards

Sparken Hill Vultures

Stanley Street 'A'

Stanley Street 'B'

Worksop Welfare Snipers

Worksop Welfare Snipers 'C'

Worksop Welfare Harriers 'A'

Worksop Welfare Harriers 'B'

Absent:

The Real Deal

Redlands Monster

Worksop Owls

Sparken Hill Ospreys

Introduction From Chairman Andy Lee in which he thanked everyone on the league's Committee for all their hard work throughout the season

Last year's minutes were handed out to everyone present and were proposed as a true record by Mark Bloomer and seconded by Alex Olliffe.

Matters Arising

Steve Walker had put on an international exhibition match at Redlands but said that not many current players from the Worksop League had attended.

Clive Eden had previously suggested that the league hold an event at somewhere like the Canch, Rob Vaughan had e-mailed everyone asking for volunteers, but the response was so poor that nothing came of the idea. Andy Lee added that the league needed more help as it can't just be left to the same people to help and organise events etc. Andy Lee then asked the floor as to why people didn't attend events such as the Worksop master's and the international match that was held at Redlands and the response was that that players would rather play than watch and it was difficult to get high attendances for events such as this. Rob Vaughan said that players in the league need to support

these events as much as possible.

The Annual Championships had been moved to the Worksop Leisure Centre, but we ended up with a smaller room than the one that was originally booked due to an error from the Leisure Centre.

However, it was a great day and well attended. The first ever Over 70's was played, and it was also agreed that all doubles matches would be played first next season as it was difficult to get 4 players on a table at a time later in the day due to players commitments. Rob Vaughan added that the main hall at the Leisure Centre was 100% booked for next year.

Rick Harris had brought up the subject last year of coaching for Juniors, this had been set up via Paul Johnson with an initial 6 Junior players involved but the numbers had dwindled down to just 2 as the sessions had gone on.

Derek Piper had suggested purchasing a marquee for the league so we could hold more outside events to promote table tennis but as we hadn't received much response for help for the events it was decided not to buy one. Fiona Halpin-Stent mentioned that Nick Sievewright had one and that he was willing the league to use it.

Rob Vaughan mentioned that he had now produced the new scorepads and that they had gone down well and that after a few initial errors on them teams had started to get used to them.

Mick Bell had mentioned last year that players should only have a 2 minute knock up before games, Rob Vaughan had sent an e-mail round reminding players of the rule.

There was no formation meeting last year with teams able to e-mail or post Rob Vaughan their teams which had worked well.

Questions From The Floor

Andy Lee started off by saying that the season had been a good one and that Paul Johnson had run a Junior League with 2 divisions and that it had gone really well. Rob Vaughan added that he would add the results and league tables to the website for this year's Junior League.

Andy Lee asked that all players/clubs put the word around that there was a Junior League as we needed to encourage more players/teams to enter our league. He also added that we needed to put money back into the development of the league.

Peter Eyre asked if the Divisional Cups could go back to be a straight knock out instead of a league format as the way in which one of the divisions was decided wasn't ideal. Nigel Stent commented that plans were in place to change the way it was decided, and Rob Vaughan added that he had received several positive feedbacks saying that players preferred the league format and it would be remaining the same.

Peter Eyre said that both Finals Nights were well attended but the Masters wasn't. Fiona Halpin-Stent suggested having a Masters event for each division but Andy Lee said that if people didn't turn out to watch the top six players in our league compete for the Masters Trophy then with all due respect wouldn't turn out for Divisions Two and Three.

Fiona Halpin-Stent said the publicity for the event needed ramping up and suggested that each club be sent 5 posters/leaflets to distribute out. Rob Vaughan mentioned that he would run a Facebook Campaign targeting the local area to help boost attendance. Lewis Linacre suggested that all players needed to share the post re Masters and that a link ought to place on the Facebook page that would take you straight to a page on the website which had all the info on the Masters Event.

Perry Bradford asked if there were any venues in our area that had table tennis facilities but didn't enter a team into our league. Rob Vaughan replied that there were several such as Haggonfields, Oldcotes Village Hall, rear of St. Anne's etc. Rob Vaughan added that most people would have seen his e-mail regarding asking for someone to volunteer to run a club but until someone came forward the league wouldn't look for a suitable venue as it would probably take up a lot of time in doing so for no end result. Lewis Linacre said that he would run a club in Harworth/Bircotes area if one were

found – Rob Vaughan said he would have a look into it.

Treasurers Report

Ben Swain presented the accounts for the current season along with an overview of the expenditure and income. There were no questions regarding the accounts, but Ben did mention that without DTH Engineering's Sponsorship the league would struggle immensely. Rob Vaughan proposed them as a true record and both Nigel Stent and Dave Lee seconded them.

Andy Lee then asked if anyone knew of an accountant that would do the audit each year of the leagues accounts, Fiona Halpin-Stent said that Nick Sievewright's wife was an accountant and that she would ask the question.

Rule Amendments

Addition To Rule 9 (Fines)

Fines given to charity of leagues choice. - This was passed unanimously, and the first recipient will be Blue Bell Wood Hospice.

Addition To Rule 9 (Fines)

All fines from the previous season must be paid for before the start of the new season. - This was passed unanimously, and it was also agreed that teams that incurred fines in the first half of the season must pay them by the end of December and we would trial this for one year.

Addition To Rule 15 (Divisional Handicap Trophies)

Matches can only be played if both teams have 3 players available. - After a lengthy discussion this proposal was voted against unanimously and instead the Committee would come up with an alternative way to decide which teams qualified for the final if teams were level on points rather than a straight points for and against difference which is unfair if only 2 players have turned up for a particular game.

Election Of Officers

The current Committee were elected once again en-bloc.

New Members voted on to the Committee were as follows:

Andy Kirkland – Proposed by Nigel Stent and seconded by Fiona Halpin-Stent and voted for unanimously.

Fiona Halpin-Stent – Proposed by Ben Swain and seconded by Kay Wilson and voted for unanimously.

Kay Wilson – Proposed by Rob Vaughan and seconded by Phil Hall and voted for unanimously.

Divisional Representatives would again be introduced from next season and they were elected as follows:

Division One - Mick Bell

Division Two - Kay Wilson

Division Three - Jack Tarr

Any Other Business

There was no any other business

Next AGM Meeting Monday 10th of June 2019