

MINUTES OF WORKSOP & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE'S AGM 10th JUNE 2019

Present:

Carlton X-Youth

Clowne 'A'

Clowne 'B'

Manton Sports

Manton Tigers

Redlands Mean Machine

Redlands Fluffy Toys

Redlands Rovers

Redlands Monsters

Redlands Rookies

Redlands Tarr Babies

Sparken Hill Blue Jays

Sparken Hill Eagles

Sparken Hill Falcons

Sparken Hill Hawks

Sparken Hill Starlings

Sparken Hill Nightingales

Stanley Street 'A'

Stanley Street 'B'

Worksop Miners Welfare

Worksop Welfare Cannon

Worksop Welfare Harriers

Worksop Welfare Real Deal

Absent:

Redlands Roosters

Introduction From Chairman Andy Lee in which he thanked everyone for attending.

Last year's minutes were handed out to everyone present and were proposed as a true record by Dave Lee and seconded by Kay Wilson.

Matters Arising

Andy Lee mentioned that the results and league tables of the Junior League had not been put on the League's website as Rob Vaughan hadn't received them from Paul Johnson.

Andy Lee informed everyone that money had been put into the development of the league in the way of new tables etc. and that Ben Swain would talk in more detail about this in his Treasurer's report.

At last year's AGM Pete 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 but it was decided to leave it as a 'league format'. Rob said it had been hard work this season as a few teams had conceded matches and the general feeling in the room was to leave it in a 'league format' but not put all the matches at the end of the season but to break them up over the course of the last two months of the season. A vote was taken as to leave it as a 'league format' and a majority voted

to leave it as a 'league format'.

The Committee had investigated the possibilities of setting up new venues to the Worksop League, but Oldcotes Village Hall and Bircotes Leisure Centre had no spare nights available. Andy Lee added that if any volunteers came forward with a new venue and to run it then there would be funding available for equipment and hire fees through the DTH Development Fund.

Treasurers Report

Ben Swain handed out copies of the accounts for the current season and gave an overview of them. He pointed out that the league had lost £136.00 for the current season but that we had invested a significant amount into new tables, nets and equipment etc. and that the loss was nothing to worry about.

Ben did raise his concern that the accounts weren't audited last year and that anyone could audit them and that they didn't have to be an accountant to do them. Alan Wilson very kindly offered to do them, and he was thanked by Rob Vaughan.

The accounts were proposed as a true record by Dave Lee and seconded by Phil Hall.

Perry Bradford thanked the Committee for funding his coaching badge course which he had now passed. It was also mentioned that in addition to Perry's coaching course the League were also going to fund two players to take their umpiring course after the new season had started.

Rule Amendments

Amendment To Rule 9g (Fines)

Scrap fining teams for only fielding 2 players.

This item was passed unanimously

Addition To Rule 12 – 12f (Carnation Cup)

If a player fails to turn up for a fixture then he/she will not be allowed to enter the Competition the following year.

This item was passed with a majority but with a slight amendment:

If a player fails to turn up for a fixture **without notification** then he/she will not be allowed to enter the Competition the following year.

Amendment To Rule 13b (Mike Tunningley Shield)

Teams will have the option of entering the Mike Tunningley Shield or opting out of it.

This item was passed with a majority but with a slight amendment:

Teams will have the option of **opting out** of the Mike Tunningley Shield.

Update On Last Year's Rule Amendments

Rule 9 (Fines)

Fines given to charity of leagues choice. - This was passed unanimously, and the first recipient will be Blue Bell Wood Hospice. - £127.00 to go to Bluebell 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.

Only one team had actually paid their September to December fines before December 31st but it was agreed to leave this part of the rule in.

Questions From The Floor

Dave Lyus asked what the league would look like with no Redlands teams in it and Rob Vaughan replied that some of the Redlands teams had decided to stick together and still play but at other venues. He also added that some individual Redlands players would be joining other teams which when all added to the fact that Sparken Hill and Clowne were putting in extra teams then we would still have 3 Divisions of a decent size.

Alan Wilson asked as to how the individual handicapping was done and if the handicapping could be published for all to see. Nigel Stent gave an overview of it and it was agreed to publish the handicapping grid on the website and the actual letters given to players a few weeks before competitions.

Table Tennis 365/Table Tennis England

Rob Vaughan gave an explanation as to the spat between Table Tennis England and Table Tennis 365 who provide the results part of the website and that Table Tennis England had withdrawn some element of the work that Table Tennis 365 did for them and the knock on effect meant that 365 had to increase their charge to Table Tennis England from £4.00 per player to £7.00 per player in order to survive. Based on this Table Tennis England had decided to pay another web development company to build a new league management website from scratch which could be ready for August before the season started.

On the back of this there has been a proposal put forward for the Table Tennis League AGM in late June by another league to reduce the individual player membership paid to Table Tennis England from £16.00 to £9.00 and then the £7.00 difference would be paid to Table Tennis 365 to continue to use their league management system.

Rob Vaughan gave his opinion which was that the current system was very good and saved him literally hours every week and that we should back the vote to reduce the individual membership and keep Table Tennis 365's website.

A vote was taken and it was agreed unanimously to back the reduction and Worksop League would vote for it.

Rob Vaughan then put forward that in case the vote for the reduction didn't go through that then the Worksop League would use £7.00 of each player's Worksop League Individual Registration fee to fund it for one season and then to look at Table Tennis England's new platform in a year's time to make a better judgement of it.

A vote was taken and it was agreed unanimously to do this if the reduction of the Table Tennis England's Individual Membership didn't get passed.

Notts County Fees

Andy Lee informed the meeting that Notts were proposing to increase the fees that Nottingham, Retford, Mansfield and Worksop all pay to County. The increase would be £2.50 per player which would help ensure that 4 teams could play in the British League, if not then one of those teams would have to fold.

A vote was taken, and the majority voted against the increase.

Election Of Officers

The current Committee were elected once again en bloc apart from Nigel Stent who was standing down and Rick Harris who struggled to get to meetings and may not even be playing in the league next season. Andy Lee thanked Nigel for his hard work, especially with the handicapping and Nigel received a warm round of applause.

No new Members were voted on to the Committee, but Andy Kirkland would be taking over the

Carnation Cup Competition and Mick Bell the DTH Senior Doubles.

Any Other Business

Rob Vaughan said that the minutes from the AGM would be sent out for approval within a couple of days rather than sending them out just before next year's AGM as most people will have forgotten what was said etc.

Rob Vaughan said that the AGM would be moved from June to May as it was quite a few weeks between the end of the season and the AGM and people had understandably switched off a little from table tennis.

Rob Vaughan mentioned that the league would no longer accept cheques as it was a real pain for Ben Swain to go to branch to pay them in and in any case his local branch was closing soon.

Next AGM Meeting Monday 18th of May 2020