

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT
TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE, HELD ON 3rdJULY 1991 AT GONERBY SOCIAL CLUB

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Mr Peter May at 7-45pm

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr S.Midgley.

MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM for 1990 were accepted on a proposal by Mrs G. Hover, seconded by Mr R.Wilson.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked the sponsors of the League and tournaments. He reported that a mail shot to all players produced no more entries for the Jubilee Tournament than of late. He continued by reporting on the league and the new points system and thanked the match secretary, Mrs J.Eldred, for her sterling work and the journalistic efforts of Messrs. C.Bryan and D.Beaty. The success of the 2 player junior league held at the High School was mentioned and thanks were due to Mr R.Leverett for his help. The Chairman congratulated the players of the Junior Boys team for an excellent run in the National Competition, the Junior Girls for reaching the National Team finals and the Cadet players who won and came fourth in the East Midland Cadet League. He thanked Mrs E.Hunt and members of Plamore in the staging of the tournaments held at the Central School, Mr C.Pexton for running the Knockout Tournament and all the members and officers of the League Committee for their efforts. Finally he wished his successor the best of good fortune for the coming season.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer declared an income of £3088, expenditure of £2671 and a surplus of £417. He expressed his disappointment at the £76 loss made at the annual Buffet/Disco. The Treasurer, in thanking the sponsors, pointed out that the surplus was entirely due to their support. Of this surplus £250 has been donated by Mr J.Winfield for a veterans tournament, for which the Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Winfield. In answer to a question by Mr J.Mapletoft the Treasurer reported that the apparent increase in League expenses were offset by savings in other areas due to his different style of accounting to the previous Treasurer. He added that the League fees for last season were correct to cover the Leagues expenses. Mr T.Tresadern asked what the income was from Town Teams. It was explained that the £90 was a credit by the East Midland Cadet League for expenses incurred on their behalf. In answer to a question on why we had incurred £3 bank charges, it was pointed out that on one quarter of the year we had had so many transactions that the bank was entitled to make a charge, but Mr Beaty had managed to get this charge greatly reduced. On a proposal by Mr N.Locking, seconded Mrs G.Hover the balance sheet was accepted.

PROPOSED TABLE TENNIS CENTRE UPDATE

The retiring Chairman invited Mr M.Sims to give a progress report. Mr Sims said that the shell of the building was almost complete and that the league would officially take over on 1st January 1992. It was hoped that we could occupy in early October and use the building rent free until January. He has written to Mr Farmer(council) and asked for sponsorship of £4000 to run an England v China tournament on January 2nd as an official opening of the centre. He Has received a favourable letter back from Mr Farmer stating that the council have agreed. Malcolm said that it was important that everyone supported this venture which hopefully would attract at least 800 spectators with an admission fee of approx. £5.

He reported that he and Mr Tresadern were hoping to raise over £600 from their sponsored tandem ride to Boston and back.

Commercial sponsorship was in the region of £2000 so far. The founder membership fee of £100 was good value and should raise quite a substantial amount of money even in the present economic climate.

Members may consider making stage payments before January if they feel the need to do so.

£8000 plus is needed for sports equipment - the majority of which would be for tables.

The Brewery have agreed to advance £10,000 towards the furnishing of the bar area and quotes have been sought for the work to be done.

Further fund-raising is a must. The next planned attempt is a raffle with a £250 mini-cruise holiday donated as a first prize. It was hoped that all members would make every effort in the sale of the tickets.

The draw will take place on September 21st 1991 at the Central School with a disco and buffet with the proceeds going towards the centre fund. Mr Mapletoft pointed out that in addition to the £8000 needed for sports equipment a further £22,000 - £27,000 was needed for all the other equipment e.g. office, catering, cleaning etc. At the moment a plan was being prepared for presentation to the Sports Council hoping to attract 50% grant aid. He said he was disappointed at the support we were receiving from the rest of table tennis.

Mr Sims said that Plamore were totally committed to the centre and had a potential of 20 teams that could play in the centre.

It was reported that Boston had received grants of £25,000 each from the Sports Council, the County Council and their local council. The £25,000 that they had raised for themselves had taken about 4 years. A decision will be given in October by the Sports Council as to the amount we can expect as a grant.

The retiring Chairman said that he believed we must raise as much money now as we could to persuade the Sports Council that we are worthy of their generosity.

Mr Dunn asked whether an investment of £50 for pensioners as life membership would be considered. It was agreed that his request would receive sympathetic consideration.

It was suggested that league table tennis should take place on Mondays at the centre, 2 man teams on Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday would be Badminton and Friday would be training or club night. Week-ends could be shared between the sports.

Mr F.R.Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Sims for all his hard work. It was asked what would happen to the money that the league held. The retiring Chairman replied that seeing that the majority of it had been collected for premises it would go towards the centre.

REGISTRATION FEES

It was proposed by Mr F.R.Wilson, seconded by Mr N.Locking to accept the recommendation by the retiring committee that the league fees for 1991/92 season should be:- £22 a team and £4 a player.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On a proposal of Mrs T.Mason seconded M.Sims the committee was elected en bloc.

Chairman... P.Chalk. Proposed N.Locking, seconded Mrs E.Hunt.

Vice-Chairman... C.Pexton. Proposed M.Massingham, seconded T.Tresadern.

County Representative... P.May.

The following were voted onto the management committee:- M.Sims, I.McDonald, N.Locking, P.Cameron, A.Hover, S.Mablesen.

AMENDMENT TO RULES

There were no amendment to rules.

Mr G.Dunn said that in his opinion his team had been relegated due to other teams fielding weak sides enabling other teams to climb above them, He felt that they had been cheated by this action. The Chairman explained that Mr Dunns team captain had declined an opportunity of a play off to stay in the "A" DIVISION. Mr Dunn replied that they would not have been in a relegation position if the rules had not been abused.

After a protracted discussion no solution was offered on how teams could be made to field their strongest available teams or how the league management committee could police matches if two teams should connive a result. It was felt that these matters were beyond legislation and had to be left to the sportsmanship and moral fibre of clubs, captains and players if the game was not to be brought into dispute.

Mr Dunn proposed, seconded by Mr M.Sims that for league season 1992/93 rule 7E should be amended to read "In the event of a tie on points in the league, involving two or more teams, after taking into consideration any points lost through match cancellations through no fault of the teams in question, the placings should be determined by matches won, drawn or lost by the said teams for promotion or relegation purposes. Should there still be equality a play off be staged." The meeting unanimously adopted this proposal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr J.Mapletoft proposed, seconded by Mr T.Tresadern that a rule be introduced for the 1992/93 season stipulating that "players playing in the Premier and "A" division of the Grantham & Distict Table Tennis League must play with bats coloured red one side and black the other, in line with the E.T.T.A ruling"

Mr M.Sims proposed, seconded by Mr T.Tresadern that a rule be introduced for the 1993/94 season stipulating that "all players playing in the Grantham & Distict Table Tennis League must play with bats coloured red one side and black the other in line with the E.T.T.A. ruling".

Mr P.May presented Mr T.Tresadern with the Sam Harrop Trophy, he having been voted the winner for the 1990/91 season.

The meeting closed with the registration of teams.