

Minutes of AGM held 04/07/01 at the Meres Leisure Centre

Apologies

Paul Cameron.

Peter May *Joe Walford*

Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as a true and accurate record - proposed by Simon Mableson and seconded by Jane Strawson. Terry Tresadern read out the minutes from the EGM held 16/08/00.

Paul Stokes
Jeddy Cox

Presentation of the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award to Terry Tresadern

Peter May presented Terry with his certificate, thanking him for all of his hard work and for keeping the league together.

Chairman's Report

Terry expressed his thanks to Paul Stokes as Vice-Chairman, Sally Mason as Treasurer & Secretary and to the rest of the committee for their support. He stated that the league began in a bit of a quandary with no secretary or treasurer, and was very pleased with the hard work and efficiency of Sally Mason appointed to fulfil these tasks.

Unfortunately the finances did not permit the purchase of league handbooks this year, but are to be reinstated for the coming season, subject to their being available at an acceptable price. The 3 divisions ran successfully and smoothly this year, with a difference of only 0.124% between the winners and runners up of Division A. (Please find enclosed list of winners/runners up for the season.)

There were no town teams entered as there was no one available to run them.

We have had many notable successes in the past year. Namely, the presentation evening/quiz provided an enjoyable evening for all. Howard Knott and Shaun Rogerson did very well in the tournament. In addition, Shaun and Lauren Springthorpe have done very well in the England Schools competitions.

Both of our County teams have won, which include quite a few Grantham players.

In the East Midlands Cadet League our team won on both a team and individual basis – boys, girls and doubles.

The Summer league needs greater support from players – you can play on a Monday night between 7.30-9.30pm for only £2, at the Table Tennis Centre.

To sum up, Terry stated that it had been a good year, but that it was also essential to attract 'new blood' to the league in order that it may successfully continue for many years to come.

reiterated.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the audited accounts were handed to all present, at the beginning of the meeting. Their acceptance was proposed by Mike Tedbury and seconded by Simon Mableson.

As the Summer league on a Monday night is making a loss John Mapletoft queried whether it should be scrapped. Terry Tresadern was concerned that players would lose interest, if only able to play during the actual season. He also stated that attendances are unpredictable, and that if more people attended it would not make a loss. Also, as Premier Clubs are running a Summer league, only adults are attending ours and no youngsters. We had declined to run a two-player league, as no individual on the existing committee would be prepared to run it. John Hiley said that the facilities were not brilliant, and that Ancaster did not want to subsidise players using the table tennis centre, via the affiliation fees.

Stay the same P. John Hiley
S. Russell Wyfield.

Affiliation Fees

Terry Tresadern started the discussion by saying that we were still one of the cheaper leagues in the County. The decision to increase the fees is to compensate for the increases made by the ETTA and the LTTA, to pay for reinstating the handbook, and to scrap the entry fees for the tournament (to hopefully promote greater interest in entering).

John Hiley stated that, as the league was in decline, increasing the costs would merely discourage new blood from taking up the sport, and force existing players to pay more, and queried whether we should reduce the fees instead. Tony Eldred responded by saying that if John Hiley did not wish to pay the affiliation fees, that he should not play in our league. Tony also said that he thought the league provided extremely good value, especially in comparison with other sports. John Hiley said that it was very expensive for younger players. Tony Eldred said that in order to play in tournaments you have to be affiliated. John Mapletoft suggested running a tournament and not charging the junior players. Terry Tresadern replied that this was one of the reasons for increasing the fees – in order to scrap the tournament entry fees for all. (This is aimed at the registered player.) Terry Tresadern suggested holding a special class for unregistered players, which John Mapletoft said would be a step in the right direction.

John Hiley requested that the league give their commitment to running a junior tournament, which Terry Tresadern did. Peter May has offered to run this tournament and Terry Tresadern has offered to assist him. Terry also stated that the reasons for not holding one for the past two seasons were insufficient entries and that no one was willing to run it.

Acceptance of the new affiliation fees was proposed by Laszlo Farkas and seconded by Jane Strawson. There were no amendments. Votes: for – 19, against – 0, abstentions – 2.

Rule Changes

Paul Stokes explained that the rewording of rule 7i to read, "All protests and disputes shall be forwarded to the League secretary for consideration within 7 days of the incident occurring. At the same time a copy shall also be sent by the protesting Club to any other Club concerned. All protests and appeals shall be considered by the Executive Committee at the next Committee meeting, whose decision shall be final.", has been proposed as it was felt that the rule wasn't clear in its existing form. Acceptance of this rewording was proposed by Peter May and seconded by Jody Cox. Votes: for - 17, against – 0, abstentions – 1 (3 players were not present for the vote).

Lengthy discussions followed regarding the proposed introduction of the new scoring system by the ETTA and the ITTF - 5 games up to 11, as opposed to the existing system of 3 games up to 21. Reasons for this change are to make the game more media friendly and entertaining. This method is already being used outside of the Grantham league, and the Grand Prix circuit have also been using it for some while. All national and international teams are playing to the new system. It entails two serves from the start and if you reach 10 (deuce) it changes to one serve either way. Edie Hunt stated that 80 leagues have turned this proposal down. To remain competitive it is essential that we all play to the same format, with John Hiley expressing concerns that having a different scoring system would be tantamount to having a death wish. Tony Eldred said that the game flies by, using the new system, and that the social aspect is removed. John Mapletoft handed out an explanation sheet regarding the new scoring system, (see copy enclosed). Regarding point 2.12.1, Jane Strawson said that most people select 7 for the number of games. Laszlo Farkas suggested putting the decision to vote – he proposed that the league change to the new system, seconded by Jody Cox. Simon Mableson proposed that the league stay the same as it is now, seconded by

Edie Hunt. A vote was held re. changing this year or at a future date: for – 9, against – 9. John Mapletoft queried whether this should be classed as a rule change whereby all clubs must be given 28 days prior notice. Terry Tresadern explained that we were unable to do this, as there was no firm decision made, until the ETTA AGM on 30th June. He also said that as there had been no vote cast either way then it should remain as it is for another year, unless four clubs requested an EGM and put the vote to the whole league.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected, all with a majority vote.

President	P. May	Unanimous decision, no contenders.	<i>John Hiley / Howard Knott</i>
Vice-President	E. Hunt	Proposed - Peter May, seconded – Peter Craik.	<i>John H. Howard Knott.</i>
Chairman	T. Tresadern	Proposed - Peter May, seconded - Laszlo Farkas	<i>Howard Paul Stokes.</i>
Vice-Chairman	P. Stokes	^{VACANT} Proposed – Anthony Leeson, seconded - Peter May.	
Secretary/ Treasurer	<i>Jody Cox</i> S. Mason	Proposed – Peter May, seconded – Peter Craik.	<i>Anthony Howard.</i>
Sec	<i>S MABLESON</i>		<i>Andy White.</i>
Match Secretary	P. Bryan	Proposed – Alan Bryan, seconded – John Hiley.	<i>John Hiley.</i>
			<i>Russell John Mapletoft.</i>
Intertown Secretary	S. Mableson		
Coaching Secretary	Vacant	<i>Howard Knott</i>	
Umpiring Secretary	P. May	<i>Laszlo Farkas / Howard Knott.</i>	

(A notice is to placed on the board re. if anybody wishes to umpire, please contact Peter May.)

The existing management committee have been re-elected, this consists of Paul Cameron, Simon Mableson and John Hiley – all proposed by Paul Stokes and seconded by Colin Floyd. This was also a majority vote, with no votes against. With an additional committee member, Jody Cox – proposed by Jane Strawson, seconded by Anthony Leeson, another majority vote.

*Mike Tadberry Prop by Anthony Leeson S John H
Russell Weyfield " " John Hiley S P Craik*

Any Other Business

John Mapletoft said that he would have been willing to run a development league, and it was vital to introduce a policy to get new interest in the league. Terry Tresadern responded by saying that our league was made up of old members, rather than that of a club which attracts new members. We need new people to take on new jobs.

John Mapletoft requested that we have a forum – to discuss how to get new ideas, etc, off the ground.

Peter May said that we need to come up with new ideas to make the game more interesting – presentation nights, open nights, etc. Terry Tresadern replied that the committee would willingly support and assist with any new developments, but that people are needed to run these events. Alan Bryan suggested advertising for anyone who wishes to play table tennis, to attract raw recruits. This suggestion will be considered at the next committee meeting. Tony Eldred said that the committee were doing a good job, that we should stop kicking ourselves, say how well we are doing to keep going and how we are performing reasonably well.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

11 POINT SCORING SYSTEM

The amended versions of the laws and regulations affected by the AGM decision to adopt the 11 point scoring system are shown below, with the changes underlined. These laws and regulations come into effect on 1 September 2001.

2.11 A Game

- 2.11.1 A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring 11 points unless both players or pairs score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.

2.12 A Match

- 2.12.1 A match shall consist of the best of any odd number of games.

2.13 The Order of Serving, Receiving and Ends

- 2.13.3 After each 2 points have been scored the receiving player or pair shall become the serving player or pair and so on until the end of the game, unless both players or pairs score 10 points or the expedite system is in operation, when the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall serve for only 1 point in turn.
- 2.13.6 The player or pair serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match, and in the last possible game of a doubles match the pair due to receive next shall change their order of receiving when first one pair scores 5 points.
- 2.13.7 The player or pair starting at one end in a game shall start at the other end in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a match the players or pairs shall change ends when first one player or pair scores 5 points.

2.15 The Expedite System

- 2.15.1 Except where both players or pairs have scored at least 9 points, the expedite system shall come into operation if a game is unfinished after 10 minutes' play or at any earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.
- 2.15.3 If the expedite system is introduced, or if a game lasts longer than 10 minutes, all subsequent games of the match shall be played under the expedite system.

3.4.4 Intervals

- 3.4.4.1 Play shall be continuous throughout a match except that any player is entitled to
- 3.4.4.1.1 an interval of up to 1 minute between successive games of a match;
- 3.4.4.1.2 brief intervals for towelling after every 6 points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of a match.

Colin Clemett
Chairman, Rules Committee
5 May 2001