

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at the Wheatsheaf, Upton
25th January 2016

Present:

Bryan Fitzpatrick (Chairman), Ivor Jones (Vice Chairman), Veronica Nicholas (General Secretary), Danny Cooper (Treasurer), Steve Sung (365 Administrator), Dave Terry (Fixtures Secretary), Lola Roberts (Division Three Secretary).

Apologies for absence:

Tony Collard (Division Two Secretary)

1. Chairman – Opened the meeting
 - a) There were no matters arising or outstanding.
 - b) Handicap rules
 - i. The rules for the cup matches have been made clearer and are displayed on TT 365 under the heading “**CUPS**”. The handicaps are also to be found under the same heading.
 - ii. In order to avoid the problems that arose this year in getting the handicap figures onto the 365 system it was agreed that Bryan and Dave will liaise with Steve in September to ensure the correct method of recording the handicaps is adopted for easy transfer onto the 365 system.
 - c) The draws took place for the next round of the handicap cups which begin on 15th February and will be displayed on the 365 system..
2. Treasurer
 - a) Danny reported that the current available bank balance of the league is £1396.51. Two teams are yet to pay this season’s fees (£45 each).
 - i. The cost of printing 170 copies of the hand book was £176 and £152.60 for 120 score cards.
 - ii. Registration fees (for the town teams) - Lancs/Cheshire = £314
 - iii. Affiliation fees (for the league) - Cheshire = £254.25
 - b) Discussion took place regarding the costs incurred by the town representative teams which includes provision of refreshments and travelling costs which can be substantial throughout the season because of the considerable distances covered, even though there is car sharing. It is recognised that these players are our leagues finest and whilst they achieve success for themselves they also bring kudos to our league which in turn attracts other players. In respect of this Dave will discuss with Danny the costs in detail so that the fees for next season can be adjusted to accommodate all or part of these costs.

3. General Secretary

- a) Groves Sport & Social Club refurbishment
The hall will be closed 17th May – 30th June which means the Tournament finals will be unaffected.
- b) AGM and Presentation evening will be held at the Groves as usual on Tuesday 24th May in the Mannings Lounge.
- c) EPOCH Website
Veronica suggested that the website should be kept updated in order to maintain its attraction to visitors otherwise the work Simon Jones has done to update it will have been in vain. The discussion that followed indicated that the committee members have diverse opinions as to the value of continuing to maintain the website as all information is put onto the 365 system. Veronica suggested that Dave's news items are put on EPOCH website but he was not amenable to the idea. The main reason put forward for retaining EPOCH website is as a means of advertising our league and the links within it to 365.
- d) Andy Eagles' previous agenda item "Does our league need a logo/emblem?" met with various responses. It was recognised that a logo could be used on sports tops. This is something that allows players the opportunity to show their pride in playing for our league. Dave added that the town team already have such tops that were acquired through sponsorship. Steve produced a top that he has kept from the days he played in the Ellesmere Port league which shows a small ship encircled with the league name. Logos are very often used on letter heads but our communications are mainly through e-mails. Simon Jones produced a logo which is displayed on the EPOCH website. Veronica suggested that if the league wished to have a logo, we might set up a competition for anyone with the talent to submit one although there was generally little enthusiasm from the committee to pursue the matter.

4. Fixtures Secretary

- a) Dave updated the committee on the performance of our town teams. His regular reports can be viewed on TT 365.
- b) Coaching/new players - The encouraging news from the table tennis club at Ellesmere Port Sports Village is that there are a number of young players making good progress, through the coaching programme, which may provide our league with some 'new young blood' next season.

5. Tournament Secretary

- a) **Veronica to contact Aaron to arrange an evening meeting with the committee to discuss the Tournament.**

6. Handbook/EPOCH Website Secretary

7. Table Tennis 365 Manager

- a) Steve produced details of an offer to have our own logo inserted on the 365 screen. This would be free until July, after which it would cost £6 per annum. Ivor made the point that although this seemed a small amount to begin with there was no guarantee that the price would not be increased, in the future, to an amount which we wouldn't want to pay. Veronica commented that our main concern was to play table tennis and not to get involved in the commercial interests of others.

8. Division Secretaries -

- a) Bryan reported that there are eight postponed matches outstanding in division one and Lola reported only two postponed matches in division three.

9. AOB - none

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

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Veronica Nicholas 28.1.2016