

**Great Yarmouth & District Table Tennis League.**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2011. Gt. Yarmouth Conservative Club**

**Commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call** - All teams present.

**2. Opening Address** - In his opening address, The Chairman commenced with a piece of good news. He announced to members present, the forthcoming marriage of Webmaster, Peter Smith to Karen and sent best wishes for the forthcoming happy event.

One sad item was the untimely passing of David Jackman after a period of illness.

Albert paid tribute to the continuing hard work of the committee who had endured some very long meetings trying to negotiate some extremely difficult issues and at the same time, representing members to the best of their ability. Particular thanks were offered to Charles Hacon and Eddie Fuller. To Charles for his commitment and hard work, carried out as Tournament Officer and to Eddie who had done a sterling job as League Results Secretary throughout what had at times been a challenging season. Eddie had maintained a level of 'good grace' throughout.

**3. Minutes of 2010 AGM.** – These were read and accepted as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising.** - None!

**5. 2010/11 Accounts & Proposed Registration Fees.** In Treasurer, Chris Durrant's absence, the Secretary presented the accounts to members present. These showed that overall, the league had made a profit of £483. This was mainly as a result of savings in coaching with this being carried out by Ernie George rather than the hiring of Richard & Martyn Stephenson. League assets had increased with the acquisition (thanks to a grant of £400 from Norse) of a Table Tennis Robot. This was presently being housed at Gt. Yarmouth Conservative Club and awaiting a committee decision on how it should be best used/located..

With regards affiliation to the national body, GYDTTL had chosen to send ETTA a spreadsheet showing its members but membership cards had yet to be received.

The membership accepted unanimously, the accounts.

Concerning the payment of team/member registration fees, it was proposed that the league keep to last year's figures but reinstate the discount system whereby teams registering/paying by the end of June are charged £25 – a discount of £5 from the full amount of £30. This received the unanimous agreement of members present.

**6. Rule Changes (see attached sheets!)** The following proposed rule changes were discussed and voted upon:

Rule C.4 Add – **General committee members – up to a maximum of six elected at the AGM – CARRIED**

Also – **Any committee member failing to attend three consecutive committee meetings without apology or good reason shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position. -**

**CARRIED**

Rule M.9 Add after 'league sponsored tournament ', **however, they must pay the appropriate ETTA registration fee and be added to the GYDTTL list, in order that insurance cover is effected.**' - CARRIED

Rule M.8 Change to read – **'up to 1<sup>st</sup> March.'** CARRIED

Rule D.1. Replace with – **'The League shall consist of as many divisions as deemed practical and the committee shall provide an appropriate number of games.'** CARRIED

Rule L.7 Add – **'Teams postponing a match (other than for the reasons stated in this rule) shall be penalised two league points, unless the match is played either before or in the scheduled week.'** NOT CARRIED.

Rule L.9 Add – **'Teams failing to appear as per this rule shall be fined £5.'** CARRIED BUT MAY NEED AMENDING AT THE NEXT AGM.

Rule T.8 – Delete and replace with – **'T.8a. League Cup – All teams registered in the League are required to participate in this competition during the specified weeks. Individual handicaps/scaling down will be used throughout. Teams may only use their current, registered players.**

**T.8.b. – Spring Pairs – All teams registered in the league are required to participate in this competition with teams of two. Individual handicapping/scaling down will be used throughout. Teams may only use their current, registered players. CARRIED**

League adopted Laws of Table Tennis ( ETTA Rules)

Uncovered bat blades – Add **'Bat blade coverings must comply with the approved ITTF/ETTA list.'** CARRIED.

Service – Add **'During service, the ball must be visible at all times, both to the receiver and to the umpire when viewed from his adopted position.'** N.B. After discussion, the Chairman judged the wording to be ambiguous and members agreed to defer inclusion in our list of rules. In its present guise, the proposal was NOT CARRIED.

Scoring. – Add – **'The expedite rule shall come into force after 10 minutes of an unfinished set, provided neither player has achieved a score of nine points. Once introduced, expedite remains in force for the remainder of the game. CARRIED.**

**7. Next Season's League.** – The Secretary commented that the committee was mindful of how disjointed the 2010/2011 season had been and assured those present that steps will be taken to avoid a repetition. This will involve looking at the structure but keeping the same events etc.

**8. Tournaments.** -Edna Fletcher commented that the tournaments started well but the support seemed to tail off as the season progressed. She asked members to consider whether they wanted to maintain the present number of tournaments.

Malcolm King asked whether we could have tournaments seeded. Asked for a show of hands, the membership favoured a completely open draw.

Dick Boyce commented that he didn't like having to leave a player out in the Spring Pairs Competition. He also went on to say that if a team is knocked out in the preliminary stages, then the team is faced with several blank weeks. The Chairman acknowledged the validity of these comments and assured members that the issues raised would be examined by the committee.

Martin Piggott asked whether a club entering two teams could be a possibility in future seasons. Reactions from the floor indicated that this was a clear wish of others.

Peter Smith asked if tournaments could be played at the end of the season. These weeks could then become potential free weeks during which postponed league matches could be played.

**9. Election of Officers & Committee.** The following were appointed for the 2011 – 2012 season.

- President – Edna Fletcher
- Chairman – Albert Cadmore

- Vice Chairman – Ryan Moore
- General Secretary – Wally Ladmore
- Treasurer – Chris Durrant
- Tournament Officer – Edna Fletcher
- Minutes Secretary – Jerry Walker.
- Press Officers – Edna Fletcher, Eddie Fuller
- Match Results Secretary – Eddie Fuller
- Web Master – Peter Smith.
- Trophy Officer – Vacant
- General Committee – Ray Lee, Gavin Brewer, Curtis Beales, Charles Hacon

**10. A.O.B.** – The Chairman thanked Ernie George for his significant contribution in coaching the youngsters. Ernie informed those present that he would be running a course of coaching sessions on Mondays, for five weeks. These would be at East Norfolk Sixth Form College with the first on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**11. Presentation of Trophies & Awards** – The meeting finished with the annual presentation of trophies and awards. A vote at the meeting resulted in Sparks being awarded the Sportsmans Cup.

The first meeting of the incoming committee will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Gorleston Conservative Club, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 9.45 p.m.