

**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**at 7.30 pm. Online meeting**

**Present:** **President:** Mr Ron Butterson  
Bernie Leech, Martin Clark, John Stalker,  
Janet Hunt, Graham Collier,  
Lynda Reid, Luke Moffat,  
Nigel Anson, Richard Cullis, Margaret Dignum, Margaret Shearwood

**Apologies:** No apologies

**1. Our President** Ron Butterson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the AGM. It was noted that Ken Walton had passed away during the year and also Sue Leech. They both will be sadly missed.

**2. Apologies for absence:** No apologies

**3. Minutes** of the 2020/21 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting except that Martin Clark noted **Item 7** should read 2020/21 which was the last season that we had. Proposed by Bernie Leech. Seconded by John Stalker. All in favour. Martin Clark to sign on behalf of Ron Butterson as this was an online meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from those Minutes**  
There were no matters arising.

**5. Annual Report of the Executive Committee - Bernie Leech**  
I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy with regards to Sue's passing. It was a great comfort to know she was held in such high regard.

We have had no meetings since the AGM online. So there is nothing to report in terms of the County committee as nothing has been done but it may be helpful to get an update from the various leagues as to what is happening at present and what future plans each league has to enable us to form some idea of what is going to happen in the County in the next 6 months.

**This concludes the Chairman's report.**

**League reports:**

**Bromsgrove & Redditch - Bernie Leech**

Bromsgrove started Sunday night sessions at Arvoale about 10 weeks ago with two sessions per night with ten people per session. All sessions have been full and it is going well. Coaching sessions will be on a Wednesday night from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. This should be ongoing from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September and is on the website. Some teams will not be coming back so we will have less teams than in March 2020. Had 26 teams in 3 divisions then and now will probably have less than 20 teams in two divisions. They are still waiting to hear from some people.

**Dudley - Martin Clark**

The big problem Dudley have is that the biggest club in Dudley league is Bromley and the venue is not going to be available until Christmas time. That is all we know at the moment in the absence of Mark Nicholls.

**Evesham - Luke Moffat**

Following a Committee meeting they have decided to go with the normal 3 leagues, 12 teams in division 1 and 7 teams in division 2. They have two big clubs JLS and Littleton which has got lots of juniors. The league is in a healthy position. They have lost a couple of smaller venues due to Covid restrictions but the players have dispersed themselves between the other clubs.

**Kidderminster - John Stalker**

Had a meeting yesterday 6<sup>th</sup> September. They are going to have 3 leagues at the moment. No Bromley teams are playing. They are starting the league on 11<sup>th</sup> October with 3 divisions. 3 players per team. They are no longer going to have competitions. They have lost Steve Horton's teams.

**Malvern - Graham Collier**

We have had a few obstacles to overcome as we have no Secretary at the moment. There is a Committee meeting tomorrow night so the formation of the league will be decided then. We have got 21 teams at the moment that is a reduction of 13 teams. Coaching sessions start on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Hopeful to start the league in early October.

**Worcester - Janet Hunt**

Have a Committee meeting tomorrow night. Hoping to start the league on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Probably be at least 2 divisions. Do not know what the teams are yet.

Lynda Reid expressed how sorry she was to hear about the death of Cecile Palmer from Malvern.

**6. Presentation of the Accounts - Martin Clark**

There has been little activity in the year.

<b>Income</b> from TTE re license rebate	£133.00
Interest on savings	£6.68
Ken & Barbara Jukes donation	£25.00

<b>Expenditure</b> for league fees of	£98.00
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Balance Sheet	£13,104.98
Income & Expenditure	£9,737.77
Balance b/forward	£3,367.21

Nett assets are	<b>£13,104.98</b>
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**7. Report of Reporting Accountant**

Martin Madkins has checked the accounts and signed the Balance Sheet on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Proposed by Lynda Reid, Seconded Janet Hunt. All in favour.

Our thanks go to Martin Madkins.

**8. Determination of fees, fines and deposits under Rules 7, 9.1 and 14.3 - Martin Clark**

**The Affiliation fees** have been £17 per team for the last 5 years. He suggested that we leave it at £17 per team. There is a Clause within the Rules which says that if the fees have not been paid by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year there will be a £5 fine.

Proposed by Graham Collier and Seconded by Bernie Leech. All in favour.

**Interleague fees Rule 7.2.** It has been £20 per team and Martin Clark proposed that we leave it at that. Seconded Graham Collier. All in favour.

We also have under **Rule 9.1** a fine for non-attendance at Committee meetings and this was agreed at £10 for each occasion. It is the responsibility of each league representative that if they cannot attend the meeting for any particular reason then they should send a deputy. Proposed Martin Clark, Seconded by Bernie Leech. All in favour.

Under **regulation 14.3** there is provision for Appeals against leagues.

If any member of a club is aggrieved by a decision they have a right to make an appeal. Such appeal should be made in writing to the General Secretary and should be accompanied by such fee as determined by the AGM which will be returned if the adjudicating body that considered the making of the appeal had been justified. Martin Clark suggests making that deposit £25. All in favour.

Bernie Leech asked if there are any leagues who have not decided what situation they are going to be in by the closing date for paying fees to the County, will there be a leniency time until they do set up properly? It was agreed there could be a certain amount of leniency so long as it is reasonable.

On TTE fees there has been no change in the individual affiliation fees for the current season.

Ron Butterson thanked the Secretary for keeping him informed with copy Minutes.

He also thanked Bernie Leech and all of the Committee for doing a splendid job in the association.

## **9. Elections:**

(a) **President and Vice Presidents - Bernie Leech** - Ron Butterson sent a letter to the Secretary saying he wishes to resign his position as President of the County as from tonight. On behalf of all the County Committee members and players we would like to thank Ron for all the work he has done over the years in the County and wish him well in the future.

Lynda Reid was asked to be our new President. She was very honoured and said it was unexpected. She agreed to be our new President.

**Vice Presidents: Re-election *en bloc* : K Green, P Greening, P Hines, Mrs J Hunt, K Jukes, D Roden, Mrs B Shammon. All in favour.**

### **(b) Officers of the Association:**

Chairman	Bernie Leech
Vice Chairman	John Stalker
General Secretary	Maggie Shearwood
Treasurer	Martin Clark
Umpires Secretary	John Stalker
County Interleague Secretary	Luke Moffat
Coaching & Development Officer	Nigel Anson
County Match Secretary	John Stalker
Communications Officer	John Stalker
Data Protection & safeguarding -	John Stalker

Voted *en bloc*. Proposed by Martin Clark, Seconded Bernie Leech  
All in favour.

(c) Reporting Accountant Martin Madkins  
Proposed by Martin Clark, Seconded Nigel Anson. All in favour

**10. Report on development activity in the County - Nigel Anson**

Opened up Bromsgrove on a Sun night and going through to the Wednesday.  
Malvern are starting their coaching again on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Luke said JLM have just started on Saturday morning with a reduction in the amount of youngsters returning to them. Nothing happening in Worcester that Janet is aware of. John Stalker said Kidderminster are still running their junior section at Cookley and are going to be putting Junior teams in the Kidderminster league. Still having coaching. No information from Dudley.

**11. Other matters of which notice has been given.**

There are none.

**12. Any other business**

**Margaret Dignum** asked if we were going to have an over 60's in the County. Bernie Leech is willing to organise this and Margaret can help.

**County Vets & Seniors - over 60's**

J Stalker: A lot of players have not yet paid their membership fees.

Captains: Steve Horton Vets 1, Mark Brookes Vets 2 and Margaret Dignum Over 60's.

The Ranking List is based on the 2019/2020 season and John will be submitting the forms to all team captains and if agreed they will be sent to TTE.

John had an enquiry from an Eastern European charity in Worcester who asked him if anything could be done regarding donations from TTE, Worcestershire and Worcester to help them to start playing Table tennis. Janet Hunt to report to Worcester League meeting tomorrow then put us in the picture as to what we could do.

We will need to have an Executive Committee meeting which will be arranged in the next few weeks.

John Stalker is now Level 2 Umpire and Level 1 Referee.

Ron Butterson thanked all for attending the AGM. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed.....

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