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Southport Table Tennis Club

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17th September 2009 held at Southport College

1. Bill Bradley, Chairman, **welcomed** everybody to the meeting.

Attendance: Bill Bradley (chair), Alan Nolan (secretary), Tom Taylor (treasurer), Tom Banton, Colin Fyles, Paul Lunan, Jeff Cummins, Alan Town, Dave Williams, Bernhard Frank

Apologies were received from Jim Irving, Nigel Pilkington, Jenny Shi, John Davies, Dai Davies

2. **The minutes of the last AGM**, held on 17th September 2008, had been distributed prior to this AGM, and were taken as read.

Paul Lunan then proposed acceptance of the minutes, and Dave Williams seconded them. The meeting **agreed unanimously**.

3. **Treasurer's Report (2008/9):** Tom Taylor gave a summary of the financial position as at the end of August 2009, showing a reasonably healthy bank balance of £627.

Income from subscriptions and playing fees was £1428, whilst the major items of expenditure were to Southport College (£625) and Southport & District TT League (£300)

Jeff Cummins proposed acceptance of the financial report and Colin Fyles seconded it. The meeting **agreed unanimously**.

4. **Secretary's Report:**

Alan Nolan reported the results of last season's endeavours. STTC had entered six teams in the league. The A and B teams managed to stay clear of the relegation zone, but the C team found it tough in the second division, finishing bottom and yo-yoing back to division 3. Star performers of the season were without doubt the C team juniors (and the very young looking Paul Lunan). They easily won the 3rd division with an average score of 9-0, and won the Gunson Plate final.

In the Southport Closed Championships, Danny Houghton once again reached the final of the Division 3 Restricted competition, and narrowly lost a thrilling match against the very experienced Derek Aitken. Jonny Cummins and Danny Woods played for Lancashire Cadets.

For the 2009/10 season, we will once again enter six teams – the A, B and the renamed C team juniors in division 2 and D, E and F in division 3. The E team will be last year's F team juniors, and the new F team will be led by recent recruit John Davies.

The college sports hall has again been booked from 7.30 until 10.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 21 September until 25 March, excluding 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.

5. **Chairman's Report:** Bill Bradley thanked the secretary and treasurer and all those members who played an active part in the running of the club. He recalled the sad passing of a long standing member and servant of the club, John Pilkington, who was also active on the committee of the District League and acted as Press Secretary for many years.

He also thanked Paul and Jeff for coaching and generally looking after the juniors, who have done very well this year. Finally, he welcomed new members to the club and hoped everyone would enjoy the new season.

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6. Election of Officers:

- 6.1. **Chairman:** Bill Bradley, proposed by Tom Banton, seconded by Paul Lunan, **carried without dissent.**
- 6.2. **Secretary:** Alan Nolan, proposed by Tom Banton, seconded by Paul Lunan, **carried without dissent.**
- 6.3. **Treasurer:** Tom Taylor, proposed by Tom Banton, seconded by Paul Lunan, **carried without dissent.**
- 6.4. Five **additional members** were nominated to the Committee. They were:
Paul Lunan, Nigel Pilkington, Colin Fyles, Jeff Cummins and Alan Town
All nominations were **agreed unanimously.**

7. Election of Auditor:

- 7.1. **Hon. Auditor:** Paul Lunan, proposed by Bernhard Frank seconded by Jeff Cummins.
Paul Lunan was **elected unanimously.**

8. Individual Registration. Secretary reported that from the start of the 2010/11 season, registration with the ETTA will move from a Club/Team basis to an Individual basis, such that everyone playing table tennis in a recognised league will have to be individually registered with the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA). We will need to collect Individual Fees as part of our own club fees, and transmit the ETTA fees to the ETTA via the league.

9. Membership fees. In view of the increase in League registration fees and Southport College fees, the fees for the 2009/10 season were agreed as follows:

Adult Full members: £50

Junior members: £25

Casual adult members: £2 plus £2 for each match played

Casual junior members: £1 plus £1 for each match played

(These fees to be reviewed at the next AGM. See item on Individual Registration)

10. Team designations and playing order. Alan Nolan outlined the problems faced in fielding full teams for the A and B teams, in the light of Dave Ferguson not playing in Southport this season and Peter Tod's unavailability. After a lengthy discussion, the meeting agreed that a grouping list would be submitted to the League's Fixture Secretary before the start of the season reflecting the known best compromise, i.e. with Peter Tod and Bernhard Frank in the B team, but recognising that almost every week, the C team player without a match would play for the B team. Some weeks, the B team would need additional support. In addition, the A team would need someone to stand in for Colin Fyles quite regularly as a result of his shift pattern.

Paul Lunan mentioned that he had spoken to Dave Graham of Formby to see if he knew of any young players good enough to join the B team. Dave will let Paul know soon, but for now we need to submit the groupings as best we can.

11. Any other business

- 11.1. Bill Bradley again raised the question of the club championship, and it was agreed that we should try to hold this at the end of the 2009/10 season.

12. The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.