

2018 AGM Minutes and Trophy Winners GDTTL

GDTL AGM Minutes Tuesday June 18th 7.00pm 2018 Meopham Hut

1 Presentation of Trophies 7pm (See winners at the end of the minutes)

Short break for Tea and Biscuits

AGM – Meeting opened at 7.45

2. Apologies Ted Tydeman, Alan Longhurst, Sue Pingram, Julie Roper, Julie Roper, Maurice Butler, John Dyson, Gavin Tovey, Emma Tovey

Present – Richard Nash, Paul Werleman, Lynne Tovey, Min –Jie, Liuyin, Roger Pingram, Steve Del Bianco (Trophies only), Chris Simms, Michael Sheppard, John Dodd, Harry Cousins, George Simpson, Tan.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM and matters arising. - Richard Nash + all present

Minutes were agreed as correct and no issues were record.

4. Chairman's report – Richard Nash

Welcome everyone to the Gravesend and District table tennis league AGM for 2018.

The winners of Division 1 were Culverstone A with 125 points and Culverstone B finishing runners up with 93. Every team gaining a win over the season. A huge winning gap for Culverstone A. Top of the averages was Chrispin Griffith with 93.33% closely followed by Ewan Johnston and Hadley Parfitt with 91.67%. Good to see lots of younger players in general moving up the ranks. The junior's progression is really impressive.

Congratulations to Dartfordians for winning the Premier Division but with the gap for second and third much closer this year with Meopham A just overtaking GRFC A this year to within 9 points of Dartfordians. Again all teams gaining a win over the course of the season. An outstanding achievement saw Justin Dodd winning an impressive 60 out of 60 games this year, and when you consider the quality of some of the top players in the league it's an impressive stat.

The Turner trophy was well contested again this year with many games being extremely close. Again we may need to consider looking at the odd player ranking anomalies for returning players, which we may look at later. Otherwise the 365 site seems to work well for the tournament. Hopefully fun for players to see how they compare with others. Winners were Meopham B with Meopham A runners up. Finding a neutral venue is often quite hard but handy to have both teams having a home advantage at Meopham Hut. Thanks again to Paul Werleman for helping to referee the final.

The team event again had an improved turnout compared to recent years with both the Plate and the Cup strongly contested. Again almost all entries made online which appears to make things easier. Winners were mentioned in the presentation and will be in the minutes.

The closed event also had a fair number of entries in the end and with the attempt to include a few ice breaker games and new events it was a struggle to fit all the games in, something we will look at later. Many thanks to Chris as he had to be 'extremely' flexible with the extended hall time as well as for ensuring the set up of the hall for both competitions.

There was a second years for the Juniors event and this seemed to very successful too and is helping the recognition of the juniors within the league.

Some fantastic performances in the Kent league, with Gravesend A winning the first division only dropping 8 points in total, Gravesend B to come second in the second division and Gravesend C introducing new players to the competition and yet still achieving fifth . For such a relatively small league this really puts us on the map. Thanks to Sue Pingram for organising all three teams to great success.

Thanks again for the support of the committee. I know it has been a struggle to get meetings going as well as trying to please everyone with chosen nights and dates etc, (Including the AGM) and so am hoping to publish all meetings and dates including the AGM for next year at the start of the season when fixtures are worked out. This will allow any issues with meeting dates to be considered in plenty of time. I also suggest the if we can't have a night all are available then we rotate nights to ensure a spread of availability. I've only been able to provide limited support this year and so have had to rely of support of those who haven't already been thanked yet. Lynne for acting as secretary, Paul for being treasurer, Maurice for being league coach, Andy Larnier for organising the tournaments, Peter for organising all the trophies, John Dodd for recording all the scores. I think we have been better this year about sending result to him. Just a few fixtures not fulfilled but didn't appear to make a difference in overall results. Although we again had new players I know that more players are expected to join. It would be great if we could increase the number of overall teams though.

Lastly I wanted to recognise a couple of players who passed away this year. Jeff Smith and Barry James. I know Lynne has details of Barry's funeral who passed away recently so please feel free to speak to her directly if you wish to attend as it takes place next week. I hope it's not too much to take a moment to recognise them with a minute's silence.

Thanks again to yourselves.
Richard Nash, Gravesend League Chairman.

5. Treasurers report – Paul Werleman

Full financial report may be viewed via Paul Werleman. Report was open to public inspection after the meeting.

Paul informed us that we were about £100 down from last year in income with £500 left as available funds.

It was suggested that the financial report would be included on agenda next year prior to meeting. It was confirmed by Richard Nash that an appropriate summary would be included before the next meeting so advance discussion could be held.

One of the largest costs was the trophies and it was also discussed (at a later point) whether we should sustain the number of trophies on offer and that more members should collect their trophies at the awards presentation.

6. Fee structure – Paul Werleman

He suggested that fees increase by £1 to £13. It was suggested by Peter Rushbrook that we round up to £15 due to costs of trophies etc going up and would avoid another loss next year. This was considered a good idea for review next year but was accepted by vote that we increase slowly where possible this year and so motion held at £13.

7. Kent Junior report – Maurice Butler (Reported by Lynne on Maurice's behalf.) Report attached separately at the end of the minutes.

TBC.

8. Kent league report – Richard Nash

I have already mentioned the great success of the Kent league teams this year but Sue is unable to run the teams this year and I would encourage someone to offer to run teams if they can to continue our representation and success.

9. New Rules – League and Playing rules – Richard / Lynne. There were no rule changes suggested this year and so league rules currently on the website will continue over to next year.

10. Online Registration – Richard Nash

I suggested last year that to ensure the league can be sustained that we would try and automate as much of the paperwork as possible. This year I intend to use an electronic registration of teams that will also allow all secretaries to be able to register players and view or edit players at any time electronically up to when they are final registered on the system. This will also allow them to copy and share their teams with players at any time without one record on the website, another on paper and another emailed to players. For any secretary who doesn't have this access I am happy for paper registrations to be made but I would enter it onto this system for them.

This was agreed by all representatives present.

11. National Table Tennis day Wednesday July 18th – Richard Nash /Harry Cousins

Harry discussed with Richard Nash the National Table tennis day and whether we are doing anything for it as a league.

Harry offered to liaise with Meopham TTC. (This may go in line with promoting the Saturday morning sessions which are open to the public.)

Richard Nash suggested he could run a table tennis challenge day at his school.

11. Data Protection - Richard Nash / Lynne Tovey

Lynne just updated players on the new data protection regulations and how they affect us. It was confirmed that everyone present was happy to have photos published online.

12 Condolences

Already completed in the report.

13 Tournament Feedback and suggestions for tournament structure change – Andy Lerner / Richard Nash

This year we will look at timings to ensure those booked are clarified and also that players entering are aware of likely finish times. TBC if we still include all competitions.

14. Introduction of Junior Committee member – Richard Nash /Harry Cousins

It is suggested that we create a post informally titled 'Junior Committee representative?' and that Harry would like to stand. If so this will be offered in the elections. Agreed by those present that he could stand.

15. Election of Officers

The election of officers will now take place by if all present members wish to continue and they are unopposed then they will continue to stand. If someone wishes to stand new or in place of an existing member then it would be proposed and seconded.

Chairman	Richard Nash
Vice Chairman	Not filled
General Secretary	Lynne Tovey
Treasurer	Paul Werleman
Score secretary	John Dodd
Minutes secretary	Not filled
Webmaster	Richard Nash
Trophy Secretary	Peter Rushbrook

Tournament Organiser	Andy Larner
Kent League Representative	Not filled
League Coach	Maurice Butler
Junior Representative	Harry Cousins. (Proposed Peter Rushbrook, Seconded Andrew Larner.)
Committee Members	Richard Nash Lynne Tovey Paul Werleman, Tan, Andrew larner Steve Mansfield (TBC) Martin Winter (TBC) (The following members ill not be regular attendees but may support league decisions if required.) Roger Pingram Peter Rushbrook, John Dodd

16. AOB

Richard – ranking points suggestion that recognised table tennis players returning without a ranking should be ranked against their team members and then an average or suggested ranking given. This can be manually applied? It was decided that this would be captains responsibility.

Harry – Suggested group stages for Tuner Trophy but Richard explained the difficulty in running this due to league dates clashing with fixtures or extending season.

Harry asked if doubles can count towards ranking points. RN suggested probably not as you are affected by other players ith a different ranking but suggested it may be possible to at least publish averages which included doubles matches.

Roger Pingram offered to be League Representative on 10th July 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Trophy Winners 2017-18

Premier League

Winners - Dartfordians, Runners up Meopham A.

First Division

Winners - Culverstone A, Runners up Culverstone B

Turner Trophy

Winners Meopham B

Runners up Meopham A

Juniors event

Under 18 - George Simpson

Under 13 - Jason Smith

Under 18 doubles - George Simpson and Harry Cousins

Coaches Award - Alex Richards

GDTTL closed event.

Mens Singles.

W - John Dyson

RU - Peter Worthington

Mens Doubles

W - Roger Pingram and John Dyson

RU - Richard Nash and Mick Sheppard

Womens Singles

W- Sue Pingram

RU - Zhong Jiao Tan (I think this may be spelt incorrectly)

Womens Double

W - Sue Pingram / Zhong Jioa Tan

RU - Pam Butcher / Joanna Lam

Mixed Doubles

W - Sue Pingram / Roger Pingram

RU - Pam Butcher / Andy Larner

Hard Bat (New event! No official trophy)

W - John Dyson

RU - Dave McAuley

Restricted Singles
W - George Simspon
RU - Ewan Johnston
Restricted Doubles
W - Ewan Johnston / Harry Cousins
RU - Sam Pannell / George Simpson
Veterans Singles
W - Roger Pingram
RU - John Dyson

Team Event

Cup - Winners - Andrew Larner and Richard Nash Runners up - Alan Bridle and Wayne Holder

Plate - Winners - Steve Del Bianco and Chris Simms Runners up - Zhong Jiao Tan and Jie Jie Guo

VJ Knowles trophy for service. – Chris Simms.

GDTTL (AGM) – TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2018 KENT/GDTTL JUNIOR REPORT

It is pleasing to report an increasing number of our juniors are involved in Kent tournaments.

KENT SCHOOLS TTA Individual Tournament

The following player came away with a major honour:

Lydia Wealands-White (Warden House Primary School Deal) - Gold U11 Girls.

Also taking part was....

Min Jie Guo (Mayfield Grammar) – Consolation RU U16 Girls

Harry Cousins (St John's) U 19 Boys - Group Stage

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TTA Individual Tournament Wolverhampton

Lydia Wealands-White represented Kent at the National Finals obtaining a 50% average in her Group.

KENT COUNTY TTA 2018 Invicta Junior GP Series

The aim of this series is to provide a pathway from development level play, to local league level and on to County level. This brings players together from across Kent to be provided with coaching and competitive play. Results are used to build up a Kent Junior/Cadet Ranking list.

The first event was held in St Anthony's School, Margate, followed by the Howard Centre, Rainham and Barming TTC Beechwood Community Hall, Maidstone.

Players who have taken part with County Rung No. in brackets include Harry Cousins (14), Lydia Wealands-White (48), Alexander Richards (59), Zack Turvey (61), Josephine Richards (66), Findley White (71), and Elsie Wealands-White (81).

GDTTL JUNIOR CLOSED TOURNAMENT

SINGLES/DOUBLES & U13 SINGLES

There was possibly the largest entry to these events in recent years. The U18's had (11 entrants), U18 Doubles (6 Pairs) and U13 (11 entrants), making the evenings very competitive. Many thanks go to Lynne Tovey for organising these tournaments on behalf of the League. The introduction of Consolation events was well received and gave players plenty of games.

U18 Winner – George Simpson. RU – Samuel Pannell.

U13 Winner – Jason Smith. RU – Lydia Wealands-White.

Doubles Winners – George Simpson and Harry Cousins – RU Alex Richards & Jason Smith.

GDTTL/JUNIOR RANKING

Our top junior under the Leagues ranking system is George Simpson (1253), followed by Ewan Johnson [Culverstone] (1191), Harrison Ditch (1146), Min Jie Guo (1138) and Sam Pannell (1074).

We had 8 juniors playing in the League last season and it is anticipated that new juniors will be added for the coming season and we will have over 10 participating for the first time.

JUNIOR COACHING

Meopham TTC coaching sessions have been extended to accommodate demand and we now have two sessions on Friday evenings; one for new players with a later slot for advanced/intermediate players. We currently have 31 registered juniors and maintain a waiting list for the coaching sessions.

It is hoped that we can encourage 2/3 of our volunteer helpers to undertake the new Level 1 coaching course launched by Table Tennis England this month.

NATIONAL RANKING EVENTS

Lydia Wealands-White (10 yrs.) is currently attending National 1* & 2* events.

OTHER JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Harry Cousins who has passed the Table Tennis England Level 1 Umpires course.

Lynne Tovey (presenting on behalf of Maurice Butler)

Below are a few photo's from the Trophy Presentations. If you wish for higher quality copies of any of the photos that you were involved in then please contact me on richnashy@gmail.com and then I can get you higher resolution copies.







































