**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 7.30 pm Wed 13 April 2016 Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chair), Norman Philbey, Bruce Carnaffin, Chris Knowles***Apologies***  Bob Gale, Bob Bagot, Jeff Pimblett, Roger Pimblett1. ***Minutes of previous meeting, 11 Feb 2016***
* These were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.
1. ***Junior Organiser’s Report (Norman)***
* Two teams entered the National Junior League this year. Carol Catnach is willing to organise our local teams next year.
* KDTTL 4th Division: Fewer teams this year. Played at Grayrigg and well organised by the Grayrigg club. Next year it may be at Kirkby Stephen, with Mike Sunderland organising. They have several schools in that area who are keen.
* The Bay School League was played on 4 Saturdays this year. Norman will be unable to do this next year, but organiser Ken Richardson should be able to liaise direct with local schools.
* KDTTL Junior Tournament in January at Burton. Again Norman will be unable to do this next year but Carol Catnach and Roger Pimblett have offered to run it.
* Norman is willing to continue encouraging schools to enter ESTTA events, to look after the League equipment (nets, score boards etc) and to serve on the Management Team.
1. ***Coaching Officer Report (submitted in writing by Roger)***
* Four coaching sessions were organised by Roger and run by Graham Coupe. The junior sessions were well attended, the adult sessions less so (only 4 or 5 adults per session).
* The March session was too near the end of the season, so Roger recommends next year three sessions before Christmas, one early January, with the adult sessions pushed hard to increase numbers.
* Next year’s contribution of £500 to the Garstang Coaching Centre was discussed and generally viewed favourably, subject to Tony’s appraisal of the finances and similar coaching sessions by Graham.
1. ***KO Cup Final and Trophy Presentation (20 April 2016)***
* Mick to organise match. Norman to announce trophy winners, Tony to present them. Bruce has arranged all the trophies.
* Burton club members will open up and set up tables and chairs.
1. ***Rule Changes to be discussed and voted on at AGM***
* These were discussed. See attached paper for recommended rule changes.
1. ***Press Secretary***
* A press secretary to do the Gazette reports is needed. Mick to ask around.
1. ***Decline in League Numbers***

We need more time to think about this, but possible ideas are* Learn from clubs which are thriving.
* Take part in National Table tennis Day, 14 July.
* Speak to local tt groups like U3A, Selside and Arnside Clubs.
1. ***AOB***
* Important to get all trophy winners to the Presentation. Mick to email all players to encourage. Chris will show Mick how to use the website data base for this emailing. Bruce will compile a list of all winners and email to Mick.
* Some email addresses are missing on the data base. Chris will chase missing emails, with help from Club Secretaries.
* We need a Tournament Officer, now Bob Bagot has retired.

 ***Distribution*** All Team Captains, Club and League Officers | ***Action******TM******MT******MT******CK******BC******CK*** |

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**Proposed Rule Changes, April 2016**

**Annual Tournament**

Present Rule 1: Every entrant must be a member of the Kendal and District Table Tennis League and have paid their League and Club subscriptions in full.

Proposed Rule 1: Every entrant must be a member of the Kendal and District Table Tennis League, have paid their League and Club subscriptions in full ***and have played at least two matches in the League in the current season (subject to the discretion of the Tournament Organiser).***

Present Rule 3: Matches will be played up to “3 games” or the “best of 5 games” at the discretion of the organisers.  All games will be played to 11 points.

Proposed Rule 3: Matches will be played up to “3 games” or the “best of 5 games” at the discretion of the organisers ***and*** ***generally in accordance with the League or Handicap Competition rules.***

**KO Cup**

Present Rule 3: The competition will be played in accordance with the League Rules. Where the handicap difference exceeds 6 points, each game shall be played to the handicap difference plus 5 points.

Proposed Rule 3: The competition will be played in accordance with the League Rules. Where the handicap difference exceeds 6 points, each game shall be played to the handicap difference plus 5 points. ***In all cases, after deuce only one point is required to win the game.***

Present Rule 5: A player may only play  -

i) for one team in the Competition

ii) for a team in the Division in which he is registered, or at the discretion of the Match Secretary.

Proposed Rule 5: A player may only play  -

i) for one team in the Competition

ii) for a team in the Division in which he is registered.

**iii) In the event of a genuine emergency (such as a last minute injury and no-one genuinely able to step in) then a player from a lower division will be allowed to play up if permission is given by the Match Secretary. However, that player must not play with a handicap lower than the lowest handicap given to any player in the higher division. For example, Player X, a Div 2 player on a handicap of +2, wishes to play up for a Div 1 team. The lowest handicap for players registered in Div 1 is -1, so player X must adopt this handicap throughout the KO Cup competition.**

**Divisional Shield**

Present Rule 6: A team may only play any player who is registered in that Division.

Proposed Rule 6: A team may only play any player who is registered in that Division.  **In the event of a genuine emergency (such as a last minute injury and no-one genuinely able to step in) then a player from a lower division will be allowed to play up if permission is given by the Match Secretary. However, that player must not play with a handicap lower than the lowest handicap given to any player in the higher division. For example, Player X, a Div 2 player on a handicap of +2, wishes to play up for a Div 1 team. The lowest handicap for players registered in Div 1 is -1, so player X must adopt this handicap throughout the Divisional Shield competition.**