**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of AGM – 8.00 pm 26 May 2022, Ibis Social Club**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Norman Philbey, Phil Swift, John Fitzgerald, Martin Wakelin, Mike Sunderland, Andrew Hudson, Bob Gale (left at 9.00 pm)***Apologies* –** Tony March, Fran Currie, Keith Mallinson, Chris Knowles, Bryan Rhodes, Peter Leahy, Mike Taylor, John Wood1. ***Chairman for the Meeting***
* Peter Leahy was unable to attend, so Mick Taylor took the Chair.
1. ***Minutes of Previous AGM, 2 Sept 2020***
* Taken as read and accepted as a true record.
1. ***Matters arising***
* None.
1. ***Chairman’s Report (Peter Leahy)***
* Peter’s report was read out, see attached.
1. ***Treasurer’s Report (Fran Currie)***
* Fran was unable to attend as she has recently moved from the area, but she had submitted the accounts and these were tabled (see attached). Although there are still some payments to be made, noteably the cost of hiring Dallam Sports Hall and the cost of trophies and certificates, the financial situation is healthy, with over £4000 in the bank.
* Chris Knowles has very generously sponsored Junior Coaching this summer to the tune of £250. Also Tony March has very generously promised £100 sponsorship for the KO Cup next season.
1. ***Secretary’s and Welfare Officer’s Report (Mick Taylor)***
* Mick reported that there was a debate at the start of this season about whether to adopt 2 person teams. It was agreed then to change the rules to permit this if required, but to stick with 3 person teams for now.
* This season we had 9 teams in Div 1 (playing each other twice), 7 teams in Div 2 (playing each other 3 times). This was 3 teams less than the previous season, perhaps the effect of Covid.
* Dalton wish to enter a second team next season (the team that won the Barrow League this season). This was welcomed and it was agreed that the new team can enter immediately into Div 1.
* There have been no Covid restrictions this season, except no refreshments were provided by the home team. Refreshments could be reinstated if wished next season, to be decided at the pre start meeting.
* ***Welfare:*** Mick reminded clubs that if they have juniors or vulnerable adults, then they are strongly advised to have a suitably trained Welfare Officer appointed. Mick is the League Welfare Officer and can help on Welfare matters. Please get in touch if you have any safeguarding concerns at your club. Mick will contact clubs once a year to update his records and offer advice on training etc. Some coaches need to update their Safeguarding training and DBS certificates
* Mike Sunderland strongly urged ALL clubs to appoint a Welfare Officer. Even if you have no juniors, it is not possible to say in advance whether you have vulnerable adults or not.
1. ***Match and Membership Secretary’s Report (Martin Wakelin)***
* 61 players registered this season. Teams in Div 2 playing each other 3 times worked well, but was difficult creating fixtures without venue clashes. All League matches were successfully completed.
1. ***Junior Development Coordinator’s Report (Mike Sunderland)***
* See attached.
* It was stated by Mike and agreed by those present that we need clear pathways for juniors to progress, including a Junior League. A sub group needs to be set up to plan this.
1. ***ESTTA Report (Norman Philbey)***
* Matt O’Flynn was not present but is still involved with ESTTA. The local team event took place in Kirkby Stephen and the Milnthorpe Primary School team progressed to the next stage in Grantham, but were knocked out there. The local individual event was held at Kirkby Stephen and 5 Milnthorpe Primary School juniors played. Elliott Riley and Rhonja Williamson progressed to the National event in Wolverhampton.

 1. ***Lancs and Cheshire Veterans League (Phil Swift)***
* John Wood was not present but is prepared to continue organising teams. The League did not run this year.
1. ***Tournament and Trophy Report (Phil Swift)***
* There were 40 entries, which included 13 non League juniors and 3 non League seniors. Entries from the League were therefore only 24, down from 33 last time.
* This year we invited Non League seniors and juniors to participate, to make the event more inclusive. Norman looked after the junior event, which worked well.
* MS suggested we try the event next year at Kirkby Stephen. Some thought the travelling would put people off. However, the advantages would be cheaper hire and better refreshments.
* Certificates were presented this season to adults, instead of trophies. Juniors received recycled trophies, which had been re-engraved.
* We ideally need a non playing member to organise and man the desk on the day. It needs maximum concentration to ensure smooth running.
1. ***Website Report (Chris Knowles)***
* Chris was not present.
1. ***Age groups on Junior Trophies***
* Our present junior trophies are engraved with age groups Under 10, Under 12 and Under 15. Norman advised that better age groups were U11, U13 and U16 (as the events run at the Tournament). It was agreed to get the trophies re-engraved to show these revised age groups. Norman will organise.
1. ***Election of Officers***
* Fran is stepping down as Treasurer and was thanked for her work over the last 12 months. Tony March has agreed to return as Treasurer and was elected unopposed.

 Other officers were re-elected unopposed as below: * President: Bob Gale. Vice Presidents: Charles Usher and Jeff Pimblett.
* Chairman: Peter Leahy
* General Secretary: Mick Taylor
* Welfare Officer: Mick Taylor
* Match and Membership Secretary: Martin Wakelin
* Junior Development Coordinator: Mike Sunderland.
* Press Officer: Bryan Rhodes
* ESTTA Officer: Matt O’Flynn
* Tournament Officer : Team effort, lead by Phil Swift
* Divisional Shield Organiser: Vacant
* Webmaster: Chris Knowles
* Trophy Officer: John Wood
1. ***Fees for next season***
* The possibility of charging a flat fee per team rather than a team fee and a player fee was discussed. This is the system in the Lancaster League and seems to work well. It simplifies the charging of fees and may encourage new players to enter the League mid season. Conversely, it could encourage “ringers” to play, to help win critical matches.
* Mick stated that very roughly, if player fees were abolished, the team fee would need to rise to £64 per team (based on an average of 3 seniors and one junior per team). This may be an underestimate, as often teams have four or five seniors.
* This needs to be debated more at club level and with the Treasurer before a decision is made. However, an indicative vote taken at this meeting indicated 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.
* By email, Tony stated that no overall fee increase was needed next season, as finances are healthy.
1. ***Dates for Next season***
* Mick will issue a provisional calendar asap.

 The meeting ended at 22.05. ***Attachments:*** 2020-22 Accounts, Chairman’s Report, Junior Co-ordinator’s Report***Distribution***All League Members, by email. | ***Action******MT******All clubs******All coaches******Man. Team*** ***NP******TM,******All clubs******MT*** |

**Kendal and District League**

**Annual General Meeting**

**26th May 2022**

**Chairman’s Report**

1. Our League bounced back well following the pandemic interruption. We successfully completed a full season of matches for two divisions and completed our KO CUP and Divisional shield competitions and held our Annual Tournament at Dallam School. The Crook Veterans tournament was very well supported once again. The Kendal Leisure Centre group, led by Louise Braithwaite has been playing regularly on Monday evenings. I would like to thank our member Clubs and particularly the Club secretaries, officers and team captains for their work in getting things going again and to Martin Wakelin, League Match Secretary, for tying it all together
2. Junior coaching has been up and running at Burton, Dallam, Kirkby Stephen and Natland this season. It is now important we put in place our plans for a Junior League to run next season. We are also trying to offer juniors as much table tennis as possible through the off season and into the school summer holidays so we maintain junior interest and offer progression opportunity for those that wish to practice more.
3. I would like to highlight the dedicated work of those who have been doing junior coaching: Norman Philby, Mike Sunderland and Martin Wakelin. I started coaching myself this season and was incredibly grateful to Martin Wakelin for leading me through my first TT Kidz programme. I have had the opportunity to attend a couple of Norman’s sessions at Dallam too and seen the great progress he has made with a group of year 6 boys. Mike Sunderland has been rebuilding the Kirkby Stephen Club, has established a link with Appleby Grammar School and has been working closely with other local groups as well as initiating a now thriving mixed age Bat & Chat group. It is a credit to them all that at the Burton table tennis day 27children attended and that we also saw a good turnout of juniors at the Annual Tournament at Dallam School. Thank you.
4. Dan O’Connell, the professional table tennis coach at UCLAN, as been coaching regularly at Natland on Sundays (and now Saturdays) since last July. His group sessions of no more than 8 players and one to one sessions have been well supported by players of all levels from Burton,Crook, Dallam, Grayrigg, KLC, Natland and the Barrow League. Sessions will continue through the summer.
5. As someone who is new to coaching it quickly became clear to me that coaching is a lot easier if there are two or more of you doing it. I am trying to establish a rota of experienced players who are willing to do some junior coaching in the daytime or in the evening. If you join the rota you would not be coaching on your own. There will always be at least one other who has experience with you. If you would be willing to join the rota please let me know.
6. My thanks to Fran for being our Treasurer. We are very sad to lose you and wish you all the best in Yorkshire.
7. Finally a big thank you to the Management Committee for their work and in particular to Mick Taylor who bears the brunt of keeping us on track as our General Secretary and also for his lower profile but incredibly important role as a very conscientious Welfare Officer.

Peter Leahy

25.5.22

**Junior Development Coordinator’s Report Nov 2021-May 2022 Report**

 **The TT Festival (May 19 2022) at Kirkby Stephen Sports Hall**, partnered with Eden Valley Sports Partnership, was a great success with around 90 junior school children attending from 5 Eden schools. We used  The TT Kidz format - x4 off table fun activities and x8 on table activities with bat and balls. They are keen to run another event in September!!

IMPORTANT **thank you’s** to our team of senior players: Mike Taylor, Phil Swift, John Fitzgerald and Chris Horn – plus the KSGS older players and young sports leaders.

**Starting in November 2022** – we hit the ground running in the Eden Valley, building from ground ZERO

* **Kirkby Stephen Grammar** (KSGS) and **Appleby Grammar** (AGS) Lunch time sessions – 25-50 students each week on a Monday and a Friday. **Recreational play**
* **KSGS** – after school club on a Friday – squad of 12, plus club night on a Monday 6.30-8pm, mixing in with adults – Finished in May. **Coaching and competition**
* **AGS** – after school club from Jan on a Monday – 15-20 students each week – Finished in May
* **School matches:**

1. KSGS v AGS 12 v 12 on a singles match – AGS winning team (everyone plays everyone) – 24 players
2. Appleby v Windermere match – AGS winning Teams of x2 and 24 players in competition

* Both the **Cumbria Schools singles and the Northern Region Schools Team Tournament** were hosted at KS with Juniors from KSGS, Windermere, Whitehaven, barrow, Milnthorpe KS under 13 runners up and Barrow champions. **Under 16 Windermere and Under 11 Milnthorpe. Jake Haygarth was National Runner Up in the Butterfly Schools under 16’s**
* A successful junior event was held at Kirkby Stephen in Oct Half Term and at Burton in early Jan 2020 with approx 25 Burton and 15 at KS. The format was coaching in the morning, followed by a tournament in the afternoon
* **“How to win more games”** coaching session with Jake Haygarth was run at KSGS in Easter Holidays – 8 older students
* FREE Junior entry into Leagues Tournament was VERY successful – Milnthorp, KS, Burton, Natland from memory

**THOUGHTS for next year: needs further dialogue**

Linking Kendal juniors with Eden Valley Juniors.
Coaching for better players,
More of the same to develop a platform
Holiday Tournaments – Oct HT, Jan, Feb HT
More juniors in KDTT League Tournament
More junior matches v Juniors – friendlies

**Mike Sunderland - Junior Dev Rep May 2022**