**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 7.30 pm Thurs 11 Feb 2016 at Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chair), Norman Philbey, Bob Bagot, Bob Gale.  ***Apologies***  Chris Knowles, Roger Pimblett, Bruce Carnaffin, Martin Wakelin   1. ***Handicaps and KO Cup***  * Handicaps were reviewed and a number of changes made. These new handicaps will be displayed on the web site and are to be used for the KO Cup. Mick to pass to Martin W. * KO Cup Rule 5 prohibits players from a lower division playing up for a higher division team, except at the discretion of the Match Secretary. This rule was discussed. Tony felt strongly it was important to keep the rule, to preserve the fairness and integrity of the competition. However, it was recognised that often there are difficulties raising a team and we want to maximise the number of matches played. Consequently, in cases of genuine difficulty, it was agreed to allow lower division players to play up in a higher division team provided they agree to adopt a handicap no higher than the highest in that higher division. (For example Player X, a Division 2 player on a handicap of +2, wishes to play up in a Division 1 team. The highest handicap for Division 1 registered players is -1, so Player X must adopt this handicap throughout the KO Cup competition). In such circumstances, the Match Secretary’s permission must be sought, but he will endeavour to follow the above guidance when making a decision. Tony to advise Martin W. * Tony will draft out a rule change to cover the above, to be presented to the AGM for debate and voting. A similar rule could apply to the Divisional Shield.  1. ***Annual Closed Tournament***  * Bob Bagot is collecting the trophies. The Division 2 trophy is missing so it was agreed to use an old Division 6 trophy which is no longer required. This would need a new badge and engraving. Norman to give this trophy to Bob. * The finals night will now be at Natland, as Ibis was flooded and will not be ready in time. Since the Natland hall will only be available from 7.30, we need to make a prompt start and perhaps play one extra final on the Sunday at Dallam. Mick to ask Brownies whether we can set up a little early. * The caterer has been booked for the Finals Night. Bob Bagot will bring tea, coffee, milk and sugar. There will be no charge to those present. Mick to book the Natland small hall for an hour 8.30 to 9.30, for serving the refreshments.  1. ***Coaching Report***  * Roger was not present to report, but we understand the January coaching session went well. Junior attendance was good, we await news of senior attendance figures. * The final coaching session is 13 March at Dallam. Mick to liaise with Roger re publicity and with Graeme Wheelhouse re setting up at Burton.  1. ***Press Officer***  * Mark Ashburn is no longer able to do the Westmorland Gazette reports. No volunteers as yet to take on the role. * Mick to speak to Mark, to ascertain what the WG requires. If possible get the name of a contact at the WG and pass to Tony.  1. ***AOB***  * Norman reported on the Cumbria Schools Tournament at Kirkby Stephen on 7 February 2016. James Neal won the U16. Archie Catnach was a finalist in the U13, narrowly losing to Ben McDonald of Barrow. Jake Haygarth from the Kirkby Stephen Club won the U11. * The AGM cannot be at Ibis (see above) so Mick to check availability of Natland Hall or failing that the Cross Keys at Milnthorpe.   ***Distribution*** All Team Captains, Club and League Officers | ***Action***  ***MT***  ***TM***  ***TM***  ***BB***  ***NP***  ***MT***  ***BB***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***MT*** |