**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of AGM – 7.30 pm 27 April 2017 at Natland VH.**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chairman), Norman Philbey, John Wood, Mike Taylor, Martin Wakelin, Chris Knowles, Keith Dymond, Brian Rhodes, Phil Swift.  ***Apologies* –** Bruce Carnaffin, Roger Pimblett, Bob Gale, Jeff Pimblett, Andrew Hudson, Paul Ackred.   1. ***Minutes of previous AGM***  * Taken as read, accepted and signed by Tony.  1. ***Matters arising***  * None.  1. ***Chairman’s and Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***  * Tony presented the Draft Accounts for 2016-17 (see attached). * Good progress made on balancing the books. Income has stabilised and expenditure reduced. The main savings are on the catering for Finals Night (now £0 as we had a Jacob’s Join) and on trophies. The overall deficit for the year was £2. * Tony also presented the Draught Budget for 2017-18 (see attached) with a projected surplus of £313. * The accounts were accepted and Tony was congratulated on getting costs under control. Tony acknowledged the efforts of Bruce and John W. reducing trophy costs. * Graham Coupe and Roger Pimblett have presented proposals for reducing the cost to the League of the GC coaching sessions (see minutes of Management Team meeting 24/4/17). These were accepted and it was agreed to continue with the coaching next season on this basis. There is scope for sharing coaching sessions between Kendal and Barrow Leagues, so Barrow players could be invited to Kendal sessions and vice versa. Also agreed that the League grant a further £500 to the Garstang TT Centre. * After long negotiations, Tony is starting a new club at Kendal Leisure Centre on Tues 2 May at 7.00 pm. This is a great initiative, thanks Tony for all your hard work.  1. ***Secretary’s and Welfare Officer’s Report (Mick)***  * A provisional calendar of events for next season was tabled for discussion (attached). * Natland have a Welfare Officer and have adopted the TTE Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines document, a link to which is on the 356 website. Mick recommended all clubs with juniors and/or vulnerable adults do the same. Clubs should check that their coaches and welfare officers have up to date safeguarding training and DBS checks. * Some players felt there were insufficient matches this season. Next season we could have two divisions of 12 or three divisions of six, seven, eight or nine teams, with the option of playing each other three times. This was discussed and most favoured sticking with three divisions, to avoid large disparity in standard within a division. A final decision on this will be taken at the start of next season. * Postponements have been a problem this season. Various options were discussed to address this, including:  1. Allow players to play ***down*** as well as up, providing they were not ranked higher than the player they replaced (using TTE ranking or our own handicaps). 2. Allow “loaning” of players between clubs, again subject to the above ranking restrictions. 3. Insist that the lowest team in any club registers at least four players. 4. Do not allow a second rearrangement for any team until its first rearrangement is played. 5. Re-emphasise the rules and in particular strictly apply the rule that states all first half postponements must be played by the end of January. 6. Insist that all postponement requests are addressed to the Match Secretary rather than to the opposite captain. The Match Secretary will then apply the League Rules in his decisions. 7. Most felt that (i),(iii) and (v) could be tried initially, but a final decision should be made at a SGM at the beginning of next season. Rule changes may be required.   .   1. ***Match and Membership Secretary’s Report (Martin)***  * All matters covered elsewhere.  1. ***Junior Secretary’s Report (Norman, in the absence of Carol, Roger and Mike Sunderland)***  * Although KS had a very successful junior club run by Mike Sunderland, Divs 4 and 5 at Kirkby Stephen never really worked, with very few attending from Kendal. It was felt that the distance to travel was the main reason. Hopefully something can run in Grayrigg, Natland or Kendal next year. MT to ask whether Carol and Roger would organise * The Junior Tournament at Burton worked well, run by Carol and Roger, with around 14 or 15 players entered.  1. ***ESSTA Report***  * Matt O’Flynn not present.      1. ***Lancs and Cheshire Veterans League (John Wood)***  * Two teams entered, both in 2nd division. Kendal A (our second team) had to drop out due to difficulties raising a team for away games, but Kendal (our first team) are currently second in the Division. * John is happy to continue running the teams next year. It may only be one team.  1. ***Press Officer’s Report (Tony)***  * Regular reports in the Gazette, including a big article about the new TT Club at the Leisure Centre.  1. ***Tournament Report (Phil)***  * The tournament was a success, organised by Phil, Mike Taylor, John Wood, Mick Taylor, Norman and Jeff Pimblett. It is important to have one or two non players on the desk all day. * Mick has produced Guidance Notes for future Tournaments. Phil and his team are happy to organise on the same basis next season. * Some of the Dallam tables are in poor condition. MT to raise with Dallam when booking next year. * Consider certificates instead of trophies next year for seniors. Also agreed it would be better to engrave the medals with date and event.      1. ***Coaching and Development Officer’s report (Mick, in Roger’s absence)***  * Poor take up of places on GC coaching – see 3 above. * Roger and Martin are doing coaching at their respective clubs.  1. ***Election of Officers***   Officers were elected as follows:   * President: Bob Gale. Vice Presidents: Charles Usher and Jeff Pimblett. * Chairman: Tony March. * Treasurer: Tony March * General Secretary: Mick Taylor * Match and Membership Secretary: Martin Wakelin * Junior Secretary: Mick to speak to Mike Sunderland, Carol and Roger. * Tournament Officer : Team effort, see 10 above. * Divisional Shield Officer: Tony March * Webmaster: Chris Knowles * Press Officer: Tony March. * Trophy Officer: Bruce Carnaffin * Coaching and Development Officer: Roger Pimblett  1. ***AOB***  * None   ***Distribution***  Team Captains, Club and League Officials by email. | ***Action***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***BC***  ***MT*** |

***KDTTL, Calendar for Season 2017-18***

1. School holidays are:

* October half term 23-27 Oct 2017
* Christmas 18 Dec –3 Jan 2018
* Feb half term 12-16 Feb 2018
* Easter 30 March – 13 April (Good Friday is 30 March)

2. I have assumed 3 divisions of 8, each playing each other 3 times, ie 21 fixtures in the season.

***2017***

Thurs 14 Sept Pre-season Council Meeting

w/c 25 Sept League fixtures begin (week 1)

? KDTTL Coaching (Natland and Oxenholme Village Hall)

w/c 23 Oct Free week (half term)

w/c 30 Oct Fixtures resume (week 5)

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w/c 18, 25 Dec and 1 Jan Christmas break

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Sat 6 Jan Junior Tournament

w/c 8 JanFixtures resume (week 12)

Sun 14 Jan Divisional Shield Finals

? KDTTL Coaching (Natland and Oxenholme Village Hall)

? Crook Veterans

w/c 12 Feb Half term. 1st round KO Cup

w/c 19 Feb Fixtures resume (week 17)

w/c 5 March 2nd round KO Cup

Sun 18 March Annual Tournament

Tues 20 March Finals Night

w/c 26 March 3rd round KO Cup

w/c 2 April Free week (Easter holidays)

w/c 9 April Last week of fixtures (week 21)

w/c 16 April Semi finals, KO Cup

Wed 25 April KO Cup Final and Presentation

Thurs 3 May AGM

NB Add dates for handicap meetings, one early before the Div shield and one before the KO Cup. Suggest December and early Feb. Add dates for Management Team meetings, suggest late Nov/early Dec to discuss Div Shield, Junior Tournament and do KO Cup draw, and late April, to prepare for AGM.