**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 7.30 pm Wed 30 Nov 2016 at Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chair), Norman Philbey, Martin Wakelin, Roger Pimblett, Jeff Pimblett, Bruce Carnaffin.***Apologies***  Chris Knowles, Bob Gale, Mike Sunderland, Chris Knowles1. ***Divisional Shield***
* Div 1, five teams entered. Will play as a round robin, perhaps on four tables.
* Div 2, nine teams entered, split into groups of 4 and 5, play round robins on say 6 tables, then final between group winners.
* Div 3, 6 teams entered, play in two groups of 3 on 2 tables, then final between group winners.
* Tony will organise, Mick will help. Norman and Mick will organise table set up. Mick to contact school about this.
* No draw necessary.
1. ***Annual Closed Tournament 19 March 2017***
* We need someone to organise. Mick to ask around. Norman will help but does not wish to be the main organiser.
* Finals Night – Mick to book Ibis for 21 March 2107. Refreshments to be Jacob’s Join.
1. ***KO Cup***
* The draw was made – see website.
* The winner’s trophy is still missing. Mick to chase.
* Mick to book Burton for the KO Cup Final, 19 April 2017. (Now booked.)
1. ***Juniors Tournament***
* Carol Catnach has booked Burton for 8 Jan 2017 for the Junior Tournament. She and Roger will organise this.
* Good attendance from Kirkby Stephen players at Kirkby Stephen for Divisions 4 and 5, but poor attendance from other clubs. Consider a Kendal venue next year. Discuss with Mike Sunderland.
* In Lancaster Ken Richardson holds a monthly ranking competition for juniors, which is very successful. We could try this format.
1. ***Progress on Increasing League Participation***
* Earlier starts and play on two tables to encourage youngsters: some improvements.
* Press reports: Tony is now producing these.
* Divisions 4 and 5: see above.
* More club nights for non league players: Mick to email Tony with list of club nights. Burton still has no club night like this. However, Natland and Kirkby Stephen have successful club nights, attracting non league players.
* Schools: no progress. Mick to speak to Mark Ashburn about the 4 tables at Dean Gibson and if they are not used, offer them to other junior schools.
* Friendly Evenings: Natland’s evening held successfully, although only players from Natland and Kirkby Stephen. Kirkby Stephen’s evening went ahead, but no players from other clubs. Mick to chase Grayrigg about their evening, which is next.
* Taster sessions: no progress yet. Tony has been chasing Gary at Lakes Leisure about grant money, but Gary does not return phone calls or emails. Tony will speak to the Leisure Centre direct and if there is a positive response, Mick and Mike S. will get involved too.
1. ***AOB***
* Bruce has been looking at ways of reducing trophy costs.Possibilities are recycling old trophies, omitting trophies for some events, using adhesive printed labels instead of engraved plates etc. Bruce to use his best endeavours to reduce costs.
* Ibis have only played two matches so far. Martin to write to them to encourage them to play off the outstanding fixtures asap.

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