**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thurs 10 Sept 2015 at Ibis, Kendal**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Bob Gale (Meeting Chairman), Norman Philbey, Tony March, Martin Wakelin, Jeff Pimblett, Andrew Hudson, Bryan Rhodes, Mike Taylor, Kevin Hunter, Doug Baxter, Bruce Carnaffin, Roger Pimblett, Phil Swift, Bob Bagot, Mike Sunderland, Gerry Baines.  ***Apologies*** Rin Colombi, Chris Knowles, Keith Dymond, Steve Hawley  Since there is still no League Chairman and no nominations have been received, Bob Gale was appointed Chairman for this meeting.   1. ***Minutes of Previous Meeting 11 Sept 2014***    1. Agreed and signed. 2. ***Matters Arising***   2.1 The Sandgate sessions have not happened yet due to insufficient volunteers from the League. Jeff Pimblett will try and get volunteers.  2.2 Mick Taylor apologised that he did not approach any schools etc re joining the League but will do so shortly.   1. ***Chairman’s Report (Bob)***   3.1 Nothing to report.   1. ***Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***   4.1 The accounts have been audited over the summer by Joyce Tombs   1. ***Secretary’s Report (Mick)***   5.1 Some team registration forms outstanding. Please submit asap.   1. ***Match Secretary’s Report (Martin)***   6.1 Very few player registration forms have been received, please submit asap.   1. ***Junior Secretary’s Report (Norman)***   7.1 Norman is organising the junior leagues 4, 5 and 6 again, to be played at Queen Katherine School. Entry forms were handed out. The Junior Tournament is organised for Sat 2 Jan 2016 at Burton, details to follow. Norman to book Burton Hall for this.  7.2 Two teams will enter the National Junior League under the “Kendal” banner. KDTTL is making a financial contribution towards the Junior League fees for these teams.  7.3 Norman read out a letter he has received from Russell Maddams of Sportivate. The letter is encouraging us to build links between the League and local schools and send coaches into schools. Financial help is available. Bryan Rhodes will contact Russell Maddams.   1. ***Coaching Officer’s Report (Roger).***   8.1 Roger reminded the meeting about the two coaching sessions at Natland on 13 and 27 September 2015. There are still places available and he is disappointed by the response. Two more sessions are booked for 2016 (Natland 24 Jan and Burton 13 March).   1. ***Veterans Officer Report***   9.1 Two teams entered in Lancashire and Cheshire League. John Wood organising again.   1. ***ESTTA Report***   10.1 Matt O’Flynn was not present.   1. ***Website Report***   11.1 Chris Knowles was not present.   1. ***League make-up, 2014 – 15 (Mick)***   12.1 The first division will have 9 teams (10 last year) as two were relegated but only one promoted. Burton C, who finished second in Div 2, do not wish to play in the first division as their team is much weakened. Each team will play 16 games.  12.2 Division Two will have 9 teams (10 last year). Dallam D should have been promoted from Div 3 but declined as their team is much weakened. Each team will play 18 games.  12.3 That leaves 7 teams in Div 3 as last year. It was agreed they play each other three times in the season, giving each team 18 games.  12.4 The League will therefore be as follows:  **Division 1 (9 teams):**  Ibis, Natland A, Natland B, Crook A, Dalton CC A, Dalton CC B, Dallam A, Burton A, Burton B.  **Division 2 (9 teams):**  Natland C, Natland D, Crook B, Dallam B, Dallam C, Burton C, Kirkby Stephen A, Kirkby Stephen B, Grayrigg A.  **Division 3 (7 teams):**  Dallam D, Dallam E, Natland E, Burton D, Dent, Grayrigg B, Crook C.   1. ***Dates for 2015-16***   13.1 Agreed dates will appear on the website and in the handbook, so are not reproduced here.   1. ***Safeguarding***   14.1 After discussion, it was proposed, seconded and carried that the KDTTL adopt the Table Tennis England Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines document . A link to this will be put on the Kendal 365 website.  14.2 In line with that Policy, Mick Taylor was elected Welfare Officer for the League.  14.3 Clubs are encouraged to also adopt this same TTE Policy. Mick to contact clubs in a few weeks to check on progress and see if the League should organise a Safeguarding course. Mike Sunderland offered to organise that if it is needed.   1. ***AOB***   15.1 The AGM decision on plastic balls was clarified. League matches etc can use either old celluloid balls or new plastic balls. In Sept 2016 only plastic balls will be permitted by the League.  15.2 Bob Bagot reported that the Div 2 individual tournament cup has not been returned by Dan Stringer, despite several reminders. Mike Sunderland will chase.  15.3 The Handbook will only be issued electronically this season. Clubs can then print it off themselves. Fixtures etc are best accessed from the 365 Website.  ***Distribution***  League team captains and club and league officers.  365 Website. | ***Action***  ***JP***  ***MT***  ***NP***  ***BR***    ***MT***  ***MS*** |