**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 19.30, 22 Aug 2022, by Zoom**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Present –*** Peter Leahy (PL) (Chair), Mick Taylor (MT) (Sec), Tony March (TM), Martin Wakelin (MW), Chris Knowles (CK), Jeff Pimblett (JP), Bryan Rhodes, Phil Swift (PS).  ***Apologies***  Bob Gale (BG), Norman Philbey (NP), Mike Sunderland (MS).   1. ***Minutes of previous Management Team meeting (10 March 2022) and matters arising***  * The minutes have been distributed and were taken as read. * Item 2. PS is proceeding with logo design for KDTTL but not yet complete. * Item 2. PL has not dealt with Active Cumbria actions yet. * Item 2. PL said he hasn’t yet progressed the KDTTL website design. * Item 5. Cooperation with Barrow and Whitehaven can happen once we have our junior league arrangements firmed up.      1. ***Officer and Club Reports***  * Secretary (MT): MT will issue League Registration Forms for completion in the next few days. As agreed with TM, fees have remained unchanged. Last season we discussed the idea of consolidating all League Fees into a “per team” fee. However, a decision on this was not reached so at least for this season fees are “per team” and “per player” as before. * Treasurer (TM): There is a healthy balance of £3663 in the bank. TM is preparing a budget for 2022-23 and will issue when he receives an engraving cost estimate from John Wood. * Chairman (PL): It’s been an active summer. There was welcome support for NP’s coaching sessions at Dallam from PL, PS, CK and Gary Deakin. School holiday coaching sessions for juniors at Natland (run by PL and Dan O’Connell) were generally well attended. PL spent more than the initial subsidy of £250, probably about £300. Juniors attended from Natland, Burton and Dallam, with some complete beginners also. Geographical location is a factor in attracting players. There has been some circulation of senior players practicing around the clubs over the summer. * Burton (BR): Burton is hoping to field five teams this season and would prefer 3 teams in Div 1. BR is League Press Officer, but last season was unable to make contact with the Westmorland Gazette. TM will assist with making contact. * Crook: Crook is hoping to field four teams.   .   1. ***Junior League***  * Various ideas have been suggested. It was generally agreed to have teams of two, with all that week’s matches played at a single venue. * Venues could rotate, with Burton, Slyne with Hest, Natland and Kirkby Stephen all being suitable. MW has offered to run a junior league at Slyne with Hest. * MS would like Appleby Grammar, Kirkby Stephen Grammar and Warcop to be involved. * In view of transport costs and time, it may be best to run North and South leagues, with some joint events as an extra. * A small sub committee is required to work out details. MT will set up a meeting of such a group.  1. ***Main League***  * It was agreed to invite the Leisure Centre TT group (contact Louise Braithwaite) to enter a team in the League. Warcop may also be interested (MS to advise). * Kendal College may be a potential source of teams. PL will enquire.  1. ***Junior Teams in League to play all matches at home?***  * PL explained a system in use in the London League. Up to a maximum of two all junior teams per division are permitted to play all their matches at home. This helps them with transport and late nights. Could this be considered here, to encourage more juniors to enter the league? Perhaps one team maximum per division? * BR was opposed to the idea, as it could result in excessive travelling for the remaining teams, especially considering the long distances involved in some fixtures. * No decision was made, but this idea should be kept in mind.  1. Dates for New Season  * The following dates were agreed, subject to venue availability. * Pre-start meeting, 15 Sept 2022 at Ibis, first fixtures w/c 3 October 2022. * Divisional Shield in January 2023 at Burton and Natland, same format as last year. * Annual Tournament Sunday 23 April 2023, after fixtures complete. MS is offering KS Grammar School, with good facilities and refreshments and a cheaper rate. However most present favoured Dallam because of central location. MS could give more details at Pre-start meeting and a decision taken then. * By email, MS publicised the Junior TT Festival at Kirkby Stephen with Eden Valley Sports Partnership, 21 October 2022, 11.00 to 15.30. Volunteer helpers wanted.  1. ***AOB***  * MW stated that it would make building the fixture list easier if teams in the same division could be paired (eg Teams A and B always at home together). Pairing across the divisions is impossible if divisions have different numbers of teams as last year.   The meeting closed at 20.47. ***Distribution*** All League members (by email). | ***Action***  ***PS***  ***PL***  ***PL***  ***MT***  ***JW***  ***TM, BR***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***MS***  ***PL***  ***MS***  ***All***  ***All*** |