**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of AGM – 7.30 pm 3 May 2018 at Ibis Social Club, Kendal.**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chairman), Norman Philbey, John Wood, Mike Taylor, Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift. Pete George, Karl Haygarth, Chris Horn, Jeff Pimblett, Peter Leahy, Bob Gale, Matt Neal, Doug Baxter, Andrew Hudson  ***Apologies* –** Bruce Carnaffin, Roger Pimblett, Mike Sunderland, Chris Knowles, Bryan Rhodes.   1. ***Minutes of previous AGM***  * Taken as read, accepted as a true record.  1. ***Matters arising***  * None.  1. ***Chairman’s and Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***  * Tony presented the Accounts for 2017-18 (see attached). Good progress made on balancing the books. The overall surplus for the year was £725, with £2936 in the bank. * Tony also presented the Draft Budget for 2018-19 (see attached) with a projected deficit of £207. * The accounts were accepted subject to an addition to the budget of £100 for balls. * It was felt that expenditure on trophies is now too low, with some senior events having no trophies at all other than the perpetual trophy. Agreed that this was unsatisfactory, and something should be available for winners and runners up, either medals, certificates or other mementoes. This is reflected in the increased budget for next season. John Wood to investigate the options for next season, subject to staying within the budget.      1. ***Secretary’s and Welfare Officer’s Report (Mick)***  * TTE propose raising Affiliation Fees from £14 to £16 per player per annum (£8 for juniors). MT to circulate TTE reasons and canvas opinion before submitting our vote. * 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. There could be serious repercussions if something happened and the right procedures were not in place. * A Calendar of Events for the 2018-19 season will be issued soon, reflecting discussions tonight. Karl requested that we try and avoid National events when setting our Tournament date. * Data Protection: MT will investigate.   .   1. ***Match and Membership Secretary’s Report (Martin)***  * This season we had 78 adult members and 22 juniors * Most matches played, but Ibis had some fixture cancellations, due to injuries and venue problems.  1. ***League Structure***  * Next season it is likely that we will have 20-22 teams. We could therefore have two divisions of 10 or 11 or three divisions of around seven teams, with the option of playing each other three times. * This was discussed at length and most favoured two divisions. It was felt that this would give the present 3rd division teams a much better experience. They had tired of repeatedly playing the same teams and having too many gaps in the 6 team division this year. Conversely, others felt that the disparity in standard, particularly in the new 2nd division, would lead to problems. * A vote was taken and the two division option was approved by a majority of 15 to 1.  1. ***Junior Secretary’s Report (Norman, in the absence of Carol, Roger and Mike Sunderland)***  * The junior league didn’t run this year, due to lack of entries. Also the Christmas Junior Tournament didn’t run for the same reason. However there was a successful Junior Tournament during the Easter holidays, with 14 entries. * See Item 11 for further details.  1. ***ESSTA Report (Norman)***  * Several schools teams played in the competition at Kirkby Stephen, but made no further progress. * Some juniors went to the English Schools National Finals. Ben McDonald and Jake Haygarth did very well.      1. ***Lancs and Cheshire Veterans League (John Wood)***  * Only one team entered this year, finished 4th in 2nd division. Hope for two teams next season. * John is happy to continue running the teams next year. * Chris to put something on the 365 website to encourage more players.  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. * Entries slightly down on last year. * Agreed that the mail shot may not now be necessary. Try emails only next year. * Phil and his team are happy to organise on the same basis next season. * Thanks to Louise for putting things on the Facebook page.      1. ***Coaching and Junior Development***  * Tony stated that there was very little junior activity and poor take up from Kendal players of the Graham Coupe coaching on offer. He felt the time was right to reallocate the money presently going to the Garstang Centre (£500) to developing juniors in the Kendal area. This was agreed. * Various ideas were discussed for encouraging more juniors to play, including going into junior schools, offering coaching (Roger and Martin?) at the Leisure Centre and inter club events. Mike Sunderland will consider these ideas over the summer and as Junior Coordinator will take them forward next season. Others will help.  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 / Coaching Coordinator: Mike Sunderland. * Tournament Officer : Team effort, see 10 above. * Divisional Shield Officer: Tony March * Webmaster: Chris Knowles * Press Officer: Tony March. * Trophy Officer: John Wood * Outgoing officers: Roger Pimblett and Bruce Carnaffin were thanked for their hard work.  1. ***AOB***  * None   ***Distribution***  Team Captains, Club and League Officials by email. | ***Action***  ***JW***  ***MT***  ***Club Chairmen***  ***MT***  ***MT***  ***CK***  ***MS*** |