**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of SGM and Pre Start Council Meeting – 7.00 pm Thurs 23 Sept 2021, by Zoom**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Peter Leahy (Chairman), Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift, John Fitzgerald, Andy Gilchrist, Shelley Rhodes, Bryan Rhodes, Fran Currie, Norman Philbey  ***Apologies*** Mike Sunderland, Tony March, Bob Gale, Jeff Pimblett, Roger Pimblett, Sarah Tyson, Chris Knowles  ***SGM***  The following rule changes were proposed by Mick Taylor and seconded by Peter Leahy.  **Rule 9.2(ii):**   Insert after "at least 3 players"   *"(or 2 players in the case of 2 player teams)"*  **Rule 11:**Delete the first sentence and insert *“For 3 player teams, a team may consist of up to 5 players, 3 players will each play 3 singles and a further 2 players can play the doubles. For 2 player teams, a team may consist of up to 4 players, 2 players will each play 2 singles and a further 2 players can play the doubles.*”  **Rule 12.2(ii):**  Delete "6 or more points" and insert *"6 or more points for teams of 3, 3 or more points for teams of 2".*  It was made clear that these rule changes were proposed to cater for teams of 2, should that ever be decided upon, but that a separate vote would be held during this meeting on whether to adopt teams of 2 in Div 2. After discussion and assurances on this point, the rule changes were unanimously approved.  The following rule change was proposed by Mick Taylor and seconded by Peter Leahy. This was to allow scorecards to be emailed and remove the need for a hard copy to be sent.  **Rule 4.3b:**  Delete "with the exception of scorecards" and insert *"including scorecards"*.  Delete the middle sentence.  This was unanimously approved.  ***Pre-Start Council Meeting***   1. ***Minutes of Previous Meeting 1 Oct 2020***    1. Agreed as a true record. 2. ***Matters Arising***    1. None 3. ***Make up of League, 2021-22***   3.1 The matter of team size in Div 2 was discussed at length, ie whether to have teams of 3 or teams of 2. The majority of players/teams affected favoured sticking with teams of 3, so this was agreed upon. Teams of 2 could be best for a new Div 3 for newcomers and juniors. It should be a priority to try and set this up.  3.2 With the above team size in mind, the teams now entered are as follows:  Div 1 preferred: Ibis, Crook A, Crook B, Natland A, Natland B, Burton A, Burton B, Burton C, Dalton CC (9 teams).  Div 2 preferred: Grayrigg, Dallam, Crook C, Natland C, Natland D, Burton D, Burton E (7 teams). Originally we had 9 teams, but that was based on teams of 2. With teams of 3 as agreed, Burton and Crook will probably reduce by one team each, hence 7 teams now. Burton and Crook to check and confirm.  3.3 Options for organising these numbers were discussed. Two divisions of 8 would disappoint one Div 1 team. Unequal division numbers makes reliable pairing across the divisions impossible. 7 in a division playing each other twice means a short season. It was agreed to keep the 7 teams in Div 2, but play each other 3 times. Anomalies with pairing will have to be dealt with on an ad hoc basis as necessary.  3.4 Team fees for Div 2 will now be £14 per team. £10 was stated on the Registration Form, but this was based on 2 person teams. MT to advise clubs.   1. ***Chairman’s Report (Peter Leahy)***   4.1 Peter has written and will issue in the next day or two a paper on attracting new players to the league.   1. ***Secretary’s Report (Mick Taylor)***   5.1 Mick proposed the election of Fran Currie as League Treasurer. This was unanimously approved and Fran was welcomed to the team.   1. ***Treasurer’s Report (Fran Currie)***   6.1 Fran as yet does not have access to view the account, but should get that soon. There is a healthy balance of £3247. Three clubs have paid their fees so far.   1. ***Match Secretary’s Report (Martin Wakelin)***   7.1 Martin will now build the fixtures list, subject to Burton and Crook checking their team numbers.   1. ***Junior Coordinator’s Report (Mike Sunderland)***   8.1 Mike was not present. It is unlikely that a junior event at October half term will go ahead but hopefully the one at Christmas can be organised.   1. ***Veterans Officer’s Report (by Phil Swift as John Wood not present)***   9.1 Lancs and Cheshire Vet’s League website not up yet. Phil will check whether John is happy to organise again this year.   1. ***ESTTA Report (Matt O’Flynn)***   10.1 Matt was not present. Norman will check if Matt is still doing this and whether he has dates for the ESSTA events.   1. ***Website Report (Chris Knowles)***   11.1 Chris not present, but he has recommended that we remain with the TT365 website this season. This agreed.   1. ***Dates for 2021-22***   12.1 Mick will produce a draft calendar of dates and circulate for approval. He will also canvas opinion on whether the Divisional Shield should be on a single Sunday as recent years or whether an alternative format is preferred eg on club home nights like the KO Cup or as a single evening event.  12.2 Fixtures will start on 11 October 2021 to give a little more time to sort out teams and fixtures.  12.3 There are several other dates to be finalised, eg Divisional Shield Finals, Tournament, Junior events, new Third Division etc. These are best discussed by the Management Team.   1. ***AOB***   13.1 None.    The meeting finished at 8.45 pm  ***Distribution***  All League members  365 Website. | ***Action***  ***BR, PS, AG***  ***MT***  ***PL***  ***MW***  ***PS***  ***NP***  ***MT***  ***Management Team*** |