**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Notes from Management Team Development Group Meeting – 7.30 pm Tues 23 Aug 2016 Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chair), Norman Philbey, Martin Wakelin, Roger Pimblett***Apologies***  Mike Sunderland***Purpose of meeting:*** To agree a plan to increase the number of players and teams in the League.***Notes of discussions:***1. Earlier starts and playing on two tables would help younger players, especially in the lower divisions. This to be encouraged. We should also consider two person teams in Div 3.
2. Mike Sunderland’s proposals for Divisions 4 and 5 were welcomed although it was felt that the coaching before the matches would be too much for many of the kids.
3. It was felt that clubs should wherever possible have facilities or sessions for casual play by non-league players as well as League match practice. In this way, the non league players would be encouraged and may then later become League members. If an appropriate charge was made it would also potentially help the clubs’ finances.
4. We need to get people into schools to encourage TT there. Martin’s efforts at Burton Schoolhad already yielded results**.** Roger to speak to Mark Ashburn re Dean Gibson. Roger may be able to help with any initiative there.
5. Tony will take on the press reports, which are important for publicity. Club nights should be publicised.
6. Sedbergh School may be a possible source of players and teams. Roger to speak to his brother Howard, who works there. Martin will speak to a friend of his who also may help.
7. Mike Sunderland has suggested a series of friendly matches or sessions for non league players. Each club could host an evening of competitive play for such players, say one per month, six or seven per year. This was a good idea, Mick to try and set up.
8. It would be good for KDTTL to organise a Taster Session in October or November, preferably in Kendal. Mick to investigate the Leisure Centre for this and take forward.
9. These initiatives will cost money, so try and save money by reducing trophy costs. Suggestions included recycling old trophies, not giving trophies to adults. Mick to consult Bruce and ask for his thoughts.
10. A medium term objective should be get a club started in Kendal.
11. Roger reported that he had agreed coaching dates with Graham Coupe as follows:
* 2 Oct 2016 (still provisional as venue problems)
* 30 Oct 2016, Natland and Oxenholme Village Hall
* 27 Nov 2016, ditto
* 5 Feb 2017, ditto

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