



Meeting of the Medway Table Tennis League Committee held at MVA, at MVA, 5a New Road, Chatham ME4 6BB on Wednesday, 15th February 2017.

Present

Peter Stokes, Rob Staines, Trevor Towers, Roy Winnett, Malcolm Kay, Martin Birley, Dave McAulay, Dick Ellis, Neil Le Milliere, Jim Bradford and Gary Hentschel.

Apologies for absence

Steve Waud.

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting.

None.

2.0 Divisional Report

We only have two outstanding matches one in Division Two – Anchorians 4 v Cliffe Woods 3 and one in the Premier Division – Luton Invicta 3 v Luton Invicta 2. These should be re-arranged soon.

2.1 The input of scores on to the new website and reporting has been a simple procedure. No other issues.

3.0 Treasurers Report

Martin Birley (Treasurer) has been in contact with Ian Gordon to resolve and finalise the accounts for the past 2 years. Martin presented the unaudited accounts for 2015/2016 which will be audited prior to this season's AGM.

3.1 We will present two years accounting at the 2017 AGM.

3.2 It was agreed by all that the three signatories will be in line with our rules:

Peter Stokes - Chairman

Martin Birley - Treasurer

Gary Hentschel - Gen. Secretary

They will meet at Barclays Bank, Chatham on Saturday, 25th February at 9.30am to present their documents for identity purposes and sign any paperwork required.

3.3 Martin Birley will approach Keith Ball concerning auditing both sets of accounts.

4.0 Medway Championships

It has been proposed that this seasons Championships take place over the weekend of 22-23rd April 2017. Peter Stokes will check with the Howard Table Tennis Centre concerning availability and costs.

4.1 Peter will put a team together to organise and manage this event.

4.2 All agreed that the entry fees would be £5.00 per player for any number of events for Seniors and £3.00 per player for any number of events for Cadets and Juniors.

4.3 All players must be registered in the Medway Table Tennis League for season 2016/2017.

- 4.3 Trevor Towers will organise the Cadet and Junior events and create an entry form for approval for this part of the tournament.
- 4.3.2 For Cadet and Junior events the qualifying criteria was agreed:
 - Cadets - Born in 2003 or later.
 - Juniors - Born in 1999 or later.
- 4.4 Adult event qualifying will be confirmed once the venue and date is confirmed.
- 4.5 Gary Hentschel will create the entry form for the Senior events.
- 4.6 The format of the Senior event was discussed and a group system will probably be used.
- 4.7 Ladies who live, work or play table tennis will be eligible to play in the mixed and ladies events.

5.0 Development League

Rob Staines was pleased to report that he had approx. 22 people each Thursday at the Howard Centre since the start of the New Year. Prior to Christmas there were 10 per session.

- 5.1 The early financial loss reported for these sessions has now been recovered with the increase in numbers.
- 5.2 Fifteen is the minimum number we need to 'break even' with our costs.
- 5.3 Our sincere thanks were extended to Rob for all his efforts.
- 5.4 We will post the practice night details on our website.
- 5.5 Rob suggested that we might run a tournament on a Thursday for these players as it was felt that they would probably not wish to attend the Championships.

6.0 Proposed Rule Changes

Roy Winnett has proposed a rule change for **League Playing Rule item 4 - Registration-Teams and players**. This is to bring our rules up to date with the current arrangements where registrations are managed through the website and TTE membership.

- 6.1 Full details of the proposed rule change will be circulated to all Club Secretaries prior to the AGM.
- 6.2 It was also pointed out that we will require a Welfare Office position to be filled for next season as this is a requirement of all Leagues covering the welfare of both children and vulnerable adults.
- 6.3 We will invite a representative from TTE to attend our AGM and inform all Clubs of the need for this very important position.
- 6.4 A change to the rule covering the latest allowed date for our AGM will be circulated shortly. We are proposing that this is amended to the end of August.
- 6.5 Gary Hentschel will circulate the proposed rule changes shortly.

7.0 Website

Gary Hentschel reported our change to the managed TTE365 platform has been a resounding success. We have maintained our own domain name: mtttl.co.uk which helps us keep our identity. The initial set-up was time consuming, however next season should be slightly easier.

- 7.1 We are the only League in Kent to feature in the top 20 site ranking. We are usually either 8th or 9th nationally, which is a tremendous achievement and means that our players and others are visiting our website.
- 7.2 Please don't forget that you can publicise your Club events/tournaments by sending the details to Gary Hentschel.



8.0 Charles Stampe Trophy

Our thanks were extended to Malcolm Kay for all his hard work in organising this season's tournament.

- 8.1 A full review of the handicaps will take place for the Semi-Finals and Trevor Towers, Dave McAulay and Gary Hentschel will look closely at this as Malcolm is involved in one of the matches.
- 8.2 The final will be played on 3rd April 2017 and Malcolm Kay will organise the final venue and advise everyone when agreed. The Sturdee venue was discussed and Neil Le Milliere advised that the venue is available after checking with Ted Tydeman.

9.0 AOB

Kent Senior Team Tournament event was won by Medway, the team consisting of Andy Norwood, Richard Carden, and Martin Hewitt.

- 9.1 Charlie Cook and Jordan Weller helped out North West Kent on the day as they were a player short.
- 9.2 In the Kent League, Medway have been strengthened with the addition of Martin Hewitt who has transferred from Maidstone after he stopped playing in that league this season. Martin joins Neil Le Milliere, Wayne Youngs and Peter Stokes and we currently sit second in the table in division 1.
- 9.3 Neil Le Milliere had the honour of representing Kent in the County Championships Over 60's. He has been playing for the second team in division 1B, but has now been asked to help out the first team in the premier division.
- 9.4 Trevor Towers reported that the Cadets were performing well for Medway in the National League and Jake Buckley is now ranked in the top 100 Cadets nationally. We have many who are 9-12 years old playing against 14 year old players and holding their own.
- 9.5 It was agreed that the Annual General will be held on Tuesday, 25th July 2017 commencing at 7.30pm. The venue will be MVA, Chatham. Full details will be circulated shortly.

The meeting closed at 21.15pm