

# **ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

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*15 May 2023*

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023**

**AT 7.15PM IN THE SEMINAR ROOM, ABERDEEN SPORTS VILLAGE, ABERDEEN**

Please find herewith the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 7.15pm in the Seminar Room at Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, Aberdeen, AB24 5RU along with a copy of the Minutes from the 2022 AGM.

The four reports listed on the Agenda (items 5 - 8) will be available to view on the ADTTA website not later than week commencing Monday 22 May 2023.

All awards for league and cup winners will be presented at the AGM so please ensure there is a representative from your team to collect any silverware. **Please also ensure that any perpetual trophies are brought along to the meeting, or returned to a Committee Member in advance.**

The Association earnestly requests that each team be represented at the meeting, as it is your opportunity to express your views on the organisation and future development of table tennis in Aberdeen District.

Please bring the enclosed information to the meeting, as there will be only a limited number of copies available for distribution.

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6. Match Secretary's Report
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  - a) Presentation of Trophies
  - b) Honoraria
11. Election of Committee
12. Appointment of Auditors
13. Hand over to new Executive Committee
14. Any Business Relating to Season 2023/2024
15. Any Other Competent Business

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Seminar Room 2, Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, Aberdeen on Monday 30 May 2022. All documentation, including the Agenda, Minutes from the previous AGM and Office Bearers' reports, were available to view and download from the ADTTA website prior to the meeting.

The following people were present:

Dave Curry	Chairman	Derek Milne	Triangle
Alison Woods	Secretary	Catherine Inverarity	Triangle
Brian Robertson	Treasurer	Andy Keith	Triangle
Chris Davenport	Match Secretary	Rob Tanner	Triangle
Richard Ferro	Development Officer	Nigel Herbert	CTM
Max Singer	Committee	Ilona Obst-Wojcicka	CTM
Gregor Ksiazek	Committee	Ikenna Asogwa	CTM
Derek Green	Westburn	Andrew McRae	AU
Neil Paterson	Westhill	Ross Martin	AU
Charlie Flint	Westhill	Robbie Martin	AU
Sandy Duncan	Westhill	Alexander Groh	AU
Martin Kloppe	Westpark	Maja Wojcicka	ASV
Andre Kloppe	Westpark	Jakub Krzozostaniak	ASV
Mike Moodie	Westpark		

## **1. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Donald Pirie, Natalie Gallan, Mark Brown, Doug Seller, John Herron, Dave Lomax, George Bews and Richard Millar.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes of 2021 AGM:**

These had been distributed and approved. Adoption proposed by Catherine Inverarity and seconded by Andy Keith.

## **3. Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Chairman's Opening Remarks:**

Dave Curry thanked those present for joining the first face to face AGM this decade. The Committee had worked very hard to prepare for and enable this season which ran more or less as normal apart from no doubles play. The season ended with the North Confined which proved to be a great success and Dave thanked the members for their attendance and support. He also thanked Charlie Flint for refereeing and the EC for their work prior to the event and on the day. Sadly we lost a couple of valued members this year – Harry Vine and Sandy Robertson, who passed away just today.

## **5. Secretary's Report:**

Alison Woods distributed copies of her report to members at the meeting and spoke briefly on the content. She thanked her fellow EC members for their continued hard work and efforts throughout the season and said it was definitely good to return to some sort of normality.

## **6. Match Secretary's Report:**

Chris Davenport provided a comprehensive report on the league and cup competitions and thanked all team secretaries and players for their work carried out through the season. All four divisions had been very competitive and while it was unfortunate that West Park Apex had to drop out of the second division Chris said this would have had very little impact on the outcome. It was great to see that 3 of the top 4 players in each of the divisions were juniors (Daniel Tibbetts, Allan He and Martin Kloppe). All of the cup competitions were completed successfully and there were some very tight matches.

Chris brought a few issues to the attention of the meeting. There was the usual problem with the completion of scorecards which are often hard to read, or contain incorrect scores. He said it would be appreciated if these could be submitted in a timely fashion. It would also be helpful if teams were more proactive in reorganising postponed fixtures during the season rather than letting them pile up to the end when they are more likely to remain unplayed. The final issue related to cup matches – there are two different but similar cup competitions; make sure you know which one you're playing in and apply the rules accordingly.

Finally, Chris thanked Gregor Ksiazek for providing invaluable support in managing handicaps and ratings for the season.

Andy Keith asked if there is any capacity for putting the cup fixtures on the website. Chris said he would certainly look at that for next season.

## **7. Financial Report:**

Brian Robertson had prepared the Treasurer's Report and a detailed Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 April 2022 and thanked Mark Brown and Derek Green for carrying out their responsibilities so diligently.

Brian reported there had been some pretty major moves this year. He reminded members that the funds held in the organisation are split between our own monies and those relating to externally funded projects. The funds in each of these projects are ring-fenced to ensure spend is only made for the purposes of the specific project. All the development projects were again severely impacted by the pandemic but the final tranches of funding in respect of the DCI project totalling £11,000 have been received from SportScotland and Strategic Resources.

Brian commented that although the number of teams had reduced from 37 to 28 this did not have a significant effect on our own resources. A small surplus was made on the North Confined and it is hoped that we may run some smaller banded events at Woodbank next season. Planning is underway to hold the North Open on Saturday 14 January 2023 and the tables at ASV were upgraded thanks to the Awards for All Equipment grant which allowed us to purchase 10 new tables from Tees Sport. This resulted in us being able to redistribute older tables to schools and community groups in the area.

Brian advised that TTS have not proposed any change to their affiliation fees for 2022/23.

At the end of April 2022 the Association's own funds stood at just under £9,700 which is as healthy as they have been for a number of years. There is also over £30,000 in ring-fenced funds which will be utilised over the next two years.

Charlie Flint asked what was included in IT costs. Brian said this related to TT365, plus domain renewal fees for both the new and original websites.

Andy Keith asked about the costs for the DCI Officers and Brian replied that their hours and expenses come directly out of the ring-fenced funds for this project.

## **8. Development Report:**

Dick Ferro spoke on his report adding that there had not been a lot of development activity mainly because, for much of the season, schools have not been open for extracurricular activities, sheltered housing and care home have been closed and table tennis activities have been generally limited.

Sadly Catherine Inverarity had resigned from her DCI role as Development Officer for South Aberdeenshire however Dick said he was delighted to announce that Dave Lomax has recently started up in the post and is very keen. There are lots of communities out with the city now playing table tennis thanks to the efforts of Catherine, Rob Barsby and now Dave.

Dick said that Max would give a separate report on the ASV Academy however he was very impressed with the way things are going.

A Level 1 coaching course was held in Aberdeen with three successful candidates and Dick hopes to run a Level 2 course when there is enough interest.

Following receipt of the 10 new tables there were some spare which are fairly elderly but useful for schools. About 4-5 have already been delivered including one to the Anna Ritchie School in Peterhead.

Max Singer followed on with his report and commented that it had been a very, very good return of table tennis for the year. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to Dick, Charlie Flint, Gavin Elliot, Ross Martin, Natalie Gallan, David Low, Catherine Inverarity, Ade Adekola, Donald Pirie, Uwe Petermann, Gregor Ksiazek, Derek Milne and Ilona Obst-Wojcicka. He added that without their help we wouldn't have achieved the success we did.

At the last TTS event of the season, the Scottish Interleague, Aberdeen claimed the Minor Boys, Minor Girls and Cadet Boys titles. This is the eighth time in succession that we have won the Minor Boys event which is a remarkable achievement.

There were also successes at the Scottish Primary and Senior Schools Championships with Victor Chen, Mathew Pszonka and Nikki Mo qualifying for the British Primary Schools Championships while Daniel Tibbetts, Robbie Martin, Harry Blackhall and Maja Wojcicka will represent Scotland at the British Senior Schools Championships which take place in Largs next month.

Maja Wojcicka had a very successful Scottish National Championships, lifting the U13 title and taking the runners-up medal in the U15 event while Nikki Mo performed well at the British Primary Schools Championships to reach the quarter final stage.

Catherine Inverarity said there is a very good article in The Voice about Max and the ASV Academy charting their success over the last ten years.

Max said that next season he is going to introduce four youngsters (all aged about 10) to the league and Dave Curry added that the development of youngsters is vital to the longevity of ADTTA.

## **9. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Rules:**

No amendments to the Constitution and Rules had been proposed.

## **10. Other Outstanding Business from 2021/2022:**

### **a) Presentation of Outstanding Trophies:**

All league and cup winners were presented with their awards at the end of the meeting.

The Coaches Award was presented by Max Singer to Maja Wojcicka for an outstanding season.

The Kevin Moir Memorial Trophy has been won by Allan He who recorded an impressive 37/38 wins in the second division (97.37%). Max Singer accepted the trophy on his behalf.

The Donald Campbell Trophy has been awarded posthumously to Harry Vine and Brian will contact Harry's wife to present this to her at a later date.

**b) Honoraria:**

Brian Robertson, Chris Davenport and Dick Ferro declined to accept an honorarium for the season.

Robbie Martin proposed that Alison Woods receive an honorarium of £250. This was seconded by Andy Keith and the motion carried unanimously.

**11. Election of Committee:**

The members of the EC indicated that they were willing to continue in their positions and this was accepted by the meeting.

Chairman – Dave Curry, Vice-Chairman – Donald Pirie, Secretary – Alison Woods

Treasurer – Brian Robertson, Match Secretary – Chris Davenport

Development Officer – Dick Ferro

EC Members – Max Singer, Natalie Gallan, Gregor Ksiazek, Gavin Elliot, Lewis Forbes

**12. Appointment of Auditors:**

Brian advised that both Mark Brown and Derek Green are happy to continue as auditors for another year.

**13. Hand over to new Executive Committee:**

**14. Any Business Relating to Season 2022/2023:**

- a) Dick Ferro said that Richard Millar has been contacted by a gentleman in Bucksburn regarding a facility for table tennis which could be a possible new venue. Charlie Flint asked if we would be able to offer them tables on a short-term basis to enable them to start up. Both Dick and Brian advised that the ones we do have are a bit elderly and the situation is still uncertain as some do need to be repaired. Brian said we would need to get more information on this facility before we could make any decisions.

Dick advised the meeting that we currently have 20 serviceable tables at ASV which is what we require for the North Open. Five have been moved to schools, 3 are elderly and not suitable for competitive play while a further 6 are fairly severely damaged. Dick said he is not sure whether any of these are capable of being resurrected.

- b) Andy Keith asked members for their thoughts on the first division as he felt five teams was not ideal. Chris Davenport said the EC had looked at two different scenarios but the big problem was such a drop in the number of teams. Brian added that it is also dependent on player availability and he would like to see more youngsters moving up. Ilona Obst-Wojcicka suggested the possibility of only having two players in a team. Chris said we are not constrained by our Constitution & Rules however we don't always know who is going to play until nearer the start of the season which makes planning difficult. Chris proposed we survey players in Division 1 to ascertain their views and Dave Curry said the EC would try to develop some options on this basis. Charlie Flint said the survey should include Westhill Aircon who are due to be promoted. Gregor Ksiazek commented that he was in favour of smaller first divisions to enable players to improve even more.
- c) Gregor Ksiazek mentioned the problem with the slightly shorter session Triangle had at ASV and asked if this is likely to change next season. Brian advised that ASV don't put out the lets until June so he doesn't know as yet. He commented that all Triangle matches finished on time but were played on two tables. Brian added that ASV are fairly entrenched in their views. Chris Davenport said he would like to reintroduce doubles play but this depends on let times for clubs.
- d) Brian Robertson advised that ADTTA would not be increasing affiliation fees for 2022/23.

**15. Any Other Competent Business:**

- a) Catherine Inverarity thanked the EC for supporting Alex Rae and Stephen Welsh who will be competing at the Special Olympics in Crewe in July. Brian thanked Catherine for coaching Alex and Stephen for this event.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and contributing and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed ..... *Alison Woods*..... (Secretary)