**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 19.30, 12 March 2020, Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Tony March (TM) (Chair), Mick Taylor (MT) (Sec), Norman Philbey (NP), Bob Gale (BG), Phil Swift (PS).***Apologies***  Chris Knowles (CK), Martin Wakelin (MW), Mike Sunderland (MS)1. ***Annual Tournament and Finals Night***
* Kirkby Stephen Grammar School has said they are likely to cancel our tournament because of Corona Virus. Planning will continue for now and a decision on cancellation made in one week.
* Norman will bring the usual equipment to KS or give to MT if he is unable to attend.
* It is important to have people to man the desk. MT to ask Jeff Pimblett, Carol Catnach and MS (re KS player such as Chris Horn and Dave White).
* MT to ask MS if we can go in at 8.30 am.
* PS is away 23 March to 28 March, so draw will be done 19 March 2020.
* Finals Night is at Natland Tues 31 March. Table layout as last year, 6.30 for 7.00 start, Jacob’s Join supper, cups of tea etc by NOTTC. MT to liaise with NOTTC.

 1. ***Trophies***
* PS presented proofs of certificates for tournament, KO Cup and League competition. These were excellent and PS will take to the printers, subject to decision on tournament cancellation.
* The fun junior tournament on 29 March at Kirkby Stephen will have gold, silver and bronze plain medals (approx £3 each) and second hand recycled trophies, so no need to buy new trophies. MT to check that MS can organise this.
1. ***Junior Report***
* A written report by MS was read out as follows:
* The junior event run by MS at Kirkby Stephen GS was a great success, with 25 kids from Whitehaven, Burton, Milnthorpe, KSGS, KSPS and Bishop Auckland. It was run like the Burton event, with coaching in the morning and a tournament in the afternoon. There was good feedback from kids and parents. MS gave out trophies as Item 2 above (second bullet point) and recommended this approach. He also recommended inviting these youngsters from outside Kendal (eg Whitehaven and Bishop Aukland) to our junior fun tournament on 29 March. This was agreed.
* However, apart from Milnthorpe and Burton, MS is disappointed with the response from other clubs in KDTTL. Although MS and PS have worked hard, they cannot act alone and it is ultimately the responsibility of every club member in every club to give a little time. MS is starting to become weary.
* PS and MS (written) reported on the Castle Park initiative. This has lead nowhere as no teacher is available to continue the table tennis and no continuation event in Kendal has materialised. PS feels the 8 year old kids he has been coaching there are too young, without sufficiently developed motor skills. NP at Milnthorpe has 10 year olds and that works well.
* PS would prefer to coach stroke play, which would mean older kids or adults. He would need a Level 2 coaching course and qualification for this.
* MS feels a “taster” event or “open day” at Natland for the better Castle Park juniors and for Natland School would be good, although PS was doubtful that the Castle Park kids were good enough for this. MT to liaise with NOTTC.
1. ***Position of Chairman***
* TM will resign as Chairman at the AGM and has emailed all League members to that effect.
* No nominations or volunteers have been received as yet. A few names were mentioned and MT to approach these people.
1. ***Rule Changes***
* There was a difficult incident recently in the League when MW had to decide whether to allow the eleventh hour registration of a Natland player from outside the League for a game between Burton A and Natland A. The incident caused much ill feeling. This was discussed along with other similar issues which may have the potential to affect League places at top or bottom of the league. Possible rule changes were suggested. More thought is needed and perhaps a formal proposal put to the AGM.
1. ***Safeguarding***
* MT recommended Safeguarding be an agenda item on all League meetings.
* No incidents to report.
* MT has been on a Time to Listen course for Welfare Officers run by the LTA at Penrith. The course was very useful and MT will advise other Welfare Officers when further such courses are available. PS has been on a Safeguarding course in Workington, which he found most useful and inspirational.
* Kirsty Pary is now the Dallam Welfare Officer. NP to provide MT with her contact details.

***Addendum re TTE Leagues Website***Chris Knowles has written this update report on the TTE Leagues software, which they are currently developing. The report was not tabled at the meeting, but is added here for your information.*The TTE Leagues website functionality has been improved over the season and although it is still nowhere near as comprehensive as the TT365 system the league fixture creation and results (tables and averages) works ok. The menu presentation could do with improving and there are currently a number of things missing including calendar and rankings, but there is a basic email system. As the cost is already included in our basic TTE fees and we have to pay extra for the TT365 system it would appear to be logical to move to TTE Leagues for next season.**I have copied all the basic data of contacts, meetings, competitions and honours to the new site as well a basic archive of historical results from TT365 (* [*https://kendal.ttleagues.com/*](https://kendal.ttleagues.com/) *). Martin and I have also constructed this seasons fixtures and entered the results so far to see if there are any problems (haven’t found anything significant so far). These are* ***not*** *live on the public website yet.*The meeting closed at 22.00. ***Distribution*** All League members (by email). | ***Action******MT, PS******NP******MT******MT******MT, PS******MT******PS******MT, MS******MT******MT******TM******MT******NP*** |