**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Council Meeting – 8.00 pm Thurs 12 Sept 2019 at Ibis, Kendal**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chairman), Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift, Doug Baxter, Keith Mallinson, Bob Gale, Peter Leahy, John Fitzgerald, Sam Housego, Howard Walker, Andrew Leach, Dennis Hooley, Mike Taylor.  ***Apologies*** Chris Knowles, John Wood, Norman Philbey, Bryan Rhodes, Mike Sunderland   1. ***Minutes of Previous Meeting 134 Sept 2018***    1. Agreed and signed. 2. ***Matters Arising***   2.1 None   1. ***Chairman’s / Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***   3.1 We had budgeted for a deficit this year of £363, but due to extra costs for trophies/engraving (£281) and TT365 (£283) our new expected deficit for 2019/20 is £927. This will bring our reserves down from approx £2800 to £1900 and consequently it is important to make savings. Hopefully the payment to TT365 will be a one off. The £80 contribution to the veterans team will need to be frozen at £80.  3.2 Friendly matches: Tony’s Leisure Centre group, Kirkby Stephen and Natland all keen. These clubs to liaise and organise such matches.   1. ***Secretary’s Report (Mick Taylor)***   4.1 Nothing to report.   1. ***Match Secretary’s Report (Martin)***   5.1 19 teams this year, down from 20. One Dallam team and one KS team lost, one Burton team gained.   1. ***Junior Coordinator’s Report (written report from Mike Sunderland)***  * MS is supporting TTE Level 1 coaching course. Phil Swift and Peter Baxendale are going on the course. * MS developing TTKidz (7-11 yrs) in KSGS and KS Primary, October launch. TTE have provided a grant. Any KDTTL club could also deliver this. There are three TTKidz Activators in Cumbria, namely Mike Sunderland, Martin Wakelin and Nik Smith. * MS spent much of last year introducing and supporting taster TT in all KS feeder junior schools and now focusing on KSGS and KS Primary. * MS is running a TT Festival with Eden Sports Partnership on 5 Dec 2019. Feeder schools are invited to KSGS sports hall, with up to 60 7-11 year olds expected. There is also a primary schools teacher/assistant/after school coordinator training session on 19 Sept, 4-6 pm. Further volunteers are required for both these events. So far we have for the 5 Dec event Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift, Mick Taylor, Tony March and Norman Philbey. * Following Barrow League’s success with a grant application to employ a TT Development Officer, MS is working with Tony March on a KDTTL application. Phil Swift has kindly offered to work as a part time coach in the Kendal area. * MS is responding to a request from Castle Park Primary School, Kendal, for TT opportunities in school. They require the loan or gift of a table. Any offers? * MS is organising junior workshops and mini tournaments at KSGS for October and February half terms. He is also supporting the annual junior tournament at Burton, late Dec or early Jan 2020. * He is planning junior friendlies with KS, Whitehaven, Barrow clubs, Natland (?), Dallam (?). * MT reported that Natland have a new junior coach, Tamas Bacsi [bacsita@gmail.com](mailto:bacsita@gmail.com) with junior sessions on Monday evenings as before.  1. ***Veterans Officer Report (by Phil Swift as John Wood not present)***   7.1 Two teams entered in Lancs and Cheshire League.  7.2 John is having trouble getting information from the new TTE League Manager website.   1. ***ESTTA Report***   8.1 Matt O’Flynn was not present.   1. ***Website Report (written report submitted by Chris Knowles)***  * For the coming season we have agreed to stay with TT365 (with the resulting costs). Currently TT365 offers a known high quality offering and is at the moment pushing hard to develop new features to assist leagues. * TTE split away the TTE membership software from TT365 over a year ago and we should encourage our members to register and pay this fee direct at the same time updating their personal details and preferences. * TTE League Manager software started development earlier this year and is now live. Although we will not use it for the coming season they appear to have put most of their effort into generating and managing players and fixtures. This part of the software probably will work OK but how robust and flexible it is will only become clear once leagues start using it over the next month. * The other side of the TTE software which is publishing news articles, photos, creating custom pages etc. and tuning the site to local leagues is currently very limited and has problems and mistakes. * I will monitor the developments and have a better idea as to its performance no doubt by Christmas. * If you need more information or want anything adding/changing on the web site let me know.      1. ***League make-up, 2019 – 20***   10.1 The preferences stated are as follows:  Division One: Kirkby Stephen A, Burton A, Burton B, Natland A, Natland B, Crook A, Crook B, Ibis, Dalton (9 teams).  Division Two: Dallam A, Grayrigg A, Grayrigg B, Burton C, Burton D, Natland C, Natland D, Natland E, Crook C, Crook D (10 teams).  10.2 It is possible that another team may enter, probably in Div 2, so it would be desirable to have ten teams in Div 1 and nine in Div 2, to leave easy access for such a new team into the second division. Consequently, Natland C and Burton C to consider whether they would like to go in Div 1 and report to Martin and Mick by 18 Sept at the latest.   1. ***Dates for 2018-19***   11.1 Sunday 12 Jan 2020 is not available at Dallam for the Divisional Shield Finals. Agreed to go for Sun 19 Jan, subject to a check on whether many juniors are playing in the Zone 1 Final of the National Schools Team Championship, which is also on 19 Jan. Peter Leahy to check Natland juniors.  11.2 Keith Mallinson mentioned a veterans tournament in Barrow on 23 November 2019 at Hawcoat Park. This to be added to the Calendar.  11.3 The Calendar which was issued with the agenda will be amended as necessary and reissued.   1. ***AOB***   12.1 Phil Swift has researched alternatives to trophies, with an eye to cost savings. He tabled two designs for possible certificates which would be presented to winners and runners up, perhaps with additional small medals. These were praised by those present and Phil will now obtain costs.  12.2 The draw for the KO Cup and Divisional Shield to be done asap by Bob Gale and Mick Taylor. It should then be published on the website.  ***Distribution***  All League members  365 Website. | ***Action***  ***TM, MS, PL***  ***Volunteers***  ***Wanted***  ***Club secretaries***  ***CK***  ***PL, DH***  ***PL, MT***  ***MT***  ***BG, MT*** |