**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of AGM – 7.30 pm 28 April 2016 at Natland VH.**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chairman), Norman Philbey, John Wood, Mike Taylor, Martin Wakelin, Keih Mallinson, Bob Gale, Andrew Hudson, Jeff Pimblett, Chris Knowles.***Apologies* –** Bruce Carnaffin, Keith Dymond, Mike Sunderland, Phil Swift, Bob Bagot, Roger Pimblett.1. ***Minutes of previous AGM***
* Taken as read, accepted and signed by Tony.
1. ***Matters arising***
* Last year’s accounts now audited and written report was tabled now.
1. ***Chairman’s and Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***
* Deficit this year was £358 (cf budgeted deficit £200). This less than satisfactory position due to less receipts from coaching than anticipated. We also had 10% less players in League than last year.
* Could save money on trophies as many seniors don’t want a keepsake trophy. Management team to look at this next year.
* Graham Coupe’s coaching centre in Garstang was discussed and it was agreed to continue supporting. £500 to be given again this coming year, subject to the four coaching sessions by Graham as this year. We must push hard to fill these sessions and have three before Christmas and one soon after. Also if possible have additional coaching sessions with Roger and Martin. Mick to discuss with Roger.
* We need a campaign to reverse the present trend and increase League membership. Mick to set up a meeting during the summer to look at this.
* Keith suggested we bulk buy tt balls at low cost and sell to clubs, making a small profit. Mick to investigate. Chris advised that the best balls by far are Nikkatu 3 star, made in Japan (not China).
* Jeff suggested we may be able to get a grant from Lakes Leisure. Tony to investigate.
* See attached for accounts and budget for next year. These were accepted.
1. ***Secretary’s and Welfare Officer’s Report (Mick)***
* A provisional calendar of events for next season was tabled for discussion (attached).
* It was agreed that as last year, all handbook information would be on the web site and a handbook is unnecessary.
* Plastic balls are to be used exclusively in League and Competition play from Sept 2016.
* Safeguarding: Natland have a Welfare Officer and have adopted the TTE Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines document, a link to which is on the 356 website. Mick recommended all clubs with juniors do the same. Mick, Roger, Louise and Simon (Natland), Norman (Dallam) and Mike Sunderland (KS) have done courses. Not sure about Burton, Dent and Grayrigg, Mick to check. Crook has no juniors so Safeguarding not relevant.
1. ***Match and Membership Secretary’s Report (Martin)***
* It has been a good season, with most matches played on time. One match in the first div, none in the second and three in the third remain unplayed, but these do not affect final placings at top and bottom.
* The 365 website has been improved and is a useful tool. It now provides national rankings for all players.
1. ***Junior Secretary’s Report (Norman)***
* Norman asked people to refer to the minutes of the Management Team Meeting, 13 April 2016 for his report.
* Kirkby Stephen Club junior section is expanding and the KDTTL Junior League is likely to be at KS next season, with Mike Sunderland hopefully running it.
* Norman is helping with a tt event at Cartmel School soon, to mark the Rio Olympics.
1. ***ESSTA Report (Norman, in Matt O’Flynn’s absence)***
* Two teams from St Bernard’s (Barrow) and one team from QES (Kirkby Lonsdale) got through to the regional event in Billingham, but made no further progress.

 1. ***Lancs and Cheshire Veterans League (John Wood)***
* Two teams entered, both in 3rd division. Kendal first team were bottom in Div 2, Kendal second team equal 4th in Div 3. Some difficulties getting players for the away fixtures. John thanked the League for the financial support. He is happy to continue as organiser next season.
1. ***Press Officer’s Report***
* Position vacant.
1. ***Tournament Report (Mick in Bob’s absence)***
* The tournament was a success, well organised by Bob and the entry was similar to last year. The Finals Night worked well at Natland.
* Sadly, Bob has now resigned as Tournament Officer.

 1. ***Coaching and Development Officer’s report***
* Roger was not present. Please refer to the minutes of the Management Team Meeting, 13 April 2016 for report.
1. ***Election of Officers***

Officers were elected as follows:* President: Bob Gale. Vice Presidents: Charles Usher and Jeff Pimblett.
* Chairman: Tony March.
* Treasurer: Tony March
* General Secretary: Mick Taylor
* Match and Membership Secretary: Martin Wakelin
* Junior Secretary: Vacant, Mick to speak to Mike Sunderland
* Tournament Officer and Div Shield Organiser: Vacant
* Webmaster: Chris Knowles
* Press Officer: Vacant. Tony may be able to act as coordinator.
* Trophy Officer: Bruce Carnaffin
* Coaching and Development Officer: Roger Pimblett
1. ***Rule Changes***
* See attached. These were proposed, seconded and agreed as shown. Mick to advise Chris who will amend the website.
1. ***AOB***
* None

***Distribution***Team Captains, Club and League Officials by email. | ***Action******TM******MT, RP******MT******MT******TM******MT******MT******MT*** |

***KDTTL, Provisional Calendar for Season 2016-17***

***Notes***

1. School holidays are:

* October half term 24-28 Oct 2016
* Christmas 16 Dec – 4 Jan 2017
* Feb half term 20 – 24 Feb 2017
* Easter 7 April – 23 April 2017

2. I have assumed a ten team grid, ie 18 League fixtures in the season.

3. Dates may change after further discussion.

***2016***

Thurs 15 Sept Pre-season Council Meeting

w/c 3 October League fixtures begin

w/c 24 October Free week (half term)

w/c 19 and 26 December Christmas break

***2017***

w/c 2 JanFixtures resume

Sat 7 Jan Junior Tournament

Sun 15 Jan Divisional Shield Finals

w/c 20 Feb Free week (half term)

? Crook Veterans

w/c 27 Feb 1st round KO Cup

w/c 6 March Last week of fixtures

w/c 13 March 2nd round KO Cup

Sun 19 March Annual Tournament

Tues 21 March Finals Night

w/c 27 March 3rd round KO Cup

w/c 3 April Semi finals, KO Cup

w/c 10 April Free week (Easter holidays)

Wed 19 April KO Cup Final and Presentation

Thurs 27 April AGM

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**Proposed Rule Changes, April 2016**

**Annual Tournament**

Present Rule 1: Every entrant must be a member of the Kendal and District Table Tennis League and have paid their League and Club subscriptions in full.

Proposed Rule 1: Every entrant must be a member of the Kendal and District Table Tennis League, have paid their League and Club subscriptions in full ***and have played at least two matches in the League in the current season (subject to the discretion of the Tournament Organiser).***

Present Rule 3: Matches will be played up to “3 games” or the “best of 5 games” at the discretion of the organisers.  All games will be played to 11 points.

Proposed Rule 3: Matches will be played up to “3 games” or the “best of 5 games” at the discretion of the organisers ***and*** ***in accordance with the League or Handicap Competition rules.***

**KO Cup**

Present Rule 3: The competition will be played in accordance with the League Rules. Where the handicap difference exceeds 6 points, each game shall be played to the handicap difference plus 5 points.

Proposed Rule 3: The competition will be played in accordance with the League Rules. Where the handicap difference exceeds 6 points, each game shall be played to the handicap difference plus 5 points. ***In all cases, after deuce only one point is required to win the game.***

Present Rule 5: A player may only play  -

i) for one team in the Competition

ii) for a team in the Division in which he is registered, or at the discretion of the Match Secretary.

Proposed Rule 5: A player may only play  -

i) for one team in the Competition

ii) for a team in the Division in which he is registered.

**iii) In the event of a genuine emergency (such as a last minute injury and no-one genuinely able to step in) then a player from a lower division will be allowed to play up if permission is given by the Match Secretary. However, that player must not play with a handicap lower than the lowest handicap given to any player in the higher division. For example, Player X, a Div 2 player on a handicap of +2, wishes to play up for a Div 1 team. The lowest handicap for players registered in Div 1 is -1, so player X must adopt this handicap throughout the KO Cup competition.**

**Divisional Shield**

Present Rule 6: A team may only play any player who is registered in that Division.

Proposed Rule 6: A team may only play any player who is registered in that Division.  **In the event of a genuine emergency (such as a last minute injury and no-one genuinely able to step in) then a player from a lower division will be allowed to play up if permission is given by the Match Secretary. However, that player must not play with a handicap lower than the lowest handicap given to any player in the higher division. For example, Player X, a Div 2 player on a handicap of +2, wishes to play up for a Div 1 team. The lowest handicap for players registered in Div 1 is -1, so player X must adopt this handicap throughout the Divisional Shield competition.**

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