**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 19.30, 9 Dec 2019, Compton House, Natland**

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| ***Present –*** Tony March (TM) (Chair), Mick Taylor (MT) (Sec), Norman Philbey (NP), Martin Wakelin MW), Mike Sunderland (MS), Bob Gale(BG)***Apologies***  Chris Knowles (CK), Phil Swift (PS)1. ***Junior Development***
* Mike Sunderland and Phil Swift have taken 7 sessions with Castle Park School and plan a tournament with them next. They hope to get parents involved and the next step could be a TT club at the leisure Centre, run by Phil.
* Mike has 12 plus kids at his club at KS. He is organising a tournament there in March.
* It was agreed to hold a junior mini fun tournament on 3 Jan 2020 at Burton, preceded by coaching workshop. MW, PS, MS, NP and MT to help. A further tournament will be organised at Easter.
* The TT Festival at Kirkby Stephen in December with Eden Valley Sports Partnership was a great success with around 65 junior school children attending.
* The cadet singles trophy, won Jan 2018 by David Vyner Brooks, is missing. MT to liaise with David’s parents to try to resolve the issue.
* The Thursday evening sessions at Burton run by MW are open to any adult or junior accompanied by a parent. Please publicise.
* MS is willing to help if Natland and Oxenholme TTC wish to develop links with Natland School. MT to speak to Tamas or Peter Leahy.

 1. ***Divisional Shield, Sun 19 Jan 2020, Dallam***
* TM will think about the best grouping of teams and email clubs.
* MT to liaise with Dallam School re set up. NP can bring balls, scoreboards, nets etc as usual. TM and MT to bring nets also.
1. ***League and TTE Registration Fees***
* All League fees are now collected, but Dalton were very slow to pay, which caused much extra work and frustration for TM. To avoid this in future, it was agreed that until a player paid his fees, he cannot earn league points. This to be made clear on the registration forms.
* It is confusing paying fees in two separate amounts (team and player), so it was agreed to change to all payment by the same date. MT to consider the possibility and implications of a single fee per team, to include the player fees.
1. ***Website report (written report by CK)***
* Many leagues have taken up the offer to use the TTE web platform no doubt because its costs are included in the costs of TTE membership.
* TTE developed the Leagues function first (this includes mainly the fixtures generation and results tables). However, having looked at how leagues have implemented this it is rather disappointing and a poor effort. Many of the features we currently have just do not exist (linking fixtures, results tables to players averages; clubs venue automatic links; sorting of fixtures by team …. and many more).
* The other website functions TTE has presented (method of adding pages; page structure; method of adding and manipulating document/images) is even worse.
* TT365 retained only about 25% of the leagues it had and needed more like 40-50% to be viable on the basis it was previously running. It will probably now diversify into other sports and try to sell to other countries to cover its costs.
* At the moment it is still too early to say what the options will be for next (20-21) season.
* I haven’t spent much time looking at the position over the last 2 months but will have time over Christmas to try out the TTE. Martin has tried to mirror our current league / results on the TTE platform but had some problems – he should be able to explain.
* If anyone wants to see examples of site using the TTE Leagues system have a look at – <https://preston.ttleagues.com/>      <https://barrow.ttleagues.com/>  Try navigating around these sites and look at the links.
* TTE are still improving their offer but it appears to be much more slowly now that the initial push to get it accepted is over. Hopefully by the end of this season it will be in a state to make it a good alternative to TT365.
1. ***Safeguarding***
* MS reported on an incident at Kirkby Stephen. He was disappointed with the response from TTE.
* MT will write to clubs and ask them for up to date Coach and Welfare Officer training and other details.
* MT to look into Time to Listen courses.
1. ***AOB***
* A formal complaint has been received about the service of one League player. MT to speak to the relevant club secretary.
* MW reported that there had been a lot of postponements. Teams need to be advised that first half postponed matches must be played by the end of January.

The meeting closed at 22.00. ***Distribution*** All League members (by email). | ***Action******MS, PS******MS******MT******MT******MT******TM******MT, NP, TM******MT******MT******MT******MT******MT******MW*** |