**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thurs 15 Sept 2016 at Ibis, Kendal**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Norman Philbey, Tony March (Chairman), Martin Wakelin, Mike Taylor, Kevin Hunter, Phil Swift, Mike Sunderland, Dave White.***Apologies*** Bob Gale, Chris Knowles, Keith Dymond, Doug Baxter, Bruce Carnaffin, John Wood, Bryan Rhodes1. ***Minutes of Previous Meeting 10 Sept 2015***
	1. Agreed and signed.
2. ***Matters Arising***

2.1 None1. ***Chairman’s / Treasurer’s Report (Tony)***

3.1 We need to strive to balance the books as presently we are running a deficit. To that end we need to increase league entry (see item 13 below). Also we need to reduce trophy costs and Tony is in touch with Bruce Carnaffin about this.1. ***Secretary’s Report (Mick Taylor)***

4.1 Some team registration forms and moneys are outstanding. Please submit asap.4.2 Plastic balls only please this season. 1. ***Match Secretary’s Report (Martin)***

5.1 Very few player registration forms have been received, please submit asap.1. ***Junior Secretary’s Report (Mike Sunderland)***

6.1 Mike is organising the junior leagues 4, 5 and 6, to be played at Kirkby Stephen School on Thursdays, starting October. Entry forms to be sent out soon. The Junior Tournament is to be organised by Roger Pimblett and Carol Catnach and is currently scheduled for Sat 7 Jan 2017 at Burton, details to follow. 6.2 So far only one team is entering the National Junior League under the “Kendal” banner. KDTTL is making a financial contribution towards the Junior League fees for any such teams.1. ***Coaching Officer’s Report (Roger Pimblett).***

7.1 Roger was not present. Graham Coupe is doing four coaching sessions again this year, starting on 9 October 2016, at the Village Hall, Natland.1. ***Veterans Officer Report***

8.1 Two teams entered in Lancashire and Cheshire League. John Wood organising again.1. ***ESTTA Report***

9.1 Matt O’Flynn was not present.1. ***Website Report***

10.1 Chris Knowles was not present.1. ***League make-up, 2016 – 17***

11.1 After discussion, teams and divisions were agreed as attached sheet.11.2 The possibility of using two man teams in division three was discussed. This might encourage more teams to join. It was agreed that this would not be implemented this year, but discussed at the next AGM.11.3 It was agreed that Division three would play each other twice only, and this way KS may be able to enter an extra team. Mike S will advise asap.1. ***Dates for 2016-17***

12.1 Agreed dates are on the attached sheet and will appear on the website.12.2 The fixtures will commence on 3 October 2016.1. ***Ways to increase participation***

13.1 The League is encouraging each large club to organise a Friendlies Evening, mainly for non league players from any club to attend. Agreed sessions are as follows:* Natland: Friday 14 Oct 2016
* Kirkby Stephen: 10 Nov 2016
* Grayrigg: 5 Dec 2016
* Crook: Jan 2017
* Burton: Feb 2017
* Dallam: March 2017

13.2 We envisage the format of these Friendly Evenings would be:* Hosted and organised by the club, but open to all non-league players.
* A small charge could be levied to cover costs.
* Very informal.
* In the evening or perhaps at the weekend.
* Depending on how many come, either a series of friendly games between individuals, or a match or two matches with sides chosen somehow.
* Supper provided by the hosts.
* Final details, dates etc very much up to the hosts, to make it work for them.

13.3 A League Come and Try session is planned, possibly at Kendal Leisure Centre. The cost for 3 hours (9.00 to 12.00) at KLC using half the main hall and six tables is £86.25. This has been provisionally booked for 12 November 2016 but the cost is high, so Mick to speak to KLC about reducing costs and Tony to enquire about grants. Mick also to try to enlist the follow up support of KLC, who may be able to provide dedicated TT facilities. Mike Sunderland offered to help with this.13.4 Teams are encouraged to consider making earlier starts, say 7.00 or even 6.30 pm and play on two tables when juniors are playing, to help prevent late nights for juniors.13.5 Next season, we should approach other organisations with invitations to join the League. Possibles are Warcop TT Club, Brigsteer TT Club, U3A, sports clubs, Arnside TT Club, Tennis Clubs, Kendal Squash Club.***Distribution*** League team captains and club and league officers.  365 Website. | ***Action******TM, BC******MS******MT, TM******MS******MT*** |