**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 19.30, 29 July 2019, Crooklands Hotel**

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| ***Present –*** Tony March (Chair), Mick Taylor (Sec), Norman Philbey, Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift, Mike Sunderland, Bob Gale***Apologies***  Jeff Pimblett, Chris Knowles1. ***365 Website***
* The motion at the recent TTE AGM to reduce affiliation fees by £7 was defeated. Therefore we must pay £7 per player per year to Table Tennis 365 without a corresponding reduction to TTE fees. It was agreed by a majority to charge each player an additional £3.50, with the remaining £3.50 paid by the League from reserves. This applies for the coming season only, to be reviewed next year.
* Chris Knowles submitted a written report to say that he has been monitoring the new TTE League Manager software. Whilst it has a few teething problems and shortcomings, it is looking OK. We have a full season now to monitor it further without needing to rely on it.

 1. ***Sponsorship***
* Dennis Hooley has offered to sponsor the KO Cup this season to the tune of £100. Similarly Chris Knowles has offered the same for next season.
* MT to speak to Dennis and agree details.
1. ***Dates for next season***
* MT tabled a draft calendar for the 2019-20 season. This took into account the AGM proposals to start the KO Cup in December and make the Annual Tournament and Finals Night the last events of the season, with trophy presentation at Finals Night. The calendar was discussed and various changes suggested. In particular, it was felt that there were too many free weeks at the end of the season. Mick will revise and re-issue. The revised calendar (Draft V2) is attached. (Discussions still ongoing re Annual Tournament date).
* The venue for the Annual Tournament was discussed, with MS offering Kirkby Stephen School Hall. Whilst this will involve more travelling for many, it would be cheaper and there are good facilities, tables and refreshment provision. It was agreed to use Kirkby Stephen and give it a try. MT to liaise with MS re dates.
1. ***Junior Development***
* MS is currently running a junior club in KSGS on Fridays at lunchtime and after school. He is also running an after school club in KS Primary School 3.30-4.30 Tuesdays.
* MS reported that the TTE initiative TTKidz will be running at KS and Thwaite (near Millom). At KS it starts in October 2019, Fridays 4.00 – 5.30. The cost is £35 for the 8 week course, plus £4 per session. However it is all paid for from a grant, so there will be £184 left over to invest in other youth activities. Any club in the League could also deliver the programme, but should register as a Premier Club. Coaches have to register. Also needed are Activators who should be trained. There is an activator training session at Garstang Sat 3 August 2019, 11.00 to 14.30 or Middlesborough Wed 14 Aug 2019, 18.00 to 21.30. MS is going to Garstang and is hoping that Nik White and Brian Allison will go too.
* There is a Level 1 coaching course in Barrow on Sat 28 Sept and Sat 9 Nov.
* On 5 December 2019 there will be the Eden Sports Partnership Table Tennis festival in Kirkby Stephen School. MS needs helpers and TM, MW, MT, PS and NP volunteered to help.
* MS encouraged all League players to give “an hour a week for your club”.
* TM voiced his strong opinion that whilst MS is doing a brilliant job in the KS area, to move junior development forward in Kendal, we need to employ a paid coach to work for the League, perhaps for 8 hours a week at say £12.50 per hour (self employed). Phil Swift expressed an interest in filling this role. He would need to train as a Level 1 coach. This offer was warmly welcomed by all.
* TM said we also need to work at the senior end (eg Bat and Chat sessions). There is a great appetite for table tennis across all ages, provided the format is right. His successful club in Kendal is proving that.
* TM will submit a grant application for the costs of employing a paid coach as above.
1. ***Trophies***
* PS, Mike Taylor and John Wood have been researching and will submit proposals at the Pre-season meeting in September 2019. They are minded to propose certificates for seniors and perhaps small medallions.
* Trophies should be signed for on receipt.

The meeting closed at 22.00. ***Distribution*** All Team Captains, Club and League Officers  | ***Action******MT******MS, TM, MW, MT, PS, NP******PS******TM******PS, MT, JW*** |