

Kendal and District Table Tennis League

Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 19.30, 30 Aug 2021, by Zoom

<p>Present – Peter Leahy (PL) (Chair), Mick Taylor (MT) (Sec), Norman Philbey (NP), Martin Wakelin (MW), Chris Knowles (CK), Mike Sunderland (MS), Jeff Pimblett (JP), John Hardwick (JH)</p> <p>Apologies Bob Gale (BG), Tony March (TM), Phil Swift (PS), Bryan Rhodes (BR), Fran Currie (FC)</p>	Action
<p>1. Minutes of previous Management Team meeting (30 June 2021) and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes have been distributed and were taken as read. • Item 1. Safeguarding courses are all on line at present. TTE only approve courses run by UK Coaching: <u>UK Coaching - Coaching Courses</u> MT will send out details by email. • Item 7. Fran Currie has agreed to be League Honorary Treasurer. Her appointment was proposed and seconded and agreed by all present. 	<p>MT</p>
<p>2. Club Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natland: Club nights starting 31 Aug 2021, including juniors. • Burton: Club nights start 1 Sept 2021. TT Kidz will run from October. • Crook: Ad hoc practice sessions have run throughout the summer and continue. Crook AGM is Mon 6 Sept 2021. Number of teams not known at present. • Kirkby Stephen : Club nights will be on Mondays, with juniors before club night. Bat and Chat will be on Fridays. All starting mid September. MS will go into Appleby Grammar and KS Grammar to run sessions. KS are unlikely to have any teams in the League initially as they are building from a low base, but they may combine with Grayrigg. 	<p>MT</p>
<p>3. Consideration of Questionnaire and Two Player Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL outlined the results of the questionnaire, which are summarised in Appendix A at the end of these minutes. There were 36 responses. • There is a clear majority happy with the present League format, but this is not surprising since these are the opinions of existing players. We need to attract new players. • 48% were in favour of trying two player teams, but not in Div 1. 52% were against this suggestion. • Player numbers are declining and without action, the League may wither and die. • After discussion, it was agreed by all present that we should try two player teams in Div 2 and if numbers permit in Div 3, but not in Div 1. This will be the recommendation by the Management Team, but will need rule changes which will be subject to a vote at a League SGM (23 September 2021). • Other matters raised in the Questionnaire will need consideration at future meetings. 	<p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>4. Fees and Dates for 2021-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that team registration fees this year should be £14 for three player teams (as last year) and £10 per team for two person teams. Senior player registration fee should remain at last year's £12 and for juniors, the fee should reduce from £7 to £6. • MT will issue Registration Forms asap and these forms should be returned by 16 Sept 2021, with the Prestart Council Meeting on 23 September immediately after the SGM. The fixtures can start on 4 or 11 October 2021. • Other dates to be agreed later. 	<p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>5. Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL is keen to improve the marketing of the League with a consistent message and a link to all clubs. He suggested a well designed poster promoting the League and all the clubs, perhaps with a different colour for each club and a flash including all these colours representing the League. Could those present please research and suggest someone with artistic talent within the table tennis community who could design such a poster. • Active Cumbria have a website and it is important that clubs put their information on this website. At present the information is scant. • PL stated his wish that all clubs be financially strong, so that good facilities and opportunities can be provided. Natland have achieved this by fund raising events such as their annual quiz. • TTE are promoting Ping Pong Parlours, which are often in empty shops in town centres. They provide tables, bats and balls, for drop in play, thus encouraging new players. PL is pursuing this with SLDC. 	<p>All.</p> <p>Clubs</p> <p>Clubs</p> <p>PL</p>
<p>6. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	<p>Michael Taylor, 8/9/21</p> <p>Hon. General Secretary</p>

The meeting closed at 20.57. **Distribution** All League members (by email).

Appendix A: Results of Questionnaire

REGARDING OUR LEAGUE FORMAT

A) Happy with current format (3 man teams, 9 matches plus doubles)

Definite yes:23
Qualified yes:5
2 player teams:1
Shorter evenings:1

B) Change format to either two man teams or 3 man teams but fewer matches (and thereby shorten length of evening)

No, leave as is: 13
Try 2 man trial but definitely not for Div1: 12

C) Have 3 smaller divisions of similar standard players, teams playing each team more than twice

Yes: 17
No: 7 (of which 3 would prefer teams of two to increase the number of teams so you only play a team twice)

GENERAL

A) More social table tennis

Yes: 6
No: 24

B) More weekend table tennis

Yes: 5
No: 20

C) Are you happy with Kendal District current arrangements

Yes:25
No or some change suggested: 4

Michael Taylor, 8/9/21