**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Management Team Meeting – 7.30 pm Thurs 18 April 2018 at Crooklands Hotel**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Tony March (Chair), Norman Philbey, Bob Gale, Mike Sunderland.***Apologies***  Chris Knowles, Martin Wakelin, Bruce Carnaffin, Phill Swift, Roger Pimblett, Jeff Pimblett.1. ***Lessons from Annual Tournament***
* See attached notes.
* Phil Swift will help organise again next year, as part of a team.
* Probably unnecessary to send out entry forms by post.
1. ***Review of League fixture arrangements which were trialled this year***
* In the 2017/18 season, because of the small number of teams in the League (8 in Divs 1 and 2, 6 in Div 3), Phase 1 was each team playing each other team twice. Then Phase 2 was the Division split into two halves, upper and lower, and each team playing each other twice within that group.
* Among those present, this was not popular. Among the disadvantages were late fixture dates giving venue booking problems and gaps in the fixture programme, especially in Div 3.
* Agreed 2 Divisions of around 11 teams would be better next season. This to be debated and voted upon at AGM.
1. ***Juniors***
* Junior Tournament during Easter Holidays was successful, with 14 entries.
* Otherwise Junior participation has been poor. Junior League and Christmas Tournament failed to run due to lack of entries.
* Various strategies were discussed.
* Mike Sunderland agreed to act as Junior Co-ordinator. Offers of help from Mick Taylor, Tony March, Norman Philbey. Possible other helpers are Peter Baxendale, Martin Wakelin, Roger Pimblett, John Hardwick and Kevin Hunter.
* Mike will target local primary schools (Years 5 and 6). A junior club could be established at Kendal Leisure Centre.
* A progression is needed for the juniors, perhaps tournaments during school holidays (Christmas and Easter) and/or a Junior League.
* Money to be set aside for junior development, say £500 (see item 4 below) and £0.30 per mile for organiser/coach travel expenses.
1. ***Graham Coupe Coaching***
* Take up of coaching has been poor from KDTTL players, so it was felt that we could no longer justify the £500 contribution towards Garstang TT Centre and the associated coaching sessions at Natland. The money could be redirected to the junior development programme outlined above.
* Put this to the AGM for discussion and vote.
1. ***Trophies***
* Bruce Carnaffin is stepping down as Trophy Officer, after several years of valuable hard work. Thanks Bruce. John Wood already deals with Tournament Trophies, but has agreed to take on Bruce’s work also.
* At Tournament Finals night, in senior events winners got only the perpetual trophy and runners up got nothing. Agreed this was unsatisfactory. We should give small trophies/mementoes of some description, whilst keeping costs under control. John to give this some thought.
* Need to get recipients of perpetual trophies to sign for receipt.
1. ***Data Protection***
* MT to investigate the implications of recent legislation.
1. ***AOB***
* None.

***Distribution*** All Team Captains, Club and League Officers | ***Action******MS******JW******MT*** |

***Notes on Organising the KDTTL Annual Tournament***

***Entries***

* Send out entry forms by post to all League players.
* It’s worth chasing individual players who haven’t entered by phone or text.
* Approx 40 people entered in 2017.

***Preparation***

* Book the Dallam Sports Hall, 9.00 to 17.00, including 12 tables, nets, small tables, chairs and benches. Contact at Dallam is Rachel Camp, 015395 65156 or sports@dallam.eu .Book in Sept or Oct in year before. (At same time book for Divisional Shield Finals day, 9.00 to 15.00.)
* Book Finals Night at Ibis for the following Tuesday. Contact at Ibis is Scott, 01539 722874 or 07785 933328.
* Speak to Norman about setting up tables the day before and about bringing score boards, balls, pens, table numbers, spare nets (Natland loaned 4 nets in 2017).
* Make the draw and make out charts etc a few days before the event. See below for further details.
* Put up charts on the wall the day before.
* Send out regular email reminders about entries and about the event itself.
* Make sure trophies are organised (John Wood and Bruce Carnaffin did this in 2017).

***On the Day***

* Important to have one or two non players on the desk all day.
* Play Bands 1, 2, and 3 in groups of 3 or 4, preferably 4. Then into a KO phase.
* Handicap, Vets, Doubles, straight to KO phase.
* Women’s Singles in groups. Then KO if enough.
* Juniors in groups, then KO.
* Vets has been in groups in the past, but we felt it would be too much (2017).
* Concentrate on keeping the bottle neck players, ie those in a lot of events and likely to progress through the rounds, playing all the time.
* Eight finals on Finals Night is about right, so need to play two finals at Dallam.

***Finals Night***

* Jacob’s Join supper worked well. Repeat next year. No need for League to buy extra food, but should provide paper plates, bowls, a few knives, serviettes, big platters. Supper after say five finals.
* Produce an order of play and distribute beforehand by email.
* Present trophies immediately after each final.
* Ibis may or may not charge.

MT, 28 April 2017

***Additional notes from 2018***

1. About 36 entries 2018. Need more entries.
2. Chris Knowles sent out entry forms. Mick Taylor received entries. Phil Swift organized the draw etc., helped by Mick Taylor and Mike Taylor. John Wood organized trophies.
3. Carol Catnach and Jeff Pimblett looked after the control desk. Important to have this help.
4. Trophies: We only gave small trophies (winners and runners up) for junior events, so nothing for senior winners except big trophy and nothing but a hand shake for runners up. This didn’t seem very satisfactory.
5. May not be necessary now to send out mailshot by post. Most people send in entries by email.
6. Everything else from 2017 is correct.

MT, 3 May 2018