**Kendal and District Table Tennis League**

**Minutes of Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thurs 1 Oct 2020, online by Zoom**

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| ***Present –*** Mick Taylor (Sec), Peter Leahy (Chairman), Martin Wakelin, Phil Swift, John Fitzgerald, Chris Knowles, Kevin Hunter, Jeff Pimblett, John Hardwick.  ***Apologies*** Norman Philbey, Bryan Rhodes, Mike Sunderland, Tony March, Dennis Hooley, Keith Mallinson, Bob Gale   1. ***Minutes of Previous Meeting 12 Sept 2019***    1. Agreed as a true record. 2. ***Matters Arising***   2.1 None   1. ***Chairman’s Report (Peter Leahy)***   3.1 Nothing to report.   1. ***Secretary’s Report (Mick Taylor)***   4.1 Nothing to report. See recent AGM.   1. ***Match Secretary’s Report (Martin Wakelin)***   5.1 Nothing to report.   1. ***Junior Coordinator’s Report (Mike Sunderland)***   6.1 Nothing to report. See recent AGM.   1. ***Veterans Officer Report (by Phil Swift as John Wood not present)***   7.1 As several Leagues in Lancashire (eg Oldham, Bolton, Bury) were not operating yet, due to Covid restrictions, it is unlikely that the Veterans League will run this year.   1. ***ESTTA Report***   8.1 Matt O’Flynn was not present.   1. ***Website Report (Chris Knowles)***   9.1We will remain with the TT365 website this season, as it is now free.     1. ***League make-up, 2020-21***   10.1 There are 17 teams entered, two less than last year, partly due to Covid difficulties. Natland and Crook have each lost one team. Kirkby Stephen and Grayrigg have effectively lost half a team each, combining the remaining halves to form a new Gray Stephen team. Burton has increased from 4 to 5 teams.  10.2 The preferences stated and promotions/relegations suggest the following:  Division One: Burton A, Burton B, Burton C, Natland A, Natland B, Crook A, Crook B, Ibis, Dalton (9 teams).  Division Two: Dallam, Grayrigg, Burton D, Burton E, Natland C, Natland D, Crook C, Gray Stephen (8 teams).  10.3 This arrangement was agreed.   1. ***Covid Safety***   11.1 Prior to the meeting, Mick had circulated a list of suggested Covid Safety Rules for League matches and these were discussed. Peter expressed the view that the League should be proactive in this matter and set minimum standards for all League matches and events, in order to safeguard as far as possible all players. This was agreed by those present. The list of rules and their mandatory application to all League matches and events was approved by the meeting.  11.2 It was also agreed that there should be a process for reporting breaches of the rules. Such breaches should be reported to the General Secretary, with the Management Team then deciding what action to take. (See attached for the rules.)  11.3 Keith Mallinson had made comments by email on the Safety Rules and these were read out and agreed. Briefly they were:   * No person to play for two teams on the same night as bubbles of 6 must stay separate. * Suggest one team always plays at one end of the table all night. (Agreed this be left to individual clubs to decide.) * No wiping of hands on the table.  1. ***Dates for 2020-21***   12.1 Mick read out an email from Mike Sunderland, in which he expressed the strong opinion that the League programme should not start on 12 October (as proposed) but delayed until early November to allow proper time for Covid risk assessments to be produced and safety precautions bedded in. Some clubs have not been able to start practicing until very recently, for example Grayrigg and Kirkby Stephen have only started tonight. The Grayrigg venue will not be available till early November at the earliest.  12.2 Other clubs do feel ready to start and Burton in particular are keen to start asap. However, clubs were understanding of the difficulties of the late starters and happy to help them out.  12.3 Consequently, it was agreed to start First Division matches on 26 October and Second Division matches a week later. Martin thought these differing start dates could be accommodated but will check. Mick suggested that if it did present fixture difficulties (eg pairing teams in different divisions never to be at home on the same day) then make both Divisions start on 26 October. Early matches could always be postponed if there are venue problems.  12.4 The Calendar which was issued with the agenda will be amended as necessary and reissued. Martin will then build the fixture list and issue for comment and approval.  12.5 There are several other dates to be finalised, eg Divisional Shield Finals, Tournament, Junior events, new Third Division etc. These are best discussed by the Management Team. Under the present Covid restrictions, it is likely that some of these events will not be permitted.   1. ***AOB***   13.1 John Hardwick reported that the latest health advice from Cumbria County Council was that if 6 people are meeting they should be from no more than two families. Peter thought probably organised sport would not be included, but he will check.  13.2 Peter asked clubs to try and submit Registration Forms and fees on time, to make the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s jobs easier.  13.3 The 2019-20 KO Cup Final (Grayrigg v Dalton) has not happened yet. Mick to chase Dalton.  13.4 Press reports. We are hoping Bryan Rhodes will act as press officer. It would help him if captains put a brief match report on the score card.  The meeting finished at 8.45 pm  ***Distribution***  All League members  365 Website. | ***Action***  ***All Clubs and Players***  ***MW***  ***MT, MW***  ***Management Team***  ***PL***  ***MT***  ***BR*** |