

**West of Scotland Table Tennis League**

**Minute of Annual General Meeting 2023/2024  
Held at Drumchapel Sports Centre 19 May 2024**

- 1 Apologies: R McIntosh, M Moran (Drumchapel), D Flavell, I Arbuckle, G Walker, D Murdoch (Airdrie), D Russell, M Oestmann, B Irvine (Dunlop), J Wilson (Hamilton Cross). Attendees are listed on the attached schedule.
- 2 Acceptance of Minutes of the 2022/23 AGM proposed by D McCavitt, seconded by R Logan.
- 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.
- 4 Officers' Reports
  - 4.1 The Chairman's Report is attached as Appendix 1.
  - 4.2 The General Secretary's Report is attached as Appendix 2.
  - 4.3 The Match Secretary reported that the League and Cups outcomes were as published on TT365 and additionally advised the meeting of the results of the promotion/relegation playoffs for each Division. A summary statement of results is attached as Appendix 3.
  - 4.4 There was no Tournament Secretary report as no tournaments had taken place. However, T McLernon noted that it was hoped to hold the West of Scotland Open next season.
  - 4.5 The Development Coordinator's Report is attached as Appendix 4.
- 5 The Treasurer's report (see Appendix 5) was submitted, indicating a surplus of £2,416 and a current Balance of £13,169. The Treasurer noted that income had increased somewhat due to an increase in player registrations from 224 to 251 but the major benefit to the accounts arose from the cancellation of the Inter-League by TTS as this normally is one of the League's main items of expenditure. He also advised the meeting that he has taken advantage of rising interest rates by depositing a large part of the League's bank balance in an interest-bearing account which should generate income of several hundred pounds per annum. The accounts were then approved without dissent.
- 6 The amendments to the Constitution described in Appendix 6 had been proposed by the Executive Council. Following a brief description of their purpose, the proposal was voted on and passed by 18 votes to nil.
- 7 A motion was submitted by Hans van Henten, seconded by Roy Claxton to reverse the Rule change introduced by the EC in October 2023 regarding Junior teams playing all games at home and to add to the wording clauses shown in the proposal at Appendix 7. Following debate in which all aspects of the argument were aired, the motion was voted on and passed on the night by a majority of 11-7. (In a subsequent check of the votes, two were cast on behalf of teams with no member present, making them invalid and the true majority was therefore 9-7).
- 8 No nominations had been submitted for Honorary Life Membership of the League.
- 9 The outgoing EC had made the following nominations for the new Committee (including a transfer proposed by the Chairman at the meeting, between P McCallum and C O'Neill with P McCallum taking on the role of Tournament Secretary):

President	
Chairman	T McLernon
Vice-Chairman	R McIntosh
Tournament Secretary	P McCallum

General Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Match Secretary	D McCavitt
Treasurer	R Logan
EC Member (Development)	I Rhind
EC Member	S Murdoch
EC Member	<i>Vacant</i> (P Walker elected on the night)
EC Member	M Schoenhofen
EC Member	A McIntyre
EC Member	C O'Neill

No nominations were received from the floor for the Officers' posts or the EC Member (Development) but two nominations were made for the position of EC Member, viz Paul Walker (S. Ayrshire) and Andrew Breen (Knightswood). As this meant there were 6 candidates for 5 available positions of ordinary EC Member, a vote was taken with the following result: S Murdoch (17), C O'Neill (15), M Schoenhofen (13), A McIntyre (16), P Walker (17), A Breen (5). The new Committee therefore consists of the EC nominations shown above with the addition of P Walker as ordinary EC Member.

10 M Oestmann is willing to continue as Honorary Auditor and this was approved.

11 Fees for season 2023 -24 were: Senior £40, Junior £20, Student £29. No change was proposed but these will be reviewed in the light of any change in TTS fees.

12 Honoraria. Increases in Honoraria were agreed as follows: Match Secretary (£180, previously £165), General Secretary (£180, previously £110), Treasurer (£180, previously £165), Development Coordinator (£180, previously £165), Webmaster (£60, previously £55), League Managers (£42, previously £30). L Hughes waived the General Secretary's Honorarium.

13 AOCB

B Faulds (East Kilbride) referred to suggestions during the season that the League might introduce minimum space requirements for League matches and asked that, if this were to happen, it should occur as early as possible during the closed season with clubs being notified in time to make any necessary alternative arrangements. The Chairman assured him this would be the case.

14 All trophies for Season 2023-24 were then presented and the meeting closed with thanks to the Chairman and all attendees.

**Members Attending:**

Ritchie Logan (Joe Wilson A)

Terry McLernon (Drumchapel), Catherine O'Neill (Drumchapel B), Phil McCallum (Drumchapel)

Drew McCavitt (Nomads B), Derek Steele (Nomads A)

John Burns (Hamilton Cross B), Hans van Henten (Hamilton Cross B), Michael Schoenhofen  
(Hamilton Cross A)

Liam Hughes (Brunswick)

Brian Carson (Knightswood D)

Iain Rhind (Glasgow South), Sam Murdoch (Glasgow South A)

Andy McIntyre (MBB A)

George Johnston (Kilwinning)

Roy Claxton (S Ayrshire A), Paul Walker (S Ayrshire A)

Ian Macpherson (N Ayrshire A), Jamie Johnson (N Ayrshire A), Nathan Hogg (N Ayrshire A)

Alisdair Sinclair (Brunswick C), Liam Luporini (Brunswick B)

Jim Anderson (Uddingston A), John Kerr (Uddingston A)

Brendan Faulds (East Kilbride B), Euan McLaughlin (East Kilbride C)

### Chairman's Report

It has been another successful year for the West of Scotland League. It has been another very competitive season across all the leagues. Congratulations to all the league and cup winners. It has been great to see the return of the Junior League, which Ian Rhind has put in a lot of time and effort to run over the year and has been very successful. It is great to see all the young players from all the different clubs coming together for competitive, friendly matches.

Our League Secretary, Liam Hughes has decided to retire this year as the league's secretary and on behalf of the league and its members, I would like to offer a massive thank you for Liam's dedication and hard working 27 years as our league secretary and keeping me right with all the rules and constitution and keeping me level-headed.

Also, a big thank you to Drew and Ritchie for their continued support and service as match secretary and treasurer. As always, they are a vital part of the West of Scotland being so successful and continue to drive us forward.

Finally, I would like to thank all the clubs and players for supporting and playing in the West of Scotland League this year and look forward to another successful year next year.

**WoS AGM 19/ 5/2024 - General Secretary's Report**

1 The EC met on 4 occasions during the current season, including the meeting held immediately prior to the AGM. With the exception of the pre-AGM gathering, all EC meetings are now held online which makes it easier to schedule meetings, reduces time and travel commitments for members and largely eliminates travel expenses for the League. Hopefully, it will also make EC membership a more attractive proposition for League members.

2 In addition to Rule changes published during the closed season, there was one change regarding Junior teams which was implemented very early in the season and this is the subject of a Motion to be considered later in the current AGM.

3 After 27 years as General Secretary, I have decided not to stand for election this year. To avoid discouraging my successor, I would stress that this is not because the position has become too difficult. However, having stopped playing in the League several years ago, I am becoming increasingly out of touch with both the people and the match venues and feel it is no longer appropriate for me to be participating in decisions affecting them. For those 27 years, having never accepted the General Secretary's Honorarium, it has been genuinely, a labour of love. I have enjoyed my time in the post and wish my successor, the Executive Committee and the League success in the future.

25 April 2024  
Liam Hughes

## Season 2023/24 Competition Results

### Division 1

League Winner: North Ayrshire A

Cup Winner: ???

Top Player: ???

### Division 2

League Winner: Drumchapel C

Cup Winner: Nomads A

Top Player: ???

### Division 3

League Winner: Glasgow South D

Cup Winner: Glasgow South D

Top Player: ???

### Division 4

League Winner: East Kilbride B

Cup Winner: East Kilbride B

Top Player: ???

### Handicap Cup

Winner: Glasgow South B

Player of the Year: ??????????

### Promotion/Relegation Playoffs

#### D1/D2

North Ayrshire B Vs Knightswood A

Knightswood A stay in D1 after a 5-2 win.

#### D2/D3

Dunlop A Vs Hamilton Cross A

Dunlop A are promoted to D2 after a 5-2 win.

#### D3/D4

North Ayrshire D Vs Brunswick B

Brunswick B stay in D3 after a 5-4 win.



## **West of Scotland Table Tennis League**

### **Report by Iain Rhind, Development Coordinator to the AGM of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

#### **Junior League**

15 teams from 4 TT clubs (Drumchapel, North Ayrshire, Dunlop and Glasgow South) plus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Port Glasgow BB Group took part in this season's junior league. This is an increase of 5 teams on last season with Dunlop and 2<sup>nd</sup> Port Glasgow BB entering for the first time.

North Ayrshire TTC hosted the 3 match days at St Matthews Academy, Saltcoats. I'd like to express my thanks to Chris Main, Billy Main and the others from NATTC for this and for setting up and clearing away the equipment.

The matches took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Ritchie Logan has been a great help with getting players registered and setting up the junior divisions on the West 365 website. Martin Oestmann assisted by entering the match day results onto the website. My thanks to both of them.

I'd also like to thank our Chairman, Terry McLernon, for his support throughout the season and for organising the trophies.

It has been a real team effort and hopefully we can build on this season to expand the league further next season.

#### **League results**

Glasgow South A were division 1 winners with North Ayrshire A second.

Drumchapel C were division 2 winners with Glasgow South C second.

Interestingly Division 1 had to go to countback with 3 teams tied on points. When applying the league rules we discovered the 365 website was not capable of sorting the league table by our rules. As a result a workaround was applied which is far from ideal.

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**West Schools Qualifier for the Scottish Senior Schools**

This event took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January at St Matthews, Saltcoats. A total of 30 players entered the competition, 25 boys and 5 girls. With so few girls they all automatically progressed to the Scottish finals.

The results of the competition are as follows -

U14 Boys – Winner - Sam Endall, Runner-up - Logan McFarlane

U16 Boys – Winner - Ruairaidh MacLean, Runner-up – Leo Ackermann

U18 Boys – Winner - Nathan Hogg, Runner-up - Oliver Smeeth

**End of Report**



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## Treasurer's Report 2023/2024

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2nd May 2024

West of Scotland Table Tennis League

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## 1 Auditor's Report

I have examined the financial statement of the West of Scotland Table Tennis League for the season 2023/2024 and all supporting documents. In my opinion, the financial records of the League have been properly kept and the Income and Expenditure Account represents a true and fair view of the transactions during the year and the financial position of the organisation as at 30 April, 2024.



Martin Oestmann

## 2 Income and Expenditure 2023/2024

All figures rounded to the nearest £.

INCOME	2023-24	2022-23
League Fees & Fines (Senior)	7,668	6,588
League Fees & Fines (Development)	840	320
Tournament Fees (Development)	135	108
Grant Income (Senior)	0	400
Grant Income (Development)	500	400
Coaching Fees (Senior)	0	94
Interest Received	91	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,234</b>	<b>7,910</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
TTS Registration Fees (Senior)	4,451	3,546
TTS Registration Fees (Development)	741	330
Venue Hire (Development)	300	600
Prizes and Trophies (Senior)	391	522
Prizes and Trophies (Development)	160	124
Kit (Senior)	0	214
Kit (Development)	0	574
TTS Tournament Fees (Senior)	0	100
TTS Tournament Fees (Development)	61	450
Coaching Costs	0	410
Honorarium	525	495
Credit Card Fees	2	2
Web Hosting and Domain Fees	10	10
Mileage Expensed	162	0
Auditor Fees	0	100
Subscriptions	15	22
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>7,499</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>411</b>

### 2.1 Notes to Income and Expenditure

Over the course of the year, the league ran at a surplus of £2,416 (£411 in 2022), which includes a £213 surplus from development activities. There was a significant reduction in expenditure due to cancellation of Inter League (which cost a total of £1,238 in 2022-23). In addition, there is a £120 charge expected that has not yet been incurred, and will reduce any surplus by that amount in 2024-25 (we are awaiting invoice for venue hire for Junior League on 28th April 2024).

#### 2.1.1 Bank Balance

Free cash at bank is **£13,169**, which is derived from an opening balance of £10,753 with the surplus 2023/2024 of £2,416.

The league is taking advantage of its cash reserves and recent rises in interest rates, and opened a savings account in January 2024. This resulted in additional income of £91 in the last 4 months of the financial year.

### 2.1.2 Development

£1,656 of closing balance is attributed to development (opening balance of £1,443 add surplus of £325). This surplus includes a grant of £500 received from TTS. As noted, the surplus is slightly higher than reality, as there remains an outstanding charge for Junior League venue hire on 28th April (expected bill is £120). We have continued to invest in new juniors this year. The league has not charged junior league participants and remains positive that this investment will encourage ongoing participation.

### 2.1.3 Honoraria

The following honoraria were approved at the AGM at the end of the 2022/2023 season, and were paid in May and June 2023.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Honorarium</b>	<b>Status</b>
General Secretary	Liam Hughes	£165	Returned
Match Secretary	Drew McCavitt	£165	Paid
Treasurer	Ritchie Logan	£165	Paid
Development Coordinator	Phil McCallum	£165	Returned
TT365 Coordinator	Mikey Montgomery	£20	Paid
D1 League Manager	Mikey Montgomery	£30	Paid
D2 League Manager	Robbie Macintosh	£30	Paid
D3 League Manager	Nic Gordon	£30	Paid
D4 League Manager	Martin Oestmann	£30	Paid
Webmaster	Sinclair Houston	£55	Paid
<b>Total Paid</b>		<b>£525</b>	

### 3 Club and Player Summaries

In total, the league had 251 registered players in the season (representing a 12% growth over 224 players in 2022/23 season). Tables below show the breakdown by club, and by player type.

Club	Player Type	Players	Club Fee	TTS Bill	Club	Player Type	Players	Club Fee	TTS Bill
2nd PG BB	JNR_TTS	3	39	39	Hamilton	SNR_Lifetime	1	0	0
2nd PG BB Total		3	39	39		SNR_WOS + TTS	9	387	225
Airdrie	SNR_WOS + TTS	4	172	100	Hamilton Total		10	387	225
Airdrie Total		4	172	100	Joe Wilson	JNR_WOS + TTS	1	22	13
Brunswick	JNR_WOS + TTS	2	44	26		SNR_WOS	1	18	0
	SNR_WOS + TTS	16	688	400		SNR_WOS + TTS	15	645	375
Brunswick Total		18	732	426	Joe Wilson Total		17	685	388
Drumchapel	JNR_TTS	13	169	169	Kilwinning	SNR_WOS + TTS	4	172	100
	JNR_WOS + TTS	5	110	65	Kilwinning Total		4	172	100
	SNR_Lifetime	1	0	0	Knightswood	SNR_WOS + TTS	20	860	488
	SNR_N/P	2	20	20	Knightswood Total		20	860	488
	SNR_TTS	5	125	125	Maccabi	SNR_WOS + TTS	8	344	200
	SNR_WOS + TTS	12	516	300	Maccabi Total		8	344	200
	STU_TTS	2	26	26	Nomads	SNR_Lifetime	1	0	0
	STU_WOS	1	0	0		SNR_WOS	1	13	13
	STU_WOS + TTS	3	93	39		SNR_WOS + TTS	8	323	188
Drumchapel Total		44	1,059	744	Nomads Total		10	335	200
Dunlop	JNR_TTS	10	130	130	North Ayrshire	JNR_TTS	9	117	117
	SNR_WOS + TTS	13	559	325		JNR_WOS + TTS	1	22	13
Dunlop Total		23	689	455		SNR_TTS	1	25	25
East Kilbride	SNR_WOS + TTS	11	473	275		SNR_WOS	2	36	0
	STU_WOS + TTS	1	31	13		SNR_WOS + TTS	13	538	313
East Kilbride Total		12	504	288		STU_WOS + TTS	5	155	65
Glasgow South	JNR_TTS	8	104	104	North Ayrshire Total		31	893	533
	JNR_WOS + TTS	2	44	26	South Ayrshire	SNR_WOS + TTS	10	430	250
	SNR_WOS + TTS	18	774	450	South Ayrshire Total		10	430	250
	STU_WOS + TTS	1	31	13	Uddingston	SNR_WOS + TTS	5	215	125
Glasgow South Total		29	953	593	Uddingston Total		5	215	125
					West Kilbride	JNR_TTS	3	39	39
					West Kilbride Total		3	39	39
					<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>251</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>5,192</b>

Player Type	Players	Club Fee	TTS Bill
JNR_TTS	46	598	598
JNR_WOS + TTS	11	242	143
SNR_Lifetime	3	0	0
SNR_N/P	2	20	20
SNR_TTS	6	150	150
SNR_WOS	4	67	13
SNR_WOS + TTS	166	7095	4,113
STU_TTS	2	26	26
STU_WOS	1	0	0
STU_WOS + TTS	10	310	130
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>8508</b>	<b>5,192</b>

## **4 Report**

The league finances remain in a significant cash positive condition.

### **4.1 Auditor**

The Treasurer and Executive Committee would like to express sincere thanks to Martin Gestmann of Dunlop TTC for his role in auditing the accounts.



## Proposals for revision of League Constitution

### 1 Para 2: Object

**Current:** To foster and control the game of Table Tennis in the West of Scotland and to encourage the game generally.

**Proposal:** To encourage, promote and organise competitive table tennis in the West of Scotland and to administer club members' affiliation to Table Tennis Scotland, fostering access to regional, national and international events.

### 2 Para 5: Organisation

**Current:** The affairs of the League will be managed and the Constitution and Rules interpreted by an Executive Committee comprising the Office Bearers and up to a maximum of six Registered Members duly elected at the AGM.

**Proposal:** The affairs of the League will be managed and the Constitution and Rules interpreted by an Executive Committee comprising the Office Bearers and a minimum of four and maximum of six Registered Members duly elected at the AGM.

**Proposal by Hans van Henten to amend Rule 7.12.2 - Junior teams**

**Current:** 7.12.2 The object of recognising Junior Teams is to enable young players to finish matches early in order to allow them to return home at a reasonable time. To achieve this, such teams are allowed to play their "away" matches at their home premises.

**Previous:** 7.12.2 The object of recognising Junior Teams is to enable young players to finish matches early in order to allow them to return home at a reasonable time. The main provision to achieve this is by allowing such teams to play their "away" matches at their home premises.

7.12.3 However, if the team they are due to visit can make alternative arrangements to ensure finishing by 9.30 pm (normally by playing on two tables), then the Junior Team would be expected to travel.

**Proposal:** Revert to previous Rules with addition of the following:

- To achieve a timely finish time, clubs hosting junior teams must ensure matches are played on two tables.
- Where the junior team does not arrive by the scheduled start time and the match is not completed by 9.30pm, all remaining games (including those in progress) will be awarded to the home team.
- Where the junior team arrives by the scheduled start time and the match is not completed by 9.30pm, all remaining games (including those in progress) will be awarded to the visiting junior team.