

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016

Present : Elaine Forbes (Chairman), David Sim (Vice Chairman),
David Beveridge (Treasurer), Paul McCabe, Chris Riddoch, Stuart
Halliday, Sandy Elrick, Kenny Stewart, Miriam Rennet

Apologies : Graeme Elrick (Hon Sec), Andy Hughes (Match Sec) and Arthur
Pritchard

1. Welcome

The new Chairman Elaine Forbes (EF) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2016/17 committee including new members Stuart Halliday (SH) and Arthur Pritchard (AP) in his absence. She also paid tribute to her predecessor Graeme Elrick (GE) and stated that she was delighted that he had stepped into the post of Hon Sec. It was confirmed that following the AGM Chris Riddoch (CR) had agreed to remain on the committee.

2. Apologies

As listed above.

3. Committee Structure for Season 16/17

David Sim (DS) gave a short account of the sub group structure of the previous committee, including their individual remits, the persons and positions in each sub group and the reason for operating in such a manner.

Following a short discussion on the best way forward the following Sub Group Structure was agreed :

Admin : Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Match Secretary, Sandy Elrick (SE), SH, PMcC.

Finance : Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, SE.

Coaching : PMcC, CR, AP, Kenny Stewart (KS)

Child Safeguarding Officer: Miriam Rennet (MR) agreed to stay in post

Sport Dundee Rep: It was considered important that we had someone at the 4 meetings a year. As no single person has been appointed, this role is to be shared around and EF stated that she would attend their AGM on Wednesday 18th May 2016.

4. Treasurers Report

DB handed out a Receipts and Payment Account for period from 10.9.15 to 9.5.16 and a short update

To summarise the main points were :

The Opening Balance in the main account had reduced from £15475 to £11395

Ward Road lets were paid until the end of June 2016 while income from Ward Road since 1st April and the Presentation night income was not included.

With 2016 /17 Affiliation fees to be received before the end of the year DB expected a loss on the 15 months but would detail this more fully at future meetings.

The 50:50 draw which has been surprisingly run at a loss was in the process of being wound up and the reasons for that explored.

DDTTA will not receive VAT exemption status and the ways the Association might benefit from Gift Aid were being explored.

There was still money to come in from Handbook Advertisers and DB will provide a more extensive report on the association's financial health and a budget moving forward at the next meeting.

5. Coaching Convenors Report

PMcC reported as follows :

On Tuesday June 7th he proposed to hold a Junior Handicap U/14 competition which would hopefully involve players from outwith Ward Road.

Thursday evening sessions were underway at Ward Road for the minor squad. This will run initially for 3 months and was approved by the previous committee. Attendances so far were variable – expected to at least break even cost wise.

The 6 week coaching stint at Grove Academy which involved first year pupils at Grove and also Eastern P.S pupils had been fairly successful with fluctuating interest shown. These could have been better organised by the Active Schools side however it is hoped to hold them again in the autumn.

The shirts that were purchased for the Interleague were not embossed and players were prepared to contribute to have this done. **PMcC to liaise with GE to resolve.**

STV via Richard Yule asked DDTTA to take part in an event for Charity in the City Centre somewhere. A discussion ensued and **PMcC is to look at possibilities with the Coaching Group**

PMcC stated that regarding school sessions Grove and Harris had expressed interest in addition to the established sessions at Baldragon and Monifieth. Forthill P.S were also keen on taster sessions for all ages during school times likely in the autumn. A discussion followed with costs of coaching and fees that should be charged etc.

Finance Group to determine way forward

There was a UKCC Level 1 Coaching Course coming up at Haddington and the DDTTA would support attendees which could include CR and Callum Riddoch.

The possibilities about applying for charitable money were discussed and how this needed properly planned and costed was emphasised.

The Nifty 50S club start up was also discussed and how this might be promoted through Social Media, Council help etc. **EF was to explore if any help might be forthcoming from the Council at the upcoming Sports Dundee AGM and also Andy Hughes to be approached for ideas.**

6. Playing Season 16/17

DB had the Team Registration form ready and would circulate. He would put this out the start of June with the July 15 deadline for entries. The Committee was keen for Div 1 to have 10 teams next season and would explore the intentions of Rollercoasters (2nd bottom – Div 1) and Telstars (3rd - Div 2).

It was also agreed that it was not ideal that players were registered in teams lower than their ability although that was allowed by the rules. A gentlemen agreement was to be sought from clubs that such players wouldn't play up routinely for teams above.

National League Team – **EF to contact Grant Williams re the organisation of such a team and support that the Association might give.**

It was commented that Doors rota and collecting monies at Ward Road had been sorted outwith the meeting.

SE commented that some Community Centres around the area might have tables and interest in table tennis. **SE to pass list of Community Centres to EF who was to make contact with these centres to gauge interest.**

It was suggested that an Evening Telegraph article encouraging new teams to join the league would be worthwhile during the summer – **DB / AH collaboration potentially**

7. TTS AGM

This is to take place at the South Gyle on 2.7.16 – EF and PMcC are to attend.

8. AOCB

DS asked regarding the position with progressing PVG Applications through TTS.
MR to take this up with Richard Yule

There were issues with young players during matches last season and DS hoped that, as discussed previously the close season would be used where possible to direct youngsters towards better behaviour.

Matthew Syed signed shirt will be kept for a fundraising opportunity in the future.

It was also suggested that better use could be made by the Association of Social Media such as Facebook.

9. Date of next meeting - Thursday 21st July 2016 – 6.30 p.m at Ward Road