

Dundee & District Table Tennis Association  
(Affiliated to Table Tennis Scotland)



**DDTTA Executive Committee Meeting**  
31st March 2016, Forthill Sports Club, 1900 - 2200

## **Minutes**

### **Present**

Graeme Elrick (GE); David Sim (DS); Dave Beveridge (DB); Paul McCabe (PM);  
Miriam Rennet (MR); Andy Hughes (AH);

### **Apologies**

Sandy Elrick (SE); Krzysztof Opila (KO); Stuart Farquharson (SF)

### **Finance Group Update GE**

- AS KO was not present there was no Finance Update

### **Match Secretary Update DB**

- DB Reported that there had been only 4 claims all season.
- There had been two lock ups – Graeme Elrick (Telecoms) and William Brown (Forthill).
- All Cup Ties had been played up to the final stage and Dates for those finals to be played were in the calendar.
- DB Highlighted an issue which had only come to light that morning. Alex Thom (Attackers) had called him to say that they were unable to play their final match of the season against New Kids that night (31<sup>st</sup> March). This was due to Monifieth High School being closed for the easter period and would not reopen until mid April. The match could not be played at the reverse venue of St Andrews due to unavailability there on Monday Nights. Alex was contacting DB to concede the match. New Kids had reluctantly accepted the concession.

The result of this would likely mean that Tigers would be relegated from div 2 and New Kids would be saved from relegation.

There was much discussion around the committee of what should be done in these circumstances. However, it was finally agreed that New Kids had done nothing wrong in accepting the offered concession and whilst it was unfortunate for Tigers, Attackers had done nothing wrong in offering the concession, although they should have anticipated this situation arising and made arrangements to bring the match forward many weeks ago. The committee agreed that whilst this was not the best result the concession would stand.

## **Coaching update PM**

### **Grove School Coaching.**

This initial 6 week trial had gotten off to a very poor start because it had been poorly managed and advertised within the school. PMc had thought about pulling the plug altogether but was encouraged to continue until the 6 week trial was over. Then a proper evaluation and discussion with the school could be made and a decision whether to restart after the summer holiday made before the start of the new school year.

### **Ward Road Gym.**

It was agreed that as it had become available DDTTA would take an extra let at ward road gym on Thursday nights between 6-8pm. This would enable additional coaching for juniors who could not be fitted into the Monday nights due to over demand and provide some additional practice time for league players. It was agreed that GE would approach SE at Ward road gym regarding the booking when the hall became available later in April. The initial – Test-the – water booking of 3 months was agreed. GE has since spoken with SE who was looking to fit two bookings into the Thursday night slot due to demand from other groups. SE agreed to contact PMC to finalise arrangements for the booking.

### **Interleague**

PMC gave feedback from the interleague weekend at Bells Sports Centre in Perth. The teams did not perform as well in previous years but it was recognised that it was a particularly good experience for the younger players. The senior team narrowly missed out on winning their event but ended up a creditable third. PMc pointed out that a couple of regions had put forward teams of professional players which was always going to leave DDTTA at a disadvantage.

It was noted that the t-shirts had no logo on the backs. GE apologised for this lapse.

PMC suggested that all players be charged next year for attending Interleague to offset the cost which this year including t-shirts and fees still came in at over £1200.

## **Sport Dundee**

PMC reported that he thought that SF had not attended any of the Sport Dundee meetings this year. He expressed an opinion that it was important for us as a sport to be involved in these kind of activities as it improved our profile locally. It was suggested that a review of our involvement be made post AGM to ensure that we always had a representative present at Sport Dundee Meetings.

### **Chris Halliday Cup (26<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm Ward Road Gym)**

Andy Hughes agreed to manage the night. GE to send out invitations to the bottom 8 teams in Div 3 and arrange the trophy to be present.

### **Annual General Meeting (28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Forthill 7pm)**

GE informed the executive committee formally that he would not be able to stand on the committee as Chairman during the next season.

DS agreed to stay on as Vice Chair but only if there was a Chairman. He would not be prepared to stand as Chairman.

DB was happy to stay on as Match Secretary

PMc was happy to continue as Coaching Lead

KO had previously agreed to stay on as Treasurer for another year providing much of the non-financial paperwork could be taken away from his area of responsibility. DB confirmed this with KO following the meeting.

The Committee noted the pressing need for a Secretary to be appointed. It was felt that if a secretary could not be appointed at the AGM from the membership then steps would have to be taken to employ someone into that role. This would need to be made clear to the membership at the AGM.

It was not known at this stage if all the non-office bearers on the executive committee would be offering to stand for another year.

As always all positions would become vacant at the AGM and it would be up to the Membership to vote into office any nominee they chose into the executive positions.

### **Presentation of Prizes Night 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

GE reported that the Gulistan House Indian Restaurant in Broughty Ferry was available to host the presentation night. The options offered by the venue were

discussed and it was agreed that we would go for the £25 per head table service option and charge the member £20 per head. The shortfall would be made up through a mixture of prizes for competitions and an Auction of the t-shirt which PMC received from Matthew Sayed.

AH and DS agreed to collaborate of putting together a quiz to break up the evening.

**Murray Cormack Award** – It was agreed that John Hannah should receive this award this year.

**Sponsors Award** – It was agreed that the award should be shared between Fiona Kinloch and Ally Rennet.

### **Any Other Business**

- The winners of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division were **University C**
- AH had made some contacts with regards the setting up and local interest in over 50's/health related TT sessions during the day at ward road gym. There seemed to be quite a bit of interest and AH asked if GE could contact SE to discuss what availability there may be at Ward road for such events.

**Date of next meeting**