

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

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Minutes of the Finance Sub Committee held at 12:30pm in Ward Road Gym on 7 November 2018

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes, Chair; David Sim, Vice Chair; Dave Beveridge, Treasurer; Sandy Elrick; Arthur Pritchard; Juliet Johnston, Coaching Convener).

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine invited Dave to chair the meeting on this occasion and he thanked everyone for attending.

2 Finance update

2018 projected outturn

The *projected* out-turn for 2018 is a surplus of around £1,500 although Dave pointed out that this had only been achieved because of a further influx of £2,250 in grant money and because WRG had kindly made the decision to half the hall let charges for regular users for the last quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019. Without these two 'windfalls', we would likely be expecting a deficit of £1,500.

Funds in the bank at 31 December 2018 are expected to be around £20,000 (£18,600 being unrestricted).

Affiliation fees

There was a discussion about 2019/20 affiliation fees and after much debate it was agreed to recommend to the full MC a £5 increase in the senior league player rate only (from £40 to £45). This will generate only about £500 but will maintain our financial health, relieve some of the pressure of attracting grants and avoid a situation where we may be forced to make a more substantial increase in future. It was pointed out that affiliation fees had not been increased for at least five years and £45 in 2019 remains less, in real terms, than £40 in 2014. Any increase will still require to be approved by the membership at the AGM.

Assistance for clubs

Given our overall financial health and the expected reduction in WRG charges in Q1 2019, it was agreed to recommend to the MC that clubs be offered a grant of, say, up to £150 each to be used to replace or upgrade equipment such as, posts/nets, court surrounds, scorers and umpire tables. The clubs likely to benefit are Tayside Fire, Telecoms, Lundin Links, Guthrie Park and Plebeians. Mylnefield are expected to make a case soon for DDTTA to take over responsibility for 100% of equipment renewals at WRG, given that this is used extensively for Association activities, and Elaine and Dave indicated that St Andrews would not apply for any funding as all equipment is relatively new. Dave agreed to draft a grant scheme to present to the next MC meeting.

Ward Road sessions

Dave had circulated details of the financial performance of each of the WRG practice/coaching sessions. The Wednesday morning club is returning a surplus of over £1000/yr. Even including coaching costs, the aggregate performance of all WRG sessions is a £570 surplus in the period up to 22 October. No action or changes were considered necessary.

School clubs

The situation at Baldragon and Monfieth school clubs was discussed as these have been poorly attended in recent months. At Baldragon, Paul had reported a slight improvement in numbers in the last couple of weeks and it was noted that there is a balance of £434 of grant funding still to be spent on this project. It was agreed that Baldragon should continue until the end of this year at which time the position will be reviewed again.

Monifieth is not grant funded and only £8-10 of weekly income is currently being generated to set against the coaching costs of £32/session. A lunch time demonstration event held recently may help to swell numbers and it was agreed to continue till 3 December and then re-start the club on 14 January. If the club is not attracting a regular attendance of 8/week by the following mid-term holiday it is likely that we will recommend ceasing this session.

Arthur mentioned that school clubs had been discussed in his Development Sub-Group and that his view was that after-school clubs may not be the best model for the future. The group will look at presenting an alternative set of proposals in due course, possibly based around a promotion of table tennis at lunch time clubs and an after-school club centred at WRG.

2 Next meeting

It was agreed to hold a full MC meeting on Thursday 3 January 2019. David agreed to look into the availability of a meeting space at Forthill.