

## **Dundee and District Table Tennis Association**

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

### **Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7:00 pm on 6 April 2018**

**Present: Trustees:** Elaine Forbes, Chair; David Sim (David), Vice Chair; Dave Beveridge (Dave), Treasurer; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Juliet Johnston, Coaching Convener; Stuart Halliday, Trophy Convener; Miriam Rennet, CPO; Arthur Pritchard; Sandy Elrick.

**Others:** Paul McCabe

#### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Elaine welcomed everyone.

#### **2 Minutes of MC of 9/2/18 and matters arising**

The minutes were approved. Matters arising:

- the three nominations for TTS life membership were gratefully accepted by the potential recipients and have now been submitted to TTS for their consideration
- there is no more information on National Play Day.

Other matters arising were covered during the course of this meeting.

#### **3 Treasurer's update**

Dave reported that the bank balance has dropped from £18,502 to £16,103 since 1 January, although this is to be expected at this time of the year. Apart from payments to coaches and WRG lets, we have also spent a significant amount on trophies and medals, beginner bats and practice balls. The committee ratified a 'sub-committee' decision to buy a £40 gift voucher for one of our key volunteers, partly due to asking him to take on more work.

The only unspent balances on restricted funds are the Dundee Youth Fund and the John Skelly donation, both of which are used to help disadvantaged youngsters.

WRG sessions are showing an overall surplus of £398, or £706 if coaching activity is excluded. The coaching deficit is running significantly lower than last year due to removing the coaching provision at the Active and Healthy session. Wednesdays and Fridays are operating at a profit while the other sessions are running at a small loss. It was agreed that this was satisfactory.

#### **4 Match secretary's update**

Andy ran through the key features of the report he is preparing for the AGM. Despite the usual challenges posed by claims, postponements and player shortages (some due to the recent spell of bad weather) the league competitions have been tight with the final winners and relegation places not decided until the last week.

There was some discussion around Saints' and Kings' contributions to the less satisfactory statistics. It was agreed that Elaine should write to St Andrew University club secretary to explain that, regrettably, we would not accept an entry from them to play in the 2018/19 competition.

**Action point:** Elaine to write to St Andrews University TTC.

### **5 Trophy convener's update**

Trophy engraving and medals are all in hand for the AGM. The new Division 1 trophy has been acquired and engraved and is reported to be very impressive.

The committee voted on the youngster who should receive the Murray Cormack award.

It was agreed that Elaine should invite Stewart Clark to present the trophies and that an appropriate gift or voucher should be bought for Stewart.

**Action point:** Elaine to contact Stewart.

### **6 Tournaments report**

The closed events were another major success with good attendances and the competitions played in the appropriate spirit.

Our national league team finished third in their Division, narrowly missing out on promotion. There was a short discussion about the possibility of entering our cadets team in the national league.

The WRG Director's day TT event went extremely well under Juliet's management and perhaps set the precedent/format for our future involvement.

There followed a fairly long discussion about TTS's rejection of our 'Perth' team at the recent interleague. It was accepted that Elaine had done everything possible to manage the entry in an open and transparent way and that she had been given clear approval. The committee were unanimous in their view that having been given approval, the TTS board and management should have honoured their original decision, notwithstanding the complaint(s) that led to the entry being rejected at the eleventh hour. The TTS COO has issued an unreserved apology to all involved and it was agreed that we should let the matter rest at that, despite the fact that we do not accept that this is where the blame lay.

However, it was agreed that we should ask TTS to consider relaxing the 'two team' rule where there is evidently space for more teams to be accommodated.

**Action point:** Elaine to write to TTS regarding the 'two team rule'.

## **7 Coaching update**

Juliet circulated a short report on WRG coaching and events. Our three main cadets are all progressing well and performed admirably at the interleague in particular. There is also a good crop of minors, one or two of whom might be ready for league play in the near future.

The parents of the three leading cadets are considering organising and funding themselves an intensive coaching event for their youngsters.

There was a short discussion about the temperament and behaviour of one or two youngsters in particular and it was agreed that we have a responsibility to address this through coaching and giving positive and consistent feedback where the youngsters fall short of the expected standard. Addressing youngsters' behaviour was a key target in Paul's 2017 agreement and he was asked again to prioritise this over the next few months.

<p><b>Action point:</b> Paul to be asked to report back to the MC on this topic over the summer.</p>
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Juliet also updated the committee on the current status of our UKCC coaches, viz a viz first aid course and safeguarding courses etc.

## **8 TTS AGM**

There were no proposed nominations or resolutions to be submitted to the TTS AGM.

## **9 DDTA AGM**

It was confirmed that all of the current trustees are prepared to re-stand for office. Callum Riddoch has also expressed a willingness to stand for the committee and it was agreed that, for reasons of succession, it would be good to have more young members gaining experience on the MC.

It was unanimously agreed to propose our last Chairperson for Honorary Vice-President.

Those preparing reports for the AGM were asked to provide these to Dave at the earliest opportunity. The agenda and first tranche of available papers will be issued on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

<p><b>Action point:</b> Dave to issue AGM agenda and reports starting from 9 April.</p>
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There was a short discussion about the MC's proposed change to the rules and constitution to require changes to be supported by a member's club. No other proposals have been submitted this year.

## **10 AOCB**

It was noted that Derek Johnston has undertaken to look into the possible of Dundee joining the 'Ratings Central' ranking system. This follows a request from the Edinburgh league for us to support this system.

Juliet mentioned that there might be an opportunity for DDTTA to have an involvement in future WCPP events.

Elaine mentioned that we had secured an extension of the grant funding for Baldrigon in the amount of £1,100 (still to be received).

David mentioned the 'Year of Young People' and 'Save a Life' events. The latter is a free offer of basic first aid training that can be delivered on the back of another event. The committee noted these.

Dave said there are changes to data protection legislation coming into force in May that may impact on DDTTA.

<p><b>Action point:</b> Dave to research data protection changes and report back to a future meeting.</p>
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## **11 Next meeting**

AGM, Forthill, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting to start after the presentation of prizes.