

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

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

### **Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7:00 pm on 23 July 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; Arthur Pritchard; Mark Lundberg, Callum Riddoch, Sandy Elrick.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Miriam Rennet. Mark Lundberg was formally co-opted onto the Management Committee and list of charity trustees. He and Callum in particular were warmly welcomed to their first meeting.

#### **2 Minutes of MC of 6/4/18 and AGM 26/4/18**

Having previously been circulated for comment, both sets of minutes were approved. To save time Elaine had also circulated a note (Appendix 1) in advance about matters arising from these.

Elaine also updated the committee on the question of submitting our results to Ratings Central. She circulated a note prepared by Derek Johnston on the issues around taking part in this and asked the tournament players on the committee to provide some feedback as this is mainly for their benefit. In particular, someone will need to volunteer to work with Derek on this development and to initially help with inputting league results until the process can be automated.

#### **3 Report from TTS AGM and visit by TTS COO**

Again, Elaine had circulated a report in advance. See Appendix 2.

#### **4 Season 2018/19**

##### **(a) Coaching**

Another 'Gertsen' coaching day is planned for 29/9/18. This will include our youngsters to bring/keep them to the attention of TTS. Elaine said she was keen to also have 3 coaching days over the course of the season for novice youngsters, possibly also involving young players from other areas. This might be funded from a development grant from TTS.

##### **(b) SNL team**

There was a discussion about how to form the SNL team for 2018/19, whether a merger with Fair City was in our interests and the possibility of adding a young team to the bottom league. Elaine and Callum will liaise over this and lead any discussions with the SNL management committee.

### **(c) Trophies**

The 2018 budget for trophies, mementos and engraving is already overspent, albeit that the next significant invoice will fall into next year's accounts. After the perennial debate about whether to drop mementos for runners up (youngsters excepted) or for the less high profile events it was decided that this was an important area of activity and that no changes should be made.

As an aside to this discussion it was agreed that a flat £5.00 entry fee should be re-introduced for each of the two adult closed championship days (i.e. same charge regardless of number of events entered on the day). The charge will also apply to any juniors playing in these events but not the junior/cadet/minor championships. Elaine and Dave will decide whether these charges will be collected on the day or require to be submitted with entries.

### **(d) Divisions 2018/19**

All team entries were submitted by the deadline of 15 July. Division 1 has lost Saints, Kings and Thumpers. In addition, Villa have requested not to take up their promotion to Division 1. Defenders requested not to be relegated.

In Division 3, Rollercoasters' entry has now been withdrawn although Forthill have added a new team (Astronauts). Mylnefield have dropped the team name of Princes and re-introduced Earls.

The net impact is that we have 30 teams compared to 33 last season.

Much discussion had already taken place with certain clubs and teams with the aim of achieving a 10:10:10 divisional structure but it is clear that this isn't achievable without imposing the committee's wishes and alienating certain clubs/teams or members. At this stage therefore it was agreed that the 3 Divisions would comprise 9:10 and 11 teams (as below) and that we would explore the possibility of running Division 1 and 2 on a 10 team matrix (with Division 3 using a 12 team matrix). The purpose of this is to avoid the two top divisions being subject to numerous free weeks and a stop/start season.

	<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Division 3</b>
1	Knights	Villa	Comets
2	Aces	Brechin	Squires
3	Up4it	Truants	Earls
4	Star	Chieftains	Duffers
5	Rockets	Tigers	Tass
6	Prefects	Lundin Lasers	Lairds
7	Telstars	New Kids	Prospects
8	Viscounts	Swots	Buccaneers
9	Defenders	Kingsway	Missiles
10		Sputniks	Telsports
11			Astronauts

\* teams are not listed in any special order

### **(e) Cup draws**

The cup draws were made. It was agreed that the season would start on the week commencing 10 September with R1 of the Stanley Doubles and Division 3 league fixtures. Division 1 and 2 League fixtures will commence on week commencing 17 September. Other key dates were discussed, some agreed and others remain to be finalised once the practicalities of running two fixture lists have been fully explored.

### **(f) Tournament dates**

The two closed championships days will be held on 26 January 2019 and 16 February 2019. The junior tournament day will be 17 February. Again other key dates were discussed and will be finalised alongside the development of the fixture lists.

**Action points:** Dave, David, Andy and Juliet to liaise as appropriate to develop the two matrices and fixture lists, including team codes for league fixtures.

Dave will lead on the production and printing of the handbook.

Andy and Dave, potentially with the help of Derek Johnston, will set up the website fixture lists and cup draws.

Dave will shortly issue the player registration forms which will require to be returned by 31 August.

### **5 AOCB**

Arthur referred to Richard Yule's visit (item 3 above) and suggested the we form a small sub-committee to look at what DDTTA can do to develop our activities in line with national priorities and potentially to attract more significant grant funding at a future date. It was agreed that we had to bear in mind what was possible and practicable with voluntary resources. It was agreed to carry this forward to our next meeting.

### **6 Date of next meeting**

Monday 3 September 2018.

**Matters arising from MC meeting on 6/4/18 and AGM 26/4/18**

**a) MC 6/4/18**

- National Play Day 1st August: thanks to the efforts of David S in going through all the procedures necessary to take part in such events, DDTTA will have a promotional presence in the rangers' pavilion in Baxter Park from 12 noon to 4pm. Thanks also to Arthur who will assist David to transport a table/tables from Forthill on the day.
- TTS Life Memberships: our proposal to have Winnie, David S and Stewart C recognised has been approved ; they will be presented with their certificates at the finals night of the Summer League at WRG on 31st August.
- Tournament report: Elaine emailed Senga Thomson on 8/4/18 to ask on behalf of DDTTA that in future Interleague competitions, consideration is given to allowing more than two teams per district if another district fails to take up its full quota. Received a reply saying that Senga would take this forward to the relevant committee. Now that TTS has held its AGM and Directors have been re-elected, Elaine will send another email asking if the setting up of a tournaments subcommittee is in hand and remind the office-bearers that Mark is willing to serve on this.
- Data Protection: many thanks to Dave B for all his work in getting to grips with the new legislation and communicating DDTTA's position to all our members.

**(b) DDTTA AGM 26/4/18**

- Rules & Constitution updates - Juliet and Dave B have updated the website and the handbook respectively
- DDTTA Honorary Vice Presidents - both Graeme and Derek have accepted and Dave B will add their names to the forthcoming handbook
- We will include in the pre-season TT365 to all members the point raised (by Mark) about matches getting underway timeously and a reminder (point raised by Ken H) about no mobile phones in the playing area at matches
- Summer play – point raised by Callum who has now led 4 coaching sessions for league players at WRG, with 4 more scheduled; a Summer League was conceived in haste and thanks are due to Ian F and Mark for their input in fine-tuning a format which has attracted 25 players. Thanks also to Dave B for setting up the Excel results tables for the computer illiterate Chair. At the finals night at WRG on 31st August, participants will be canvassed for opinions on taking this forward next year. In the meantime, this year's competition has served the double purpose of not only giving shape to participation for those who wanted to keep playing over the summer but of also mentoring a number of the Development Squad players, a plea for which had been made earlier by Juliet and Paul, and we are grateful to those senior players who have taken youngsters under their wing.
- Thanks also to SportDundee who have agreed to help finance our summer activities with a grant of £250.

### Report from TTS AGM

- Status quo for affiliation fees; there will shortly be an Affiliation Review to look at the best way to incorporate the huge number of social players in addition to the c1000 registered league players – mainly in order to present realistic numbers to SportScotland to bolster efforts when competing for funding. Districts were requested to encourage affiliations – in particular from schools to whom we supply coaches in order that the activity is fully covered for insurance purposes ( I will take this forward with Juliet & Paul re Baldragon & Monifieth).
- Districts were asked to try to have player details as accurate as possible for TT365 submission.
- There were discussions on i) ways to attract more female participation in TT and ii) more ways of bringing novice youngsters through to tournament standard.
- Appointment of former National Coach David Fairholm as Performance Director was seen as a welcome step forward and it is hoped that his input alongside Stephen Gertsen’s coaching will prove a boost - although lack of performance funding continues to be a problem (for all sports, not only TT).

### Visit to DDTA of TTS COO, Richard Yule

- Richard Yule visited WRG on Wednesday (18/7/18) and thanks are due to the 7 MC members plus Paul, plus 2 “interested players” who made time to attend.
- Richard outlined the work of TTS who are about to draw up their next 4 year plan for submission to SportScotland, reporting that much progress had been made over the last 2/3 years in regaining the confidence of SportScotland in TTS and securing funding – this latter despite SS’s own problems in securing funding from national government and from decreasing National Lottery income.
- There has also been notable success for TTS in attracting funding from various bodies promoting health & well-being, inclusion & diversity eg “Life Changes Plus”. Funding from such sources has enabled TTS to place 120 tables around Scotland for community use (here in D&D, there are now 2 new tables in Longforgan at church and bowling club through the contact we were able to foster between TTS and one of our regular Wednesday morning ladies, plus 4 are currently being stored by Richard Tough awaiting the completion of a new community sports facility in Tayport). This funding will also help to keep Martin Hayman in post (meanwhile at least) as Project Manager for Community TT.

- Richard also drew our attention to the “Changing Lives Through Sport & Physical Activity Fund” and also the possibility of applying to SS for “Direct Club Investment” funding, stating that both he and Martin could be on hand to offer advice if we decided to proceed with either or both.
- Other topics were discussed, some of which have already been touched on in the notes above re TTS AGM.