

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in the offices of Lindsays Solicitors, Seagate, Dundee at 7:00 pm on 3 September 2018

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes, Chair; David Sim (David), Vice Chair; Dave Beveridge (Dave), Treasurer; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Arthur Pritchard; Mark Lundberg, Callum Riddoch, Sandy Elrick, Miriam Rennet.

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine welcomed those present and thanked Miriam for arranging the use of Lindsays' offices. Apologies were received from Juliet Johnston, Paul McCabe and Stuart Halliday.

2 Minutes of MC of 23/7/18 and matters arising

Having previously been circulated for comment, the minutes were approved. Any matters arising are covered below.

4 Season 2018/19

Since the last meeting, Brechin offered to move up to Division 1 and their place in Division 2 was taken up by the addition of Barons. This had little effect on team codings and fixtures and was easy to accommodate. The final league structure is much improved, with divisions of 10, 10 and 11. Two fixtures matrices are being used to minimise free weeks.

The handbooks have been printed and will be distributed over the next week or so. Two minor errors crept in after the printers requested a change to the font. A correction notice has been put on the website next to the link to the handbook. The quality of the print job is excellent again. Invoices have been issued to the handbook advertisers.

Player registrations and fees were more or less all received by 31 August. Subject to any late registrations our membership numbers have gone down from 144 at the end of 17/18 to 130 currently. We can expect to add 6-8 youngsters for tournament play later in the season so the net loss is probably not more than 10.

4 Treasurer's update

The bank balance is currently around £22,000 although £2,463 of this belongs to TTS. Looking ahead to the end of the financial year, Dave projected a final outturn close to break-even although a forecast is difficult with a full 3 months of the financial period still to go. We budgeted for a deficit of around £700. Our overall financial position remains healthy.

5 Coaching convener's update

In Juliet's absence, Elaine provided a short update. Planning is well progressed for the 'Gertsen' coaching day on 29 September. Two coaching days for novices/juniors are also planned for 3 November and 29 December. Players will be invited from Stirlingshire and East Lothian to give our youngsters some new faces to play against. Callum reported good numbers turning up at WRG with the start of the season approaching.

6 Summer league

This has been surprisingly successful with 27 players taking part and 63 fixtures played. Most teams played at least 9 of a possible 12 fixtures. The finale on 31 August saw Robert Toth and Tanya Kapelyukh emerge as overall winners.

This will likely be repeated in some form in future seasons although David Sim suggested that we seek someone outside the committee to organise it. *It was agreed to seek a volunteer in good time for next summer.*

7 Scottish National league

Three teams have been entered. Fair City decided to play as Dundee A this year and Dundee C will comprise Andrew, David and Jacob who will play in Division 5. Two of the three rounds of fixtures are being played at Bells Sports Centre in Perth. DDTTA met the cost of the team entries but 50% is being recouped from the players.

8 Development Sub-committee

Arthur agreed to Chair a Development sub committee, with Callum and Mark as the other full members. Andy agreed to provide informal input. The committee will look at how we might arrest the gradual decline in league player numbers and generally attempt to make proposals aimed at growing overall participation in our sport. *As a starting point Arthur asked if Dave if he could provide an age analysis of our current membership as soon as possible.*

9 WRG event 12 October 2018

This is planned to coincide with a weekend of top class table tennis taking place in Perth. Dave and Miriam volunteered to help Elaine with the organisation. 'Come and Try' activities will be held in one half of the hall while a competition involving around 18 players will take place in the other half. Further details on the latter will follow.

10 AOB

Elaine explained that she had submitted a bid to TTS for the £400 annual development grant. The events to be funded by the bid include the 12 October immediately above, the novice events on 3 November and 29 December. Also one or two other possible events aimed at female participation and youngsters. The grant should at least cover the cost of lets.

SportDundee are promoting an Open Doors week aimed at attracting newcomers to sport. It was agreed that we would make Friday 28 September a free night for anyone who responds to this and that we will pay Callum to attend as coach (Paul generally declines to coach on Fridays).

11 Date of next meeting

Elaine will advise in due course, but likely to be early January.