

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association (Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7:15pm on 8/10/21

Present: Arthur Pritchard, Chair; David Sim, Vice-chair; Elaine Forbes, Secretary; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Emma Bissett; Callum Riddoch; Stuart Halliday.

1. Welcome

After giving apologies from Dave Beveridge, Arthur welcomed everyone and noted his delight that, since the last MC meeting in August, cup and league play had got underway safely.

2. Match Secretary's report

Andy reported that cup fixtures are well in hand and that there are two league fixtures outstanding. It was noted that already there had been matches with teams playing short-handed or with play-ups.

In the unusual circumstances surrounding play this season, it was felt that there may be individual cases where it would be expedient not to strictly enforce the maximum number of play-ups before a player becomes registered for a higher team in the interests of making it as enjoyable a season of play as possible.

3. Development Plan

Arthur thanked Callum for the work which he had done on this.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to follow the proposal to seek three coaches who will deliver beginner sessions at two school clubs and assist on Thursdays at WRG. It was agreed that Callum will spread word amongst the many sports students in Dundee's educational establishments and select three suitable applicants whom he will mentor in their work of delivering beginner skills in a fun manner to a target figure of 18 pupils at each school venue on a weekly basis.

Arthur and Callum will liaise to get this underway as soon as possible after the October school break and the Finance Sub Committee will meet (date to be confirmed) to put the financing of this on a formal basis.

Action : AP & CR

Elaine reported that TTS are once again offering leagues the opportunity to lodge applications for a development grant worth £400 for new projects. It was agreed that Elaine would draft an application which would include the cost of bats and balls for the above plus assistance with travelling expenses where appropriate for coaches and seek the approval of the Chair and Treasurer before submitting it to TTS.

Also included in the TTS offer is a visit from Stephen Gertsen. Elaine and Callum will liaise to identify a date in the later part of the season when hopefully some of the youngsters brought forward in the development plan above will be ready to take advantage of this visit.

Action AP, CR, DB & EF

4. Disclosures/PVGs

Miriam Rennet has supplied a list of all those in DDTA who have gone through this procedure in the past five years, including those whose certificates she has still to verify.

Arthur will check through the list to identify who have not had their certificates verified but are still 'active' in the District and will ask Elaine to contact them to confirm the date of issue and the registration number.

Action AP & EF

Miriam would now prefer, if possible, to pass on her role to someone with closer contact with those involved in duties which call for possession of documentation.

5. AOCB

a) Discussion was held around the possibility of a player seeking to represent a club while still owing money to a former club and it was reinforced that, without clearance being granted by the club to whom money is owed, no one can register for another club (Rule 6, sub para 4)

b) Stuart will progress the ordering of winners' keepsakes for the three cup finals to be played on 11th December.

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c) at the next MC meeting, consideration will be given to publicising throughout the membership the urgent search for new MC members and office-bearers so that a period of 'shadowing' can follow in good time before the Match Secretary steps down at the end of this season, and given the intention of the majority of office-bearers not to seek re-election after season 22-23.

6. Date of next meeting

Friday 17th December at 7.00 pm in WRG.