

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

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

### **Minutes of the AGM held at 7:45pm in Forthill Sports Club on 27 April 2017**

**Present: Trustees:** Elaine Forbes (Chair), David Sim (Vice Chair), Dave Beveridge (Treasurer), Andy Hughes (Match Secretary), Stuart Halliday (Trophy convener), Sandy Elrick, Arthur Pritchard.

**Other members:** Paul McCabe (District coach), Stewart Clark (Independent examiner), Neil Lea; Kenny McLaren, David Monteith, Paul Monteith, Richard McLaren, Andy Ferguson, Derek Mitchell, John Anderson, Ken Head, Ian McLagan, Eddie Dougan, Ian Farquhar, William Liddle.

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

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been submitted by Ian Hunter, Howard Lee, Graham Wood and Miriam Rennet.

#### **2 Minutes of the 2016 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held in Forthill Sports Club on 28 April 2016 were approved.

#### **3 Matters arising from 2016 minutes**

None.

#### **4 Reports**

Reports by the Chair, Match Secretary, Treasurer, Independent examiner and the District coach had been circulated with the agenda. The following points were highlighted:

- Chair, Elaine Forbes, highlighted that the team work on the committee had contributed greatly to a very successful year
- Match secretary, Andy Hughes, stressed the need for teams to inform him timeously about postponements. Failing to do so simply creates work for him and multiple unnecessary emails seeking out phantom scorecards
- Treasurer, Dave Beveridge, highlighted that OSCR had required our accounts to show the opening balances of the charity as income (donations) from the 'old' Association. The accounts show a surplus of almost £16,955 but a more realistic operational surplus for the period is £1,341. There were no questions on the accounts
- Independent examiner, Stewart Clark, stressed that the wording of his independent examiner's report was also dictated by the charity regulations. There were no matters that required to be drawn to the members' attention. Stewart said that it had been helpful this year to receive the draft accounts from the Treasurer well ahead of the AGM

- District coach, Paul McCabe, reported on a healthy coaching situation with youngsters turning up in good numbers for most sessions and significant progress being made by a good number of them. He stressed the positive impact of table tennis on the lives of some of the youngsters in the Baldragon school club, in particular.

## 5 Affiliation fees

The members approved the Treasurer's recommendation that there be no change to DDTA affiliation fees for season 2017/18. TTS affiliation fees will not be known until after the TTS AGM at the start of July. Members will be kept informed.

## 6 Proposed amendments to Rules

The Match secretary's proposed amendment to rule 3(6) to require home team secretaries to retain the original signed scorecards until the end of the season, rather than deposit them weekly at the current collection points, was unanimously **approved**.

The Treasurer's proposal to extend rule 8 to provide for appeals against disciplinary decisions was unanimously **approved**.

The Match secretary's proposal that rule 3(7) be amended to clarify the league 'tie-break' provisions was **rejected** by 24 votes to 5. The rejection arose principally because teams felt that a toss of a coin should never be the means of separating tied teams. Sandy Elrick stated that the ITTF rules provide, in any event, for tie-break provisions.

Graeme Elrick's proposal that the Management Committee be permitted exceptionally to allow a team to register only two players in certain circumstances was **approved** by 28 votes to 1.

<b>Action point:</b> Dave Beveridge to update the rules on the website and the 2017/18 handbook with the precise terms of each approved change.
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## 7 Proposals for league reconstruction

Following a relatively lengthy debate David Monteith's proposal for league reconstruction was **rejected** by 26 votes to 3.

There followed a discussion of Graeme Elrick's alternative proposals which David Monteith considered should also be voted on. Elaine said that Graeme had been advised that the committee did not believe that there was any benefit in conducting a formal vote on his proposals and he had not objected to this. It was also noted that Graeme had indicated that he was prepared to withdraw his proposals if the committee/membership believed that the league competition was competitive at all levels.

It was acknowledged that the committee has always, and would continue to, attempt to create the most appropriate and competitive league structure for

members, but that this is always dependent, among other things, on the number of teams that elect to enter the league each season, and on whether there are any late entries or withdrawals.

### **8 Office-bearers' honoraria**

The office-bearers left the meeting for this item and Sandy Elrick took over the Chair. The remaining members resolved that a £100 honorarium be paid to the following individuals in recognition of their efforts during season 2016/17:

- Elaine Forbes (Chair)
- David Sim (Vice-chair)
- Dave Beveridge (Treasurer)
- Andy Hughes (Match secretary)
- Paul McCabe (District coach)

### **9 Elections**

#### ***Hon Presidents and Vice Presidents:***

It was noted that David Johnston had died. There were no further changes required to the names in the 2016/17 handbook.

#### ***Trustees:***

Elaine reported that Kenny Stewart and Chris Riddoch were not standing for re-election to the Management Committee. Nominations were put forward, seconded and unanimously approved for the following appointments:

Chairperson – Elaine Forbes

Vice Chair – David Sim

Hon Secretary – *no nominations*

Match Secretary – Andy Hughes

Treasurer – Dave Beveridge

Coaching Convener – *no nominations.*

*(However, Paul McCabe remains District coach and will attend the management committee when required in an advisory (non-trustee) capacity).*

Stuart Halliday – Trophy Convener

Miriam Rennet – Child Protection Officer

Sandy Elrick

Arthur Pritchard

#### ***Independent examiner***

Stewart Clark

### **10 AOCB**

Andy Hughes mentioned that the website domain name and host server would be changing over the summer. The committee will notify members of the new URL once the transfer has been completed.

Paul McCabe mentioned that TTS are trying to encourage members to make bequests in their wills in favour of their local table tennis leagues or Associations.

Dave Beveridge indicated that draft minutes of this AGM would be posted on the DDTTA website within the next 7 days. Any suggestions for corrections/changes etc should be sent to Dave as soon as possible. The final minutes will be posted on the website before the end of May.

#### **11 Close**

Elaine thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting. The 2018 AGM will likely be held around the same date but will be subject to formal notice in the usual manner.