

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

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

### **Minutes of the Management Committee (MC) meeting held at 7:00pm in Lindsay's, Seabraes House, Dundee on Tuesday, 18 July 2017**

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

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

Elaine welcomed everyone and thanked Miriam for making Lindsay's facilities available for the meeting. Apologies were submitted by Paul McCabe and Stuart Halliday.

#### **2 Coaching convener**

Juliet Johnston had offered her services to the committee. She was welcomed and duly co-opted as Coaching Convener and trustee.

#### **3 MC meeting on 6 June 2017**

The minutes of the MC meeting on 6 June 2017 were approved as a fair record of the meeting. Updates on matters arising from the minutes and other topics are as follows:

**UKCC Coaching course** - a grant of £300 has been secured from SportDundee towards funding the candidates resident in Dundee and for facility costs. SportScotland have pledged £1008 (£84 per candidate) and individual applications for grant aid have been lodged with Fife & Angus Councils. The majority of the personal contributions of £26 have been received by the Treasurer.

**Scottish National League** - Fair City thanked us for offering the opportunity to come under the DDTTA umbrella but have decided to go it alone. DDTTA shall enter one team again. Callum Riddoch, Calum Ross, Stuart Halliday and Ade Fabola are all keen to represent us again and have already lodged their £15 contributions.

**Handbook** - preparation is well in hand. All adverts (except J&K accounts) are being renewed and Dave has attracted a new one from Bribar TT. Kris Opila has kindly given a donation in lieu of taking an advert. Trident Trophies have still not paid for 2016/17 – but neither have they invoiced us for the presentation night trophies. Dave will deduct the advert fee from their payment once the invoice is received.

Sandy said that he did not support the changes to the handbook agreed at the last MC meeting. He also asked that the MC keep an open mind on the format which should be adopted for next season's AGM and presentation of prizes.

**Spar** - on Kenny Stewart's advice, Dave has written again to Spar (C J Lang) to ask about the possibility of sponsorship/financial assistance.

**TTS AGM** - Elaine attended the TTS AGM on Saturday 1st July. Main points of interest were:

- affiliation fees remain the same for the forthcoming season. However, a subcommittee will be appointed to review membership categories to find a way to include all those playing social TT so that the number of people playing our sport are better reflected (rather than at present merely showing only those playing competitively)
- a new coaching licence scheme will be launched over the season. Those applying for a coaching licence will not only have to hold a UKCC qualification but also a basic first aid qualification, show evidence of relevant knowledge of Child Protection issues and show evidence of Continued Professional Development
- a tournament subcommittee will consider whether to re-introduce assessment tournaments
- the TTS mid-term Strategic Review meeting with SportScotland was very positive with the result that, not only has funding been guaranteed until the end of the Plan in 2019, TTS is one of very few sports to have been awarded an increase (£25k) in funds at a time when the majority are receiving cutbacks. An additional £70k has also been awarded towards Community Development and Martin Hayman has been appointed P/T Community Development Officer. A further £35k has been awarded from Life Changes Trust for Dementia
- Elaine has requested an early meeting with Richard Yule and Martin Hayman to discuss any involvement of DDTA with community development so that, if appropriate, we can be ready to go with any new projects as our new UKCC coaches come on stream.

### **3 Season 2017/18**

#### ***League***

Dave had received league entries from 33 teams (last year 31). Guthrie Park have entered a new team (Buccaneers), Plebeians have brought back Missiles and St Andrews University have entered a team. Mylnefield have dropped Earls.

Swots and Villa have submitted requests to play in Division 2. Telstars indicated that they would only wish to accept promotion to Division 1 if it has at least 11 teams.

Dave, Elaine and David declared an interest in Swots and/or Villa and did not take part in the vote affecting these teams.

After much debate and discussion it was agreed that we should aim to create three divisions of 11 teams. By cancelling relegation and adding either Brechin (in the first instance) or St Andrews University a place in Division 1 there are enough teams to secure Telstars for Division 1. Swots' and Villa's requests to play in Division 2 were approved. It was noted that Dave had informed Kingsway that Division 2 relegation might be cancelled and asked if they wished to consider staying in Division 2 (even though they had not submitted a request). However, they had been split on the issue

and were content to play in either Division 2 or 3. Andy felt that Kingsway should be further consulted before the Divisions were finalised.

### **Cup draws**

The Cup draws were then made. Sandy strongly disagreed with seeding R1 of the Secondary Shield so that each tie is between a Division 2 and Division 3 team. Juliet explained that this had been agreed by the membership at an AGM several seasons ago.

#### **Action points:**

Brechin, St Andrews University, Telstars and Kingsway to be contacted further, prior to Elaine finalising a notice to the wider membership about the agreed league structure.

***[Following post-meeting discussions with these teams the final structure approved by the committee is at the Appendix to these minutes. Brechin declined the offer of a Division 1 place, the University were keen to play in Division 1 and Kingsway were content to play in Division 3].***

David Sim will work on team codes for the new season and consult with Dave and Andy thereafter.

Andy and Dave will work together to set up the website for league and cup fixtures (and the TT365 site for league fixtures).

Dave will remind clubs about player registrations at the start of August (for end August submission).

Dave will complete the handbook and circulate to the committee for comments before arranging printing.

#### **4 AOB**

There was a brief discussion about the arrangements for opening and closing WRG on Thursdays after we take up the extra hour (8-9pm) from September.

Dave and Elaine explained that Victory Memorial Hall, St Andrews is potentially under threat of sale or closure and there was a short discussion about using two of the tables at WRG on Thursdays should this prove to be necessary to complete league fixtures.

#### **5 Next meeting**

7pm, Monday 4 September 2017 at WRG.

## Appendix

### Proposed divisions 2017-18

#### Division 1

Aces  
Defenders  
Kings  
Knights  
Prefects  
Rockets  
St A Uni.  
Star  
Telstars  
Thumpers  
Up4it

#### Division 2

Brechin  
Chieftains  
Comets  
Lundin Lasers  
New Kids  
Rollercoasters  
Swots  
Tigers  
Truants  
Villa  
Viscounts

#### Division 3

Bucanneers  
Duffers  
Kingsway  
Lairds  
Missiles  
Princes  
Prospects  
Squires  
Sputniks  
Tass  
Telsports