

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the Management Committee (MC) meeting held at 11:00am in Ward Road Gym, Dundee on Wednesday, 5 April 2017

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes (Chair), David Sim (Vice Chair), Dave Beveridge (Treasurer), Arthur Pritchard, Sandy Elrick, Andy Hughes.

Others: Paul McCabe (Coaching Convener).

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine welcomed everyone. Apologies were submitted by Stuart Halliday and Miriam Rennet.

2 Purpose

This gathering had been called mainly as a pre-meeting to the AGM.

3 Matters discussed

Elaine thanked David and Andy for their handicapping skills, which had resulted in a highly competitive Handicap Cup through out the duration of the competition.

Dave has advised WRG that we would like to extend the Thursday let by an hour commencing in September (i.e. from 6-8 pm to 6-9pm).

Our national league team of Calum Ross, Callum Riddoch, Ade Fabola and Stuart Halliday won their last two fixtures, and only lost out to a fourth place finish on a count-back of games won.

Elaine and Stuart Halliday have liaised over the engraving of trophies. It was agreed to accept Trident Trophies estimate of £50 to restore the first division trophy. It was agreed that the invoices should be sent to Dave rather than paid first by Stuart and then reimbursed.

Action point: Elaine to arrange engraving and trophy repair.

Gregor Murray has accepted an invite to present the trophies on 27 April. It was agreed that we should gift him a bottle of single malt in recognition of his services over the years.

Action point: Elaine to purchase gift for Gregor.
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St Andrews University have requested to submit a team for next season's second division.

Action point: Elaine will liaise further with the Uni to ensure that fixtures will be fulfilled.

All of the current office-bearers and committee members present are prepared to stand for re-election. A few of the committee members have still to be canvassed about their intentions.

Action point: Elaine to discuss with Miriam Rennet, Chris Riddoch and Kenny Stewart.

The proposed Rule changes to be voted on at the AGM were discussed. There were no objections to Graeme Elrick's proposed extension to the rule about the number of players to be registered for a team. Dave explained that he had asked Graeme if we could re-word his proposal slightly but had yet to receive a response.

The committee agreed that the league reconstruction proposal submitted by David Monteith could not be implemented, whatever its other merits. The wording of the committee's response to be circulated with the AGM agenda was agreed. Although the committee supported Graeme's Elrick's alternative proposals, in principle, the bottom line is that these can only be general aims and that the league structures for 2017/18, in the first instance, can only be considered when we see the team entries in mid-July.

Action point: Dave to bring all AGM papers together for distribution with the agenda. To be issued not later than 13 April (i.e. giving at least 14 days notice).

Dave mentioned that OSCR (the Charity Regulator) had now approved the annual return and the examined report and accounts for 2016. Sandy suggested that Dave be prepared to explain how Paul's coaching fees are funded.

Sandy mentioned that some of the teams competing in the handicap cup seem to be unaware of the rules of the competition. It was agreed to review the content of the website and the handbook in respect of all the rules of the cup competitions.

Action point: Dave to ensure that cup rules are adequately covered in the 2017/18 handbook (and website).

4 Close

Elaine closed the meeting.