

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7pm on Friday 10 January 2020

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes, Chair; David Sim, Vice-chair; Dave Beveridge, Treasurer; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Juliet Johnston, Coaching Convener; Arthur Pritchard, Safeguarding Officer; Stuart Halliday, Trophy Convener; Callum Riddoch; Emma Bissett; Mark Lundberg.

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine welcomed those present. All the trustees were present.

2 Minutes of MC on 15/11/19 and matters arising

The minutes were approved.

It was noted that no-one had appeared for the first workers' lunchtime session. It was agreed to give this another three weeks before considering cancelling the let and withdrawing the SportDundee grant application.

The late Sandy Elrick and Dave Axton's celebration event had been a great success with a good turnout. A further £88 was collected on the night for Epilepsy Scotland.

2 Treasurer's update

The 2019 unexamined report and accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved. Despite a significant fall in affiliation fee income, increased receipts from the active and healthy community TT sessions led to a surplus of £1,191 for the year, with a cash and bank balance at 31 December 2019 of around £21,600.

Dave had also prepared a crude budget for 2020 which suggested that we were likely to at least break-even in the current year. It was agreed that we would recommend at the AGM that affiliation fees be left static (for the eighth consecutive year). There was some discussion about where we might spend some of the reserves.

<p>Action point: Dave to arrange for the independent examination of the report and accounts in order to present the examined version to the AGM.</p>

Dave had also circulated a paper aimed at seeking nominations for the committee. This will also inform members of the intentions of the current trustees vix a viz re-election. Some final changes were agreed to the document which will be issued with a circular email to all members over the next few days.

3 Match secretary's update

Andy had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Overall, the report was positive and reflected a competitive and interesting season with few issues of concern. Most pleasing is that there have been no claim situations.

There was a short discussion about Division One being somewhat polarized due to the top 4 or 5 teams dominating the rest of the division. It was agreed to defer further discussion to a later date.

4 Coaching

Juliet provided a short update on the coaching situation.

It was agreed to send two coaches, if possible, to the Secondary Schools Finals at Bathgate on 9 February (Callum plus Grant to be approached in first instance) and to send Callum to coach at the Scottish National Championships.

Elaine reported that Derek Mitchell had given a recent update on excellent development work going on in Brechin, both at Guthrie Park and in liaison with Active Schools.

Callum offered to visit Dundee High School to encourage their students who have set up a lunchtime TT club.

There are about 6 DDTA shirts required for youngsters and it was agreed to meet the full cost of these.

Action point: Elaine to contact Grant and arrange shirt purchases.

5 Forthcoming tournaments

There has been a disappointing entry so far for the DDTA junior closed event on 18 January. It was agreed to chase up a few previous entrants to try and allow this event to still proceed. Entries are also slow in coming in for the lower division championships and Fowler Handicap to be held the following weekend.

Action point: Elaine to chase up junior stragglers and to include a reminder about the closed championships in a circular email to all members.

Juliet reported that no date had been set for a WRG Directors' day and it had been left to DDTA to decide whether to hold a TT event. Consideration of this was continued for now.

6 Interleague

Following discussion it was agreed that teams should be limited to three players. In the event that there are more players than places it will be at the committee's absolute discretion to select the teams. The committee will take as many relevant factors of performance into account but there will be no debate or appeal over the final selection.

Action point: Elaine to seek interest in playing for DDTA teams in the interleague through the aforementioned circular email.

Stewart MacGowan trophy – it was agreed to support TTS's intention to include B team performances in deciding the award of this trophy.

Action point: Elaine to advise Stewart MacGowan of our view.

7 DDTA AGM

The management committee has no intention to propose any changes to the constitution or rules at the forthcoming AGM.

8 AOB

Arthur has drafted a short safeguarding policy (we currently refer to TTS's policy) and an induction guide which sets out the roles and expectations of volunteers, participants and

parents/guardians. He also proposed encouraging all clubs to adopt a Code of Practice similar to the one prepared by St Andrews several seasons ago.

Action point: Arthur to consult with Elaine, David, Dave, Callum and Juliet over the wording of these documents before presenting final versions for approval to a future meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman's Challenge final should be played at WRG on a suitable Friday evening and to aim to advertise and showcase the fixture as far as possible.

Action point: Mark and Callum to consult their teammates and notify Elaine of the agreed date for the final before the end of January.

David outlined a programme of free talks being held at Forthill on social media/club development and mental health in sport.

Action point: Elaine to promote these talks in the forthcoming circular email to all members.

Juliet said that she and Derek had been approached by TTS to help out with a junior event that they planned to hold at WRG. The committee was happy to support this.

Elaine invited all the committee members to consider whether there was anyone from our membership that might merit being nominated to TTS for TTS life membership. It was clarified that this should be someone who has contributed significantly to the organisation of the sport and not just someone who has played TT for a long period of time.

9 Next meeting

To be decided.