

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7:00 pm on Thursday 28 March 2019

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes, Chair; David Sim (David), Vice Chair; Dave Beveridge (Dave), Treasurer; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Juliet Johnston, Coaching Convener; Sandy Elrick; Mark Lundberg.

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Arthur Pritchard, Miriam Rennet, Stuart Halliday and Callum Riddoch.

2 Minutes of MC of 8/2/19.

Having previously been circulated for comment, these were approved. Any matters arising are covered below.

3 Treasurer's report

Dave reported that:

- the 2018 accounts have been passed by OSCR
- we are currently running a cash deficit of about £1,300 and a bank balance of just over £19,000. This is expected at this time of the year
- he is concerned that Jarvis Sports may default on a refund due to the Association of around £280. Their customer service has been very disappointing since January.

There was further discussion about affiliation for fees for 2019/20 following which it was agreed to revoke our previous decision to propose a £5 increase.

Derek Johnston, on behalf of Mylnefield TTC had written to request that DDTTA take over full responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of all TT equipment at WRG. This was agreed. While we were also asked to abolish any charges for the use of tables etc. it was agreed that we should be kept informed about any third party use of the equipment.

Action point: Elaine to advise Derek about our decision regarding equipment replacement.

4 Match secretary's report

Andy said he would set out his full report for the season for the AGM. However, the league had run smoothly and the negative stats for the season (claims, postponements and player shortages) were all similar or down on previous years.

5 Coaching convener's update

Juliet circulated a report on the current coaching situation. We are currently having difficulty finding coaches to assist Paul, and in finding licenced coaches to substitute for Paul when he has a night off. It was reinforced that, other than in exceptional circumstances, there should be at least one licenced coach present at coaching sessions and only licenced coaches can expect to receive payment for their services. Elaine suggested that we consider cancelling sessions where this can't be achieved.

Juliet outlined her thoughts on development plans for our best youngsters. She also outlined the current attendance at the school clubs and gave a summary of events at the WRG Directors' Day. Juliet was warmly thanked for organising the TT activity at this event.

Action point: It was agreed that we needed to review our coaching strategy again and a coaching/finance sub-committee meeting will be held after the AGM.

6 Forthcoming AGM

Our WRG let on 25th April (AGM night) will be cancelled, as well as 4th April due to Paul's planned absence and no available substitute. The presentation of prizes will start at 7:15pm this year.

Action point: Dave to cancel WRG lets.

The Rule changes to be tabled by the MC were reviewed and agreed. It was agreed to support Andy's additional request for league results to be input within 24 hours and for a league points deduction to be available for teams/clubs that persistently infringe any of the Rules.

Elaine and Dave explained that Guthrie Park TTC had submitted proposals for four Rule changes involving how league points are awarded, the league tie break provisions, play up rules, and team composition. These will be included in the agenda papers.

Action point: Elaine to warn Stuart that, due to illness, Trident Trophies may be struggling to provide their normal service currently.

Action point: Dave asked Elaine, Juliet and Andy to provide any written reports for the AGM not later than Thursday 4 April.

All MC members present indicated their willingness to stand for re-election in 2019/20. Elaine will check with the others.

Following discussion, the recipients of the Sponsor's Award and the Murray Cormack Shield were agreed.

Action point: Dave to issue the AGM notice, agenda etc. on 5 April.

7 TTS AGM

Members have been advised of the forthcoming TTS AGM. Elaine has submitted the life membership nomination for the individual discussed at a previous meeting.

8 DDTA development plan

Arthur's work on the development plan was warmly acknowledged.

Action point: Dave to include the introductory and explanatory sections of the plan in the papers for the AGM, for information, so that the wider membership get an understanding of just how much is going on.

9 Summer play/summer league

There has not been much interest from Division 1 players but 18 members in total have indicated that would like to take part in a summer competition. Callum and Emma, and Ian Farquhar have shown some interest in organising this summer's play.

Action point: Elaine to ask the aforementioned members if they are prepared to organise the summer league.

10 AOB

Juliet intends to make ping-pong practice available at WRG on some Friday nights over the summer. This was agreed provided the noise doesn't distract the TT players....!

David indicated that he would likely turn down the invitation to take part in the National Play Day at Baxter Park on 7 August for a number of reasons, but will give Arthur the opportunity as he was involved last year

Action point: David will discuss this with Arthur in case he has an interest in being involved.

11 Date of next meeting

To be decided after the AGM.