

West Kent Table Tennis Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 11 July at the Angel Centre Tonbridge

Attending

Tyron Stalberg (Chairman) (TS)	Paul Livermore
Ming Majoe (President) (MM)	Heidi Smith
Dave Cowlen (Gen. Secretary) (DJC)	Peter Duke
Dan Powley (Reg. Secretary) (DP)	Filippo Rotunno
Sarah Maris (SM)	Hugh O'Neill
Malcolm Cole (MC)	Bob Everest
Nick Smith (NS)	

Apologies for absence

Brian Lees (Treasurer)
Roger Harris (Development Officer) (RH)
Tony York
Steve New

1. Welcome & apologies for absence

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He also thanked fellow committee members for their support and efforts during the year. DJC listed members where apologies for absence had been received.

TS continued by reflecting on the trends affecting the sport as a whole and WKTTA in particular and the need for everyone to work cooperatively to maintain and develop WKTTA.

TS advised the meeting that item 1.6 of the agenda (Proposals) would be brought forward to follow the Secretary's and Treasurer's report.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

A proposal was received from the floor that the minutes should be accepted as a true and complete record of the meeting. This proposal was seconded.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Reports

4.1. Secretary's Report

DJC briefly summarised his report and advised that a copy of the report would be appended to these minutes. This would include a list of the Annual Closed Tournament winners and the various awards applicable to the Main League and other competitions. Brian Milsted's efforts in running the Development League were acknowledged.

4.2. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, DJC highlighted the key elements of the accounts which show an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £1,039.71. This is principally attributable to the purchase of new equipment at Tn2.

A proposal was received from the floor to adopt the accounts which was also seconded from the floor.

4.3. Development Report

TS noted that the focus of development activity for the coming season and beyond would be to continue to focus on identification of a 'hub' venue in the North of our catchment area.

5. Proposals

TS referred to the presentation that had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting and outlined the reasons for arriving at the conclusion that we should move to two player teams, playing two matches on each match night on 1.5 tables per match. He also noted that a variation on this proposal had been suggested from the membership which involved playing one match only, consisting of two singles and a doubles.

Discussion took place on the relative merits of the two proposals and also the possibility of using other venues for match nights such as Byng Hall, Leigh, and Meadows which would be feasible with a one table per match scenario.

A vote was then held and it was unanimously agreed that two player teams would be adopted for 2017/18 season, but with two singles and a doubles played on one table. It is likely that matches will be played at Tn2, Meadows and Otford but more work is needed to establish how matches will be distributed between the venues and the costs involved.

It was also agreed to adopt the more flexible approach to substitutes, with any team being able to field a substitute from any other team of the same division.

A note is to be issued to the membership advising this decision and Clubs will then need to start putting teams together. It was suggested that the greater flexibility around substitutes should be emphasised to avoid unnecessary large squads to ensure two players are always available.

6. Election of Officers and Vice Presidents

Election of the Officers of the Association took place with the result as follows:

Chairman	Tyron Stalberg
President	Ming Majoe
General Secretary	Vacant
Registration Secretary	Dan Powley
Treasurer	Brian Lees
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Development Officer	Nick Smith
General Committee Members	Dave Cowlen, Sarah Maris, Roger Harris

Vice Presidents were noted as follows:

J. Batchelor, J. Bateup, A. R. Blundell, J. Butler, Mrs. M. Carden, M. Cole, J. Davison, S. Day, P. Henderson, B. S. Hodder, E. G. B. Houghton, R. Jeffery, C. Kelly, B. Lees, D. Lowrie, H. M. Macdonald, J. Neal, D. Pilcher, J. Reeves, R. Smewing, R. Taylor, A. J. W. Woollven and D. Wootten.

TS asked if there were any members that wished to join the committee. DJC referred to a conversation with Paul Homewood who had expressed interest. DJC will follow up with PH. TS stated that he would ask Graham Windram who is responsible for Kent League this year.

7. Any other business

None.

8. Presentation of Trophies

MC announced the winners of the Main League trophies and these were presented by the President, Mr Ming Majoe. A list of the trophy and medal winners is appended to the Secretary's report.

9. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, TS thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 21.30.

D Cowlen

On behalf of West Kent Table Tennis Association