

West Kent Table Tennis Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 8.00 pm on Thursday 20 June 2019 at the Angel Centre Tonbridge

Attending

Tyron Stalberg (Chairman) (TS)	Paul Homewood
Ming Majoe (President) (MM)	Heidi Smith
Dave Cowlen (Acting Secretary)	Peter Duke
Dan Powley (Treasurer) (DP)	Geoff Curtis
Malcolm Cole (MC)	Roger Harris
Nick Smith (Reg. Secretary & Development Officer) (NS)	

Apologies for absence

Sarah Maris (SM)
Filippo Rotunno
Paul Livermore

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. Apologies for absence were noted.

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 and the minutes signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Reports

4.1. Secretary's Report

DJC reported on the following subjects:

- League operations

- Registration fees and rule amendment
- Frequency of committee meetings and rule amendment
- TT365 League Manager Software
- Sunday sessions
- Development League

The Secretary's written report is appended to these minutes and the following points were noted:

- The rule amendments for a team registration fee of £18 rather than per player and a reduction in the number of meetings to three per annum were agreed.
- The Committee wishes Brian Milsted to continue with the Development League and asked DJC to relay their thanks to him. Later in the meeting it was agreed he should be invited to become a Vice President.
- The Committee would take a view on continuing with TT365 once the TTE AGM had been held on 29 June 2019.

4.2. Treasurer's Report

DP circulated the accounts for 2018/19 which are appended to these minutes.

DP reported that there was a small surplus for the year which included the loss from the Sunday Sessions resulting primarily from an invoice for £400 in respect of hall hire fees not being included in 2017/18 accounts, whilst the revenue for the corresponding period had been included in the previous year.

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

4.3. Development Report

NS reported that there were 69 registered players of which 22 were Development League players. Sixteen teams participated in the Winter League.

Brief comment was made on the central venue concept, but there doesn't appear to be a strong case to consider this option again in the immediate future.

5. 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	Dave Cowlen
Registration Secretary & Development Office	Nick Smith
Treasurer	Dan Powley

Vice Chairman	Remains vacant
General Committee Members	Malcolm Cole, Dave Cowlen, Sarah Maris, Roger Harris, Paul Homewood.

Vice Presidents were noted as follows:

J. Batchelor, J. Bateup, A. R. Blundell, 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.

It was noted that John Butler was deceased.

TS proposed that Brian Milsted should be offered a Vice Presidency in view of his contribution to operation of the Development League. This was agreed and DJC will invite BM to the Vice Presidency role. (This has now been accepted by Brian.) **DJC**

6. Proposals

The following proposals were accepted:

- To continue running the league in the existing two player format and either playing each team two or three times.
- To replace individual registration fees with team registration fees of £18 per team. **DJC**
- To adopt the rule amendments corresponding to the above and refinement of the substitution rule. Note that Geoff Curtis suggested that the bracketed sentence describing the aim of the Association (see below*) should be placed at the beginning of the Constitution and Rules rather than in the body of the rule amendment. This was agreed. **DP**

*(The aim of the Association is to promote the game of table tennis and to create a local table tennis community in the West Kent area which will allow players of all ages and abilities to enjoy both competitive and social table tennis in a friendly and welcoming environment).

7. Closed Tournament

NS reported that he had emailed 56 members to seek views on the tournament and received 13 responses, though without any clear consensus. After discussion it was agreed the NS would select a pre-season date and issue a further email advising the date and emphasising the banded approach to try and encourage division two and Development players to enter. It was noted that it would require about 20 players for the tournament to be financially viable.

8. Any other business

None.

9. Presentation of Trophies

MC announced the winners of the Main League trophies and these were presented by the President, Mr Ming Majoe. Please see the attached list.

10. Closure of Meeting

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

D Cowlen
West Kent Table Tennis Association
26 June 2019

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Secretary's Report

Operation of League

Generally the League has operated smoothly with very few cancellations or rearrangements. Some teams have on occasions struggled to find two players, but the flexibility around substitutes has been helpful. A minor change to the substitution rule is being made – see next page.

Registration Fees

Currently league registration fees are based on £9 per registered player. It is proposed that we move to a per team fee of £18 which will simplify administration. It will be up clubs to determine how they recoup the team fee i.e. either through match or membership fees. This change will result in a small drop in our revenue as we will be collecting less for teams with more than two registered players, Dan has established that this is easily covered by our surplus.

Meetings

Since last year's AGM the Committee has met only once on 3 April 2019. Other matters have been dealt with by email between the committee. One of the Rule changes being proposed is that we should reduce the number of meetings from six as stated in the current rules to three.

TT365

Earlier this year TTE announced their intention to replace TT365 with a TTE in-house system. TT365 are a small independent software company formed some years ago to develop the TT League Management System. They also developed the software to operate TTE's membership system.

It seems that TTE decided to bring their membership system in house which resulted in a reduction on TT365s income. TT365 attempted to raise the cost of the League Management System to compensate for the loss of income, given that their overheads would remain much the same. Negotiations between the two organisations broke down completely and TTE announced it's intention to replace TT365 with it's own system which is currently under development with the objective of being fully implemented by September.

TT365 approached leagues currently using TT365 inviting them to rent the system direct from them at an estimated cost of £7 per annum per registered player. Separately a proposal was put forward to be voted on at the TTE AGM on 29th June to reduce the TTE membership fee by £7 per member in order that leagues could continue to use TT365 effectively at neutral cost. This proposal is being voted on at the TTE AGM on 29 June. It seems that there is significant support for the proposal. WKTTA have indicated to our TTE National Counsellor (Neil Le Milliere) that we are minded to continue using TT365 if the proposal to reduce membership fees is successful and therefore support the fee reduction proposal.

We shall have to take a view after the TTE AGM. Currently there has been no information about the nature of the commercial relationship with TT365 going forward or how fees will be collected. We would probably have to look to the clubs to pay a lump sum for the TT365 fee based on their registered players and then recoup from the individual players if they wished to do. Overall based on £7 per registered player the total TT365 cost would be around £450.

Sunday Sessions

The Sunday sessions at Meadows School continue with typical attendance of between 8 and 12 players. There are a core of eight or so players that attend nearly every week and we then have a

larger number that attend less frequently. The sessions continue to be a good option for recreational players to practice regularly and a route back into the game for league standard players who want to start playing again. For next season we will have four new players in the league who have come via the Sunday sessions (Jo Boyle, Paul Snaith, Martin Sadler and Martin Dunville). Many of the Sunday players also attend the T&T Wednesday sessions.

As the accounts indicated overall the sessions have been running at a small loss but this is balanced by the Development League which has been running at a surplus.

Development League

The League was again run by Brian Milsted. There were nine match evenings held involving ten two player teams and a number of substitutes. There were some difficulties with players cancelling at short notice and I have suggested to Brian that it would be preferable to reduce the number of teams to eight and also appoint a team secretary to each team.

Brian has specifically asked if WKTТА would like him to continue running the DL. I said that I thought the answer would almost certainly be yes, but I would confirm that.

DJC

Rule Changes

Meetings of Committee

10. The Committee shall meet not less than three times a year and (if possible) at intervals of no more than two months during the season.

Substitutes

14. At least two players shall be nominated for each team. Teams will have the ability to select players from within their division (or from divisions below where this applies) to fulfil a fixture.

There will be no restrictions to playing for others teams or clubs unless the committee deems that a club or team is acting outside of the aim of the league (The aim of the Association is to promote the game of table tennis and to create a local table tennis community in the West Kent area which will allow players of all ages and abilities to enjoy both competitive and social table tennis in a friendly and welcoming environment). Generally, the expectation is that where a team uses a player from another team within the same division, that player will be of a standard not significantly higher than the player being substituted.

Floating players wishing to play occasionally in the league may also be registered for use by any club. This may be players from the development division or ad hoc players not associated with clubs registered in the league. Their rating (see below) will determine which divisions they are eligible to play in. A rating will be allocated by the Registration Secretary to a previously unrated player having consulted with the relevant club secretary or team captain and taking into consideration any data from Table Tennis England or other leagues. Such rating may be amended accordingly after the Registration Secretary has received the results from at least three relevant matches.

Team Fee

16. The name of each player must be entered on a league registration form by their respective Club, and this form, together with a Team Registration Fee of £18 per team must be sent to the Registration Secretary. (Note that the introduction of a registration fee per team rather than per player, effective from 2019/20, will simplify administration, with no extra charge for teams with only two players registered and represent fairer value for teams with multiple registered players.) There will be no reduction in the Team Registration fee for teams made up of or including junior players.

WEST KENT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE WINNERS & TROPHIES 2018/19

Division 1	C Allcorn Cup	Leigh "A"
Division 2	Perpetual Cup	Otford "D"
Doubles League Winners		No Competition
Best Individual in Division 1	Baldry Cup	M. Brown (Leigh)
Best Under 18 Average In Highest Division	Pilcher Tankard	No Competition
Most Improved Player	Paul White Memorial Cup	I. Freeman (T&T)
Handicap	Shield	No Competition (Shield at Byng Hall)

TOURNAMENT WINNERS & TROPHIES

Open Singles	Manu-Life Trophy	Tyron has
Open Doubles	Harris Memorial Cup	Tyron has
Vets Singles	B P Bezant Cup	Tyron has
Vets Doubles	Ron Terry Cup	No Competition
Handicap	Rivercourt Cup	No Competition
Over 60's Singles	Eric Batchelor Cup	Malcolm has
Ladies Singles	John Knock Cup	No Competition
Mixed Doubles	Quarry Cup	No Competition
Division 2 Singles	Alan Woollven Cup	No Competition
Division 2 Doubles	John Butler Cup	No Competition
Under 15 Singles (Cadets)	S. Woollven Cup	No Competition
Under 18 Singles (Juniors)	Le May Cup	Malcolm has
Senior Singles		No Competition
Band 1 Singles		
Band 1 Doubles		No Competition
Band 2 Singles		

NOTE: All cups under "No Competition" entries are held by Malcolm (except the Handicap Shield)