

## **West Kent Table Tennis Association**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held at 8.00 pm on Thursday 21 July 2022 at Leigh Village Hall**

#### **Attending**

Tyron Stalberg (Chairman) (TS)	Tony York
Ming Majoe (President) (MM)	Heidi Smith
Dave Cowlen (Secretary) (DJC)	Geoff Curtis
Dan Powley (Treasurer) (DP)	
Nick Smith (Reg. Secretary & Development Officer) (NS)	
Malcolm Cole (MC)	
Paul Snaith (PS)	

#### **Apologies for absence**

Roger Harris  
Filippo Rotunno

### **1. Chairman's welcome & apologies for absence**

TS opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He also thanked fellow committee members for their support and efforts during the year. The following achievements were noted:

- League play was successfully re-established after Covid
- Club nights and Sunday sessions are thriving
- A 'community' feel has been established
- More regular communication with players and interested parties has been developed through the WKTTA Facebook Group

### **2. Apologies for absence**

DJC noted that apologies had been received from Filippo Rotunno and Roger Harris.

### **3. Minutes of the last AGM**

In view of Covid, no AGM took place in respect of the WKTTA year ending 31 May 2021.

## 4. Matters Arising

In view of 1.2 above there were no matters arising.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's written report is appended to these minutes.

### 5.2. Treasurer's Report

DP had previously circulated the accounts for the twelve months to 31 May 2022. In summary the Associations funds stand at £5,057.34, representing a positive movement of £ 2,117.38. The increase in funds is largely attributable to the Sunday sessions running at a surplus.

The accounts were adopted at the meeting.

## 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	Dave Cowlen
Registration Secretary	Nick Smith
Treasurer	Dan Powley
Development Officer	Paul Snaith
Vice Chairman	Remains vacant
General Committee Members	Malcolm Cole, Sarah Maris,

Vice Presidents were noted as follows:

Vice Presidents for 2021/22 were J. Batchelor, J. Bateup, A. R. Blundell, Mrs. M. Carden, M. Cole, J. Davison, S. Day, B. S. Hodder, E. G. B. Houghton, R. Jeery, C. Kelly, B. Lees, D. Lowrie, H. M. Macdonald, B. Milstead, J. Neal, D. Pilcher, J. Reeves, R. Smewing, R. Taylor and D. Wootten.

It was proposed that Mike Sefton should be offered a Vice Presidency in view of his long term participation in the Association and it's predecessors. This was agreed and DJC will invite Mike to the Vice Presidency role.

**DJC**

## 7. Proposals

The following proposals were accepted:

- To continue running the league in the existing two player format, each team playing two times throughout the season.
- Teams to play matches approximately every two weeks.
- Team registration fees to be reduced to £12 per team.

## 8. AOB

A brief discussion took place on the number of teams likely to be entered by each club as follows:

Otford = 6 or 7

Leigh = 5

Meadows = 4

There being no further business, TS thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 20.45.

D Cowlen, Secretary  
West Kent Table Tennis Association  
31 July 2022

## WKTTA Secretary's Report – 2021/22

### 1. League Activities

Covid restrictions delayed reinstatement of the WKTTA League until the w/c 22 November 2021. Final fixtures were concluded during the w/c 28 March 2022.

Six teams participated in each division with the results as follows:

#### Division 1

Team	P	W	L	SF	SA	Pts
Oxford A	10	8	2	42	8	42
Leigh A	10	8	2	35	15	35
Teen and Twenty A	10	5	5	29	21	29
Leigh B	9	4	5	14	31	14
Teen and Twenty B	9	3	6	14	31	14
Oxford B	10	1	9	11	39	11

#### Division 2

Team	P	W	L	SF	SA	Pts
Oxford C	10	9	1	40	10	40
Oxford D	10	9	1	40	10	40
Oxford E	10	5	5	31	19	31
Teen and Twenty C	10	3	7	17	33	17
Leigh C	10	3	7	14	36	14
Oxford F	10	1	9	8	42	8

### 2. 2021/22 Participation

Covid restrictions interrupted our activities in March 2020 and no league activity took place during 2020/21. As with many leagues and as can be seen from the figures below, this interruption had a significant impact on participation. The early signs are that we will see a pick up in participation for 2022/23.

Season	2019/20	2021/22	Change	%
Player count	53	39	-14	-26

### 3. Meetings

Due to Covid restrictions and the absence of any league activity during 2020/21 there was no AGM held in 2021.

Committee meetings were held on 29/09/2021 and 25/05/22. Otherwise any matters arising were dealt with by email between the Committee.

#### **4. Registration Fees**

Registration fees for 2019/20 were set at £18 per team. It is proposed that for 2022/23 they are reduced to £12 per team.

#### **5. Sunday Sessions at Meadows**

51 sessions operated successfully during 2021/22 with the average number of players during 2021/22 = 17 and the highest attendance = 24.

We continue to receive new enquiries through the website and by recommendations from existing players. The current level of participation is just about at the practical limit for the venue and the number of tables available. It is very busy at times but players adapt and play more doubles to limit waiting time.

We recently ran a doubles tournament with 16 participants. Teams were balanced by pairing a stronger player matched with a weaker player. It worked well with very positive feedback. Based on the feedback we will be running similar sessions approximately every three months. The session was perfectly organised by Paul Snaith.

It is also intended to start running monthly coaching sessions with John Burleton in attendance.

Discussions have been taking place with Meadows concerning the lighting which has deteriorated over the five years that WKTTA and Meadows TTC have operated at Meadows. Agreement has now reached and all the existing metal halide lights will be replaced with LED technology designed to achieve a minimum of 500 Lux throughout the playing area. 500 Lux is the light level recommended by TTE for league activities and 3\* tournaments. The cost is just under £6,000 which is being shared 50/50 between WKTTA and Meadows TTC. The work is due to be completed at the end of August in readiness for the start of the new season.

#### **6. Development League**

The Development League did not operate during 2020/21.

David Cowlen  
21/07/22