

**West Kent Table Tennis Association  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Held on Thursday 11 July 2024 at Leigh Village Hall**



## **Attending**

The members attending the meeting were as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Committee role</u>	<u>Club</u>
Malcolm Cole		Leigh
Richard Cowling	Committee member	Otford
Geoff Curtis		Meadows
Ming Majoe	President	Meadows
Dan Powley	Treasurer	Leigh
Paul Snaith	Development Officer	Leigh
Tony York		Otford

## **Welcome**

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman position being vacant, Dan Powley took the chair and welcomed all the meeting. The meeting opened at 19:39.

Those present received an update from Tony York on Tyron Stalberg and expressed their best wishes to Tyron and his family.

## **Apologies for absence**

The following apologies for absence were received in advance of the meeting:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Committee role</u>	<u>Club</u>
Carolyn Brown		Leigh
Mark Brown		Leigh
Roger Harris		Meadows
Paul Livermore		Otford
Terry McKee		Sutton-at-Hone
Mark Romano		Leigh
Heidi Smith		Leigh
Nick Smith	Registration Secretary	Meadows
Andy Townson	Committee member	Meadows

## **Minutes of the last AGM**

All present were happy that the minutes (previously circulated) reflected a true and accurate record.

## **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM

## Reports

Understandably there were no chairman or secretary reports this year.

The accounts and treasurer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts noted a surplus for the year of £2,114.08 and net funds at 31 May 2024 of £7,500.61.

Malcolm Cole proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by Geoff Curtis and unanimously agreed.

There was a discussion on the surplus arising from the Sunday sessions:

- Reducing the £6 per session fee was not felt to be desirable.
- A potential rent increase was felt possible in the future (though this had not been indicated by Barnardos).
- A table repair was also likely to be needed soon.
- Tournaments for Sunday attendees have not been run recently, but may do in near future which would incur costs for prizes etc.
- Consideration was given to enhancing the lighting in the Annex at Meadows, with WKTTA and Meadows TTC to share the cost 50:50. Paul Snaith agreed to contact Meadows School to assess School's interest.

Separately from the accounts, it was also noted that Meadows School has been given permission to use the WKTTA tables in exchange for WKTTA using their storage space, but there is no evidence that they have done so. John Burleton has been providing coaching using the tables as planned when obtaining the five additional tables.

## Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected:

President: Ming Majoe

Registration Secretary: Nick Smith

Treasurer: Dan Powley

Development Officer: Paul Snaith

General Committee member(s): Richard Cowling, Sarah Maris, Andy Townson

No volunteers were received for the vacant Chairman, General Secretary or Vice Chairman positions.

Dan Powley was to draft an email for general circulation appealing to members to put themselves forward.

It was agreed that the following would be the Vice Presidents of WKTTA for 2024/25:

- Malcolm Cole
- John Davison
- Steve Day
- Brian Lees
- Dave Lowrie
- Brian Milsted
- John Neal

## Proposals

### *League structure*

The league structure was discussed. It was felt moving to three divisions of seven or eight teams was desirable but difficult to achieve. Initial indications from clubs suggested the most likely number of teams would be as follows:

Leigh	4
Meadows	7
Oxford	7
Sutton-at-Hone	1
Total	<u>19</u>

It was felt this number of teams was unlikely to support a three Division structure. Nonetheless, as an indication of potential extra demand (at least for a higher-quality Division One) it was suggested that Wayne Matthews be approached for input. Action Item: Paul Snaith to contact Wayne, seeking out specific names and potential new team numbers.

The possibility of Byng Hall entering teams was discussed but felt probably unlikely. As were teams from Darenth.

It was noted that there is a club in Chiddingstone Causeway which has regular table tennis, but it was understood that this was purely social play and attendees had no interest in joining a league.

### *Team fees*

Agreed to remain at £12.

### **Any other business**

There was no other business for discussion.

### **Presentation of awards**

The following awards were noted:

Division One: Winners Oxford A, Runners Up Leigh B  
Division Two: Winners Meadows D, Runners Up Oxford F  
Highest percentage in Division One: Mark Brown

### **Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 20:48.