



**KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS
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K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Maidstone Civil Service Sports & Social Club on Wednesday 11th July 2007

Present:

Mark Romano (President)

Gary Howes (Vice-Chairman)
Les Etheridge (Hon. Treasurer)
Angie Bristow (Hon. Secretary)
Len Pilfold (Development)
Ken Muhr (National Councillor)
David Cue (Umpires Secretary)
Mark Walsh (Coaching)
Ted Tydeman

Local League Representatives (See attached list)

Barry Chapman
Allan Woollven
Andrew Haisman
Sally Wilson
Bob Baker

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Neil Highams, Roger Pingram and Neil Le Millier

1.0 Welcome

1.1 The meeting was opened by President Mark Romano

2.0 Minutes of AGM 21st June 2006

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the AGM and signed off by the President Mark Romano.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters arising

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4.0 Management Committee Report

Les Etheridge stated that the report is normally presented by the Chairman, but in Neil's absence he had agreed to give a verbal report.

4.1 County Teams

- 4.1.1 Kent entered 3 Junior, 2 Senior, 5 Veteran and 2 Over-60s teams in the County Championships this season.
- 4.1.2 The veteran teams were organised by Ted Tydeman, the juniors by Neil Highams and for the first time the senior teams by Kim Mudge.
- 4.1.3 Ted had provided a full written report for the veteran and over-60s teams which was handed out at the meeting.
- 4.1.4 The senior teams finished 3rd and 6th in division 2D. The junior 1st team finished bottom of 1b, with the 2nd and 3rd teams finishing 6th and 7th in division 2D.
- 4.1.5 There were some organisation difficulties with the junior teams this season which will be rectified and hopefully we will see an improvement in the results.
- 4.1.6 New county shirts were purchased last season and they are considered to be a significant improvement, the old shirts being over 10 years old and in desperate need of replacement.

4.2 Kent League

- 4.2.1 David Cue again ran the Kent League very efficiently. There were 3 veteran divisions this season and the trophies will be presented at the end of the meeting. David issued regular reports and league tables. The team tournament was held at Byng Hall and again proved very popular.
- 4.2.2 Unfortunately there was no Men's division this season and David and the committee would be interested in hearing any suggestions for improving this situation.

4.3 Coaching Officer

- 4.3.1 Mark Walsh was introduced to the meeting as the new Coaching Officer. Mark took on this position early this year and is developing his thoughts. The committee are looking forward to discussing with Mark his plans for the future.

4.4 Umpires Secretary

- 4.4.1 David Cue took on the role of Umpires Secretary this season. David has been active in encouraging people to take up umpiring with adverts in local league handbooks. The committee thanked him for all his hard work and asked for support from the local leagues.

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4.5 Ratings Events

- 4.5.1 Len Pilfold ran 4 ratings tournaments this season at the Howard School. These proved to be successful and well supported and provided an opportunity for more kids to play competitive table tennis.

4.6 Kent Closed

- 4.6.1 The 2007 Kent Closed was held over the weekend of 5 and 6 May at Body & Mind in Canterbury. The tournament was not without difficulties as there were not enough helpers available and advance planning needs to be improved. Fortunately the players regarded it as a successful event and didn't appear to notice the difficulties. Particular thanks are due to Graeme and Linda Sopp, Bob Baker and Gary Howes for their work on the tournament.
- 4.6.2 Joe Kennedy again dominated the senior event winning 3 titles and Gemma Yarnley picked up 2.
- 4.6.3 In the junior event Emma Tovey was the star for the girls winning 4 titles and James Glass the star for the boys with 3. Details of all the winners and runners up are available on the website.

4.7 Kent Website

- 4.7.1 The website www.kctta.net was re-launched at the end of February and since then it has been regularly updated. Hopefully you find the new format much more user friendly and easier to use. Considerable thanks are due to John Hubbard for his assistance with this.
- 4.7.2 However we need more to go on the site so please can all leagues provide as much information as possible. Constructive comments and suggestions on any aspect of the website are also always welcome.

5.0 Neil Highams

- 5.1.1 Four years ago when nobody else was prepared to be county chairman Neil stepped up and rather reluctantly took on the job. Since then Neil's job has moved to Belgium and he has had less and less time available. Not surprisingly he has now decided to stand down.
- 5.1.2 Had Neil not taken on the job in 2003 the county would have been in very considerable difficulty and I believe he deserves great credit for helping to see the county through a difficult time.
- 5.1.3 Were Neil able to be here this evening I am sure he would want to thank all the committee for their hard work over the last year.

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6.0 Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 The Treasurer stated that this year's accounts had been audited by Roger Pingram and that these had been signed off.
- 6.2 Les reported that the County had made a profit this season even after the purchase of the County shirts.

7.0 Affiliation Fees

- 7.1 There was no proposal to increase affiliation fees and it was agreed that the fees remain unchanged.

8.0 Election of Officers

8.1 Chairman

- 8.1.1 Mark Romano handed over to Angie Bristow at this point. Angie Bristow stated that Neil Highams wished to stand down as Chairman.
- 8.1.2 Angie then stated that the committee had decided at the previous meeting to ask the current President Mark Romano if he would be prepared to stand as Chairman. She then asked the League representatives to vote and Mark Romano was unanimously elected to post of Chairman. Mark Romano then resigned his position as President.
- 8.1.3 Angie Bristow handed the meeting back to the new Chairman Mark Romano

8.2 President

- 8.2.1 Mark Romano stated that the committee had decided to ask Barry Chapman if he would be prepared to stand as President. Barry Chapman accepted the offer and so Mark Romano asked the league representatives to vote and Barry Chapman was duly elected President for the next three years.

8.3 Vice Chairman

- 8.3.1 Gary Howes stated that he was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Gary Howes was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

8.4 Secretary

- 8.4.1 Angie Bristow stated that she was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Angie Bristow was duly elected as General Secretary

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8.5 Treasurer

8.5.1 Les Etheridge stated that he was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Les Etheridge was duly elected as Treasurer.

8.6 Coaching Officer

8.6.1 Mark Walsh stated that he was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Mark Walsh was duly elected as Coaching Officer.

8.7 Development

8.7.1 Len Pilfold stated that he was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Len Pilfold was duly elected as Development Officer.

8.8 Umpires Secretary

8.8.1 David Cue stated that he was willing to stand again this season. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. David Cue was duly elected as Umpires Secretary

8.9 Executive Committee

8.9.1 Mark Romano stated that the Executive Committee currently consists of Ken Muhr and Ted Tydeman.

8.9.2 Mark asked if there was anybody else wishing to join. Sally Wilson and Bob Baker said they were willing to volunteer. There were no further nominations or objections.

8.9.3 Mark asked the local league representatives to vote for the elected of all members. The vote was unanimous and Ken Muhr, Ted Tydeman, Sally Wilson and Bob Baker were duly elected as the Executive Committee.

8.10 Appointment of Auditor

8.10.1 Les Etheridge stated that Roger Pingram was willing to continue in the role of Auditor. No other nominations were received and there were no objections. Roger Pingram was duly appointed as Auditor.



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9.0 Proposed Rule Changes

- 9.1 Les Etheridge stated that due to changes to the ETTA model rules, changes would need to be made to the County Association Rules. (Please see attached proposed changes)
- 9.2 Mark Romano asked the representatives to vote on the proposed changes. All were in favour.
- 9.3 The proposed changes were accepted and incorporated into the Association's rules.

10.0 Outline Proposal for Junior Kent League

- 10.1 Les Etheridge presented the committee's outline proposal for introducing a Junior Kent League which had been circulated prior to the meeting. (See attached proposal)
- 10.2 Alan Rutherford (Dover) stated that Dover could probably get 8-10 teams.
- 10.3 Charles Harman (Canterbury) stated that Canterbury already has a junior matches as part of an East Kent League.
- 10.4 There followed a discussed with generally positive comments.
- 10.5 Len Pilfold stated that he would be prepared to organise the event with help locally.

11.0 Presentation of Kent League Trophies

- 11.1 David Cue asked (Barry/Mark) to present the Kent League trophies:

Veteran 1st

Winners: Medway A
Runners-up: Dover A

Veteran 2nd

Winners: Canterbury A
Runners-up: Bromley

Veteran 3rd

Winners: Sittingbourne B
Runners-up: Bromley C



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12.0 Any Other Business

- 12.1 Ken Muhr stated that Ross Wilson was the winner of the National Championships Under 12 doubles, Harry Lumb was runner up in the under 13 singles.
- 12.2 Ken Muhr reported the death of Albert Shipley on the 6th May. Albert was Secretary of Bromley League for many years before joining the ETTA as General Secretary and he went on to work for the ITTF.
- 12.3 Alan Rutherford (Dover) wished to express his thanks to Ted Tydeman for all his hard work in organising the Veteran County teams and to David Cue for organising the Veteran Kent League and team tournament.
- 12.4 Carol Homewood (Bromley) asked about Men's Kent League and whether it would be played at a central venue. Carol also requested that the information be sent to the league secretaries rather than the previous season's team captains.
- 12.5 Barry Chapman stated that he was planning to organise to Satellite Grand Prix tournaments next season, one in Canterbury and one in Medway.
- 12.6 Martin Harris (Medway) asked whether there had been any news regarding news regarding a Group Civil Liability Insurance Scheme that had been suggested by the ETTA. Ken Muhr responded that things were moving forward.
- 12.7 Bob Baker stated that Gemma Yarnley was the UK Schools Singles Champion and was representing England at the competition.
- 12.8 Graham Franks and Alan Rutherford commented on problems with a Kent League match.
- 12.9 Angie Bristow again requested contact information especially email addresses for each of the leagues.
- 12.10 Mark Romano suggested that we hold a hard bat tournament at the Kent Closed and there should be some more events for the 40-70s.

Meeting Closed at 9:30

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