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KCTTA Management Committee Report to the 2009/10 AGM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would like to start by welcoming you all here tonight and thank you for turning out in the middle of summer for a table tennis AGM. I believe we managed to avoid the World Cup but not the cricket. By the time we meet with any luck the England team will still be in the World Cup, but things don't always go to plan and a round 16 meeting with Germany is quite possible and not many of us with grey hair would want to place a bet on the outcome.

As chairman, it is my task on the committee to focus forward and on this theme we are delighted to welcome David and or Janet Field from Sevenoaks League, one of the few leagues in Kent which is thriving. As a committee we are keen to see development of table tennis in Kent and thought that we all may learn something from Sevenoak's success. We have asked David/Janet to do a short presentation on what they have achieved in Sevenoaks.

We had invited the ETTA both Chairman and South East Regional Development manager but unfortunately the latter was not able to attend but the former at the time of writing, has not responded to my Emails.

Way forward – big clubs

My thoughts last year were on the need for big clubs and a year on this has not changed. It takes dedication, time and a whole set of other skills and attributes including coaching, administration, marketing to make these big clubs work. Those running these clubs are the movers and shakers in Kent table tennis and we are lucky enough to have a few on our committee.

I would encourage all leagues to try and establish a large club in their region where this has not already happened, this should not be seen as competition to the League system around Kent but as potential feeders for their leagues. This may require some give and take on both sides to make this happen.

What impact has:

Howard had on Medway and other leagues?
Kemnal Manor on Bromley and other leagues?
Fusion on Bromley and other leagues?
Byng Hall on what was Tunbridge Wells?

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Way forward – new format

Can a new format be introduced that provides table tennis to some who are currently excluded or want to play more often?

Way forward – more umpires

David Cue has managed to increase the number of qualified umpires in the County by a single minded focus. No magic or big budget, just accomplished through some great personal effort. We would still like more of course but this continuing effort is proving successful.

Way forward – more coaches

We need to increase the number of coaches and it is the everyday players who tend to make the better coaches. We are told schools have voted table tennis as the number one sport they wish to push. To do this they need coaches and there are not enough qualified to go around. Anyone need some extra money or even pocket money in retirement since it is unlikely pastime to make you rich financially?

Background to this year's Kent Closed Junior and Senior event

The Kent Closed will be covered by Bob Baker but just wanted to briefly report on the date and venue. I feel writing this next section a clear case of déjà vu, as I wrote something similar last year. I continue to be asked why Kent has its closed tournament out of season? Our aim for the last two years has been to address this but we have singularly failed, but not for the want of trying. For the second year we have been let down by a third party.

Bob Baker having looked at a number of choices of venue over the summer and autumn, found the Body & Mind to offer the best all round deal and with approval from the committee booked a weekend in February 2010. Most large halls are outside our price range so our options are limited. Prior to booking, Bob physically checked that the lights were all operating, and knowing their poor record went back to the hall to check the lighting again just after Christmas only to find that Body & Mind had a major problem with their wiring and many of the lights had fused and this problem due to budgetary constraints would not be fixed for the foreseeable future.

At this late stage, Bob then went venue hunting again and the only date that was possible was to revert to the first May bank holiday weekend. We managed to agree this date with Howard and decided to go for this venue again although it was not wholly satisfactory, in that we needed to play games in two separate halls, a nightmare for the referee, but the alternative was looking like no competition.

Bob's report covers the weekend, but I just wanted you all to know how hard particularly Bob worked to make it happen during the season this year, although ultimately we ended up having it the same bank holiday weekend in May. [Howard was not felt to be suitable in February as there was no heating in the main hall. In

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view of the negative feedback on the temperature in the main hall in May, this seems to have been a wise decision.]

Committee members

Can you please show your appreciation to committee members (Les Etheridge, Angie Bristow, Bob Baker, Ken Muhr, Neil Le Milliere, David Cue, Ted Tydeman, Roger Harris, Gary Howes, Mark Walsh and Sally Wilson) for their efforts this year. As some of you will know first-hand, it is difficult to fill administration positions so we need to support our volunteers to ensure that we can strengthen our position.

Roger Harris joined us following his offer to help provide more input from the County on the way forward and has been instrumental in starting up a Kent flyer which hopefully you have all seen and read.

Secretary's Report

The committee held 4 meetings this season and as promised at the last AGM an attendance list for each meeting is included in this report.

The meetings were all held in Maidstone in the Civil Service Sports and Social Club at no cost to the county.

The minutes of the final meeting will be issued following the AGM.

Again I would like to thank the leagues who choose to receive information by email and would ask if the remaining leagues would consider this an option for next season.

I have also decided to stand down as Secretary at the end of next season (assuming I'm re-elected this time). I have served as Secretary since the SGM in July 2003 and feel that it is time for someone else to have a go!

So if anyone is interested then please contact the members of the committee or speak to any one of us at the AGM.

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KCTTA EC MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORDS 2009/10

Committee Member	Meeting Date				Total
	22/09/09	08/12/09 – (SNOW)	16/03/10	11/05/10	
Mark Romano	√	√	√	√	4
Bob Baker	√		√	√	3
Les Etheridge	√	√	√	√	4
Angie Bristow	√	√	√	√	4
David Cue				√	1
Mark Walsh				√	1
Ken Muhr	√	√		√	3
Neil Le Milliere	√		√	√	3
Ted Tydeman	√		√	√	3
Gary Howes				√	1
Sally Wilson					0
Roger Harris	N/A		√	√	2

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Hon Treasurer's Report to 2010 AGM

The accounts for 2009/10 show that in the general fund, income has exceeded expenditure by £105 a considerable reduction on last year when the surplus was £532.

The cost of the Junior 1st team increased by nearly £900 following their promotion to the Premier Division, which required hotel accommodation for two weekends. Going in the other direction there has been no expenditure on coaching and development (we did not need to financially support the Kent Schools tournaments this year) and this has reduced costs to the General Fund by around £250 also the Kent League has returned to profitability making around £200 difference to last year.

The costs of the county teams have increased by over 30% compared to the previous year and I believe it is time for us to reconsider our expense policy.

During the year the committee have been giving consideration to development and I hope that during the coming years we will be able to justify expenditure in this area.

Affiliation fees paid by leagues are KCTTA's main source of income. For 2009/10 the fees were £2.75 per senior team place and £0.85 per junior team place. This level of fees was established in 2005/6. I again propose no increase for 2010/11.

At the time of writing this report the accounts had not been audited but I hope that Roger Pingram will be able to complete the audit before the AGM. I also hope that Roger will be prepared to continue to act as auditor next season.

Les Etheridge
Hon Treasurer

16 May 2010

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Affiliation Fees	3,621		3,607	
Kent Closed previous season	120		81	
Kent Senior League	98		-	
Fines	-		25	
Interest Received	9		224	
ETTA Player Licences	218		219	
Transfer from Betts & Buist Fund	-		150	
Total Income		4,066		4,306
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>				
Committee Expenses	20		53	
Regional Trials	-		165	
ETTA 100 Club	12		12	
Insurance	-		23	
Website	144		120	
Annual General Meeting	20		20	
Coaching and Development	-		380	
Kent Senior League	-		123	
<u>COUNTY TEAMS EXPENSES</u>				
Senior 1 st	444		344	
Junior 1 st	1,120		243	
Junior 2 nd	184		178	
Cadets	345		448	
Veteran 1 st	569		693	
Veteran 2 nd	232		245	
Veteran 3 rd	250		121	
Veteran 4 th	165		160	
Veteran 5 th	140		140	
Veteran Over 60s 1 st	158		153	
Veteran Over 60s 2 nd	158		153	
Total Expenditure		3,961		3,774
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		105		532

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Bank Balance				
Current Account	576		(498)	
Deposit Account	10,154		11,145	
		10,730		10,647
Debtors	347		357	
		347		357
Total Assets		11,017		11,004
<u>LESS LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors	160		167	
Guarantee Fees	<u>325</u>		<u>350</u>	
		485		517
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		10,592		10,487
Represented by				
Balance as at 1 May	9,827		9,295	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	105		532	
Total General Funds		9,932		9,827
Mick Betts & Henry Buist Testimonial Fund	660		810	
Transfer to General Fund	-		(150)	
		660		660
TOTAL FUNDS		10,592		10,487

Notes

1. KCTTA own a number of trophies which are presented on an annual basis at the Kent Closed. No value for these trophies is included in the accounts.
2. The 2010 Kent Closed was held in the 2010/11 financial year and therefore it has had no impact on the results for the 2009/10 financial year.



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CLOSED TOURNAMENT 2010**

The KCTTA Closed Tournament was held at The Howard Centre, Rainham on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2010.

The tournament was held in the Howard School Hall and the TT Centre with eight tables in the school hall and the use of another 6 in the TT Centre. The bulk of the games were played in the School Hall and the TT Centre was only used when needed.

The Junior tournament on the Saturday went very well although we were disappointed with the overall entry, which was down on last year, particularly the girls where we only had 6 entries.

The Senior tournament on the Sunday was marred somewhat by heavy rain which lasted all day and caused us not to use the extra tables in the TT Centre after we had played the Men's group stage. The rain and cold also seemed to affect the playing conditions in the school hall. Entries for the senior events were roughly the same as last year.

The tournament itself ran very smoothly due to excellent scheduling by Linda Sopp ably assisted by Alec Francis from Faversham and the superb organization by David Cue of several county and local umpires.

Special mention should be made of Daniel Lawrence who won 4 titles on Saturday in the junior competitions and he also picked up 1 more title on the Sunday winning the Kentish Man Singles, an outstanding achievement considering his age.

Thanks must go to Linda Sopp for running the tournament, Bob Baker the organiser, Steve Waud and his staff at the Howard Centre, the many umpires and of course the players.

The venue for 2011 has not yet been finalized, and we are looking at various alternatives including going back to The Howard. Several players have expressed a desire again that the tournament be held earlier in the year and this is being looked at, as usual the biggest problem is always the ETTA calendar with so many events on nearly every weekend.

The full results have been published on the KCTTA website main winners were:

Men's Singles: Winner Chris Bartram, R/u Mark Romano

Veterans Singles: Winner Chris Bartram, R/u Joe Kennedy

Men's Doubles: Winners Chris Bartram & Mark Romano, R/u Phil Thomas & Peter Ives

Ladies Singles: Winner Jackie Williams, R/u Gillian Skilbeck

Veterans Ladies: Winner Jackie Williams, R/u Sue Wilder

Junior U18 Boys: Winner Lewis Gray, R/u Sam Smith

Cadet U15 Boys: Winner Daniel Lawrence, R/u Shaun Guttridge

Junior U18 Girls: Winner Jasmin Ould, R/u Daniella Gray

Cadet U15 Girls: Winner Daniella Gray, R/u Evie Foster

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Kent Veterans Report for 2009/10 Season

1st Team

The first team played in the Premier Division and matches are played over two weekends, the first at Ashford, Middlesex and the second at Halifax, Yorkshire. Our squad of Jackie Williams, Captain Mark Romano, Chris Bartram, Mark Brown and Joe Kenney WON the Premier Division with wins over Sussex 6-4, Surrey 8-2, Lancashire 7-3, Gloucestershire 6-4, Cheshire 9-1 and Leicestershire 6-4 and were crowned NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The story of the second weekend was when the team woke up on Sunday morning to find 4 inches of snow on the ground, with two matches to play they passed their opponents on the way who were pushing their cars. Needless to say Kent won the first match and all afternoon matches were cancelled due to the weather.

Congratulations to Chris Bartram who became the O/40s National Champion by beating Abdul Wuraola in the semi final and Andrew Trott in the final.

Congratulations to Jackie Williams who has been selected to play for England in the O/40s Ladies team in the Veterans 6 Nations competition being held in Wolverhampton.

2nd Team

The second team were in Division 1B and played their matches over 4 Saturdays at Horsham, Trowbridge, Harlow and Ashford.

Our squad of Di Pearce, Pam Butcher, Captain Phil Saxby, Chris Knight, Phil Morford, Peter Ives, Phil Cox and Martin Smith finished 4th out of 8 with wins over Avon 9-1, Sussex 2 6-4 and Wiltshire 7-3. They lost to Dorset 3-7 and Essex 3-7 (division winners) and drew with Berkshire and Middlesex.

3rd Team

The third team were relegated last season and found themselves in division 3D and played their matches at Taunton, Sturdee TTC, Ashford and New Maldon. Our squad of Marianne Jorgensen, Captain Wayne Matthews, Dave Fraser, Chris Marr and Ian Gorden won the division without losing a match with wins over Devon 10-0, Hampshire 2 9-1, Middlesex 4 6-4, Somerset 8-2, Oxford 2 6-4, Surrey 5 10-0 and Sussex 4 10-0.

This team will find the 2nd division much harder next season and will surely be stretched more than this season.

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4th Team

This team were in Division 3C and played their matches at Reading, Milton Keynes, Trowbridge and Sturdee TTC.

Our squad with 3 new players was captained by Carol Homewood, who guided Terry McKee, Robert May and Steve Johnson and was backed up by Peter Davis. They finished 7th out of 8 with only 1 win over Kent 5 7-3. They drew with Wiltshire 2nd but lost to Berkshire 2 2-8, Buckinghamshire 1-9, Gloucestershire 2 4-6, IOW 1-9 and Worcester 2nd 4-6.

This was a good effort and the standard of opposition was surprisingly high, next season I would expect them to finish near the top if not win the division.

5th Team

This team was also in division 3C with Kent 4.

Our squad of Jill Shipton, NPC Ted Tydeman, Roger Pingram, Roger Harris and Wayne Youngs finished bottom of the division with only 1 win beating the IOW 6-4. They lost to Berkshire 2 1-9, Buckinghamshire 1-9, Gloucestershire 2 4-6, Kent 4 3-7, Wiltshire 2nd 2-8 and Worcester 2 4-6.

Next season this team will be in division 4 and will be captained Roger Harris and I hope to give a number of new players a chance to play for their county.

Over 60s 1st team

This team played matches over 5 Sundays at Ashford TTC which as a format proved to be a disaster as we were unable to field our strongest team on a number of occasions.

Our squad of Di Pearce, Pam Butcher, Captain Tom Adams, Ketih Clark, Graham French, Mike Porter and Alan Rutherford finished 2nd with wins over Bedfordshire 10-0, Berkshire 1st 7-3, Berkshire 2nd 9-1, Essex 2nd 8-2, Kent 2 7-3, Middlesex 9-1, Surrey 7-3, a draw against Sussex and lost to Essex 1st 3-7.

This meant that Essex and Kent went through to the play-off finals against Lancashire and Yorkshire, unfortunately Kent 1 were unable to field a team on the day. Essex went on to win the title.

Hopefully the event will be played in a different format next season.

Over 60s 2nd team

This team were in the same division as the 1st team – details above.

Our squad of Pam Butcher, Barbara Rutherford, Eve Gurr, NPC Ted Tydeman, Alan Rutherford, Roger Harris, Dennis McConkey, Chris Hooper and Mike Porter finished 8th out of 10. They had wins over Bedfordshire 9-1, Berkshire 2nd 6-4, a draw against Surrey and lost to Berkshire 1st 1-9, Essex 1st 0-10, Essex 2nd 4-6, Kent 1st 3-7, Middlesex 4-6 and Sussex 2-8.

This team will be captained by Chris Hooper next season and also hope to give new players a chance to play for their county.

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Congratulations to Pam Butcher who became the National O-70s Champion beating Jean White in the final 3-1.

Team Players and Selection of Veteran Teams

A number of people/players have been asking Kent Committee members how teams and players are selected in the Veteran County teams. To help I will try to explain. Firstly, I (Ted Tydeman) serve on the Kent Committee to act as spokesperson for veterans. Over the years we have appointed a number of very good team captains who select teams from squads of registered players. If the team captains have problems i.e. players not available, venues etc I try to help. If the problem is financial or disciplinary, I bring it up with the main committee who subsequently make the final decision. Players are registered with the ETTA to play in the County Championships, these players must be keen, prepared to travel, able to play at weekends, play with approved rubbers/bats act and behave on the table in a sporting manner and be a credit to Kent.

We run 5 O/40 and 2 O/60 County teams, so if there are any players who want to play and feel that they can fit the above criteria please contact Ted Tydeman – veterans@kctta.net

Last but not least if any Veterans, whether or not they play for county teams, want to have their say or bring up an item for the Kent committee, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to put their points over.

We will be looking for someone to take over the running of all Veteran teams in the 2011/2012 season. It is not as bad as it seems as a lot of the work is done by the individual team captains who will liaise with you. If anyone is interested please contact me (Ted Tydeman) and I can explain further. Most of the data is computerised and can be easily transferred.

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Cadet and Junior County Championships

Reports taken from www.kctta.net

Excellent Performance by Cadets who remain unbeaten after the first round of matches

With a draw against a strong Surrey 2 side and wins over Sussex 2 6-4 and Sussex 3 6-4 the cadet team ended the first round of matches unbeaten.

Daniella Gray and Lauren Beaumont were both unbeaten with 6 wins each and they were supported by Daniel Lawrence, Shaun Gutteridge, Daniel Chen and Ollie Gunnis.

The second set of matches are on 10 April 2010 when the opponents will be Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Well done to everybody involved in an excellent performance.

KENT CADET TEAM WINS DIVISION 1C OF THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Walsh reports that the cadet team have won division 1c beating Wiltshire 8-2, Somerset 8-2 before winning a very close match against Dorset 6-4.

Lauren Beaumont won 6 out of 6, Evie Foster 3 out of 6, Shaun Gutteridge 6 out of 6, Brandon Merryfield 3 out of 4, Ollie Gunns 2 out of 4, Luke Savill 2 out of 4. Shaun won a very tight and difficult match in the 5th to pull the team back to 3-3 against Dorset. Ollie did exactly the same thing coming back from 0-2 to win 3-2. With the score at 5-4 to us Luke stepped up to win the final match comfortably 3-0 to secure the victory over Dorset.

The success came without Danniella gray, or Daniel lawrence who both played very well in the first set of matches at the Howard table tennis centre.

Well done to the team who Mark has enjoyed watching and coaching.

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**KENT COUNTY JUNIOR FIRST TEAM PLAY EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN
THE PREMIER DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COUNTY JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Cippenham was the venue this year for the Junior Premier County Division matches. The first team comprised of Lewis Gray (Weald), Ross Wilson (London Progress), Andrew Lockwood (Byng Hall), Kirsty Wilson (Howard) and Jasmin Ould (Byng Hall). The event was held over the weekend of the 17th and 18th October 2009.

Their first opponents were Derbyshire. This was to be the team's toughest encounter had Derbyshire turned up with their strongest line up. But this turned out not to be the case as the opponent county sent some upcoming players instead. All Kent team members played brilliantly. Lewis Gray was the first to step up to the mark and comfortably beat Peter Baker in 3, 6, and 2. Andrew Lockwood, who had saved the weekend by agreeing to play at the last minute due to James Glass falling ill on Saturday morning, did himself justice beating his opponent, Daniel Burton, 6, 6, and 6. Unfortunately, Abbie Milwain got the better of both Kirsty and Jasmin beating them both in 3 straight sets. Both girls, however, beat Isobel Ashley. Although Andrew lost his next match to Peter Baker 1-3, Lewis and Ross won their next two matches against Ronan Kelly and Daniel Burton, respectively, leaving the overall score 7-3 to Kent.

Their second opponent was Devonshire. Again, the team performed really well. Ross and Lewis never dropped a leg winning both their matches with ease. Andrew Lockwood again produced good results by beating Devonshire No.3 David White 3-0 (13, 8, 10) before losing in a close encounter against their No.2 Dominic Sussey in the final match. Kirsty managed to up her game and win both of her matches. She had a good game against Vicky Smith, where she went two games down (-6, -7) before turning the corner to take the next 3 games (5, 3, 8) to win the match 3-2. Jasmin was not quite so lucky against Vicky Smith losing in 3 straight sets (-5, -6, -6). Both Kent girls beat their other opponent, Naomi Jackson 3-0. The overall score was 8-2 to Kent.

The final match of the weekend was against Essex. Ross was up first to face Oscar Selfridge and beat him 3-1 (3, 7, -4, 5). Andrew Lockwood had a tight battle with an upcoming youngster Alexander Holland, narrowly losing out in the 5th game. Having said that, Andrew's effort has to be commended, especially as he had been called up at the eleventh hour. Kirsty went on to beat Evangeline Collier comfortably in 3 straight games (6, 9, 4), whilst Lewis showed no mercy upon Matthew Mulley (5, 7, 4). It looked as though Jasmin was going to continue the array of victories for Kent as she went to face Nicole Sydorenko, but, like Andrew, had a tight five setter and just lost out in the 5th. Ross then confidently beat Alexander Holland 3-0 (5, 7, 5) and Jasmin defended her ranking by beating Evangeline Collier, who is currently 2 places below Jas on the National Junior Ranking List, 3-1. Lewis and Kirsty then won their next two matches against Oscar Selfridge and Nicole Sydorenko, respectively, whilst Mathew Mulley got the better of Andrew in the last match beating him 3-0. This meant the final score was 7-3 to Kent.

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Lewis and Ross proved to be the stars of Kent, finishing the weekend with a remarkable 100% record, whilst Kirsty produced a brilliant 83% average. Jasmin wasn't quite so lucky and finished on 50%, whilst Andrew exceeded his expectations by winning 2 games and therefore finishing the weekend with a 33% record.

Based on the results achieved by the Kent players, the county ended the weekend in the second position of the Premier division, only narrowly behind Sussex who also won all 3 of their matches but finished with a better game difference. With Middlesex being just 1 point behind, the battle will continue at the 2nd weekend in March 2010.

Special thanks have to be given to Jurate Brazaityte, who captained and coached the Kent side, and, once again, Andrew Lockwood, who turned out at the last minute. His contribution was vital to the side and this is not the first time he has put himself forward when the team have needed somebody urgently. Thank you Andrew.

Well done to all the players. You were the assets of your county.

MIXED RESULTS FOR JUNIOR 2NDTEAM IN FIRST ROUND OF MATCHES

The Junior 2nd team had good wins over Cambridgeshire 7-2, Berkshire 6-4 but suffered defeats by Essex 3 4-6 and Sussex 4-6.

The team were handicapped by Emma Tovey unfortunately being taken ill just before the first match and as a result the team had to play one short in every match.

Daniella Gray won 7 out of 8, Gregory Eyebi Kadock 6 out of 8, Sam Smith 4 out of 6, Dan Lawrence 3 out of 6 and Sean Weddell 1 out of 4.

The second round of matches is on 20 February 2010 with matches against Essex 4, Buckinghamshire 2, Sussex 3 and Surrey 2 and hopefully the team will be able to climb the table.

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National Councillor Report

The National Council has debated at length the question of CRB checks and portability, and the new "Vetting and Barring Scheme" from the home office. Management was asked to raise concerns about the number of people, particularly volunteers, required to be CRB checked and number of times they needed to be checked, with the government and its agencies. Regarding volunteers, the administration charge for ETTA CRB checks is £16, the actual check being free.

There has also been much debate over whether what were the regional trials should be used as qualifying competitions for the National Under 11/12/13/14 Championships (as piloted this season) and the National Cadet & Junior Championships, an alternative proposition (which I support) being that they be used as qualifiers for Masters round robin competitions.

Newly qualified coaches are to be given a free licence from qualification to the renewal date. This does not apply to previously qualified coaches. From January 2013, ETTA coaching qualifications will no longer be recognised, being replaced by UKCC endorsed qualifications. The next Council meeting will debate the implications for coaches who have not transferred to UKCC qualifications. A paper has been issued covering frequently asked questions of the ETTA's insurance scheme with Towergate Insurance, which indemnifies any one event to £5m.

A panel has been set up to look at the lack of participation by women in the County Championships and in table tennis generally.

For the first time since 1978 there has been an increase in affiliated teams (an additional 60 teams this season). Overall Kent had an increase of 9 teams.

The UK Sport/Mori Survey, 'Active Sport', indicated increases in table tennis participation in social classes 1-5, and in the North West and London (regular participation), but declines in professional classes, women and disabled.

The current ETTA website is receiving 2.5m hits a month. A 'snapshot' of the proposed new ETTA website is available at www.etta.tv There will be a section dedicated to county and local league news and information. The ETTA is also working closely with social media sites. However, there has been considerable criticism over content on the present website not being up to date. I personally have been very unhappy and embarrassed that press releases I have prepared for Weald TTC for the West Kent press have appeared on the ETTA website, which I think it is entirely inappropriate.

Council discussed reducing the number of issues of Table Tennis News. Management will present options to the July meeting, with the possibility of dispensing with it altogether, or providing it in a slimmed down format as part of individual affiliation.

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The English Open was held in the prestigious English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Although the play was excellent there were organisational and spectator criticisms. Negotiations are taking place regarding staging the 66th English Open on 26-30th January 2011 as part of the ITTF Pro-Tour.

A Website Privacy Policy and the ETTA Data Protection Policy have been approved.

There has been great concern over table tennis having been the only sport not to receive additional UK Sport Olympics funding, a dissatisfied BTTF Performance Director Steen Kyst Hansen having resigned by mutual consent and performance coaches having been made redundant. Whilst his personal qualities were recognised, concern was expressed at the appointment of ETTA Chief Executive Officer Richard Yule as Interim Performance Manager of the BTTF in the build-up to the London 2012 Olympics.

A new government initiative to help form new after school clubs with investment for seven Olympic Sports was announced. When 3,000 School Sport Partnerships were asked to nominate a sport, table tennis came to top with 768 votes, with badminton second with 728 votes. The ETTA will be awarded an additional £222,000 to deliver this programme.

As National Councillor for Kent, I have been concerned about ETTA Management apparently stifling debate and criticism at Council meetings. Management have categorised some people raising questions as having intent to undermine them and gain points, contributing to a nasty atmosphere. I think they are a bit paranoiac, and that the price of democracy is that people can ask awkward questions and hold management to account.

The ETTA treasurer is anticipating a net surplus for 2010/11 of around £8,000.

The date of the **ETTA AGM** was put back a week from 26th June 2010 to 10th July 2010 to allow more time for Auditors to conduct an audit of the books owing to the larger turnover (£4.5m).

Individual Membership: The proposed fees to be agreed for player members at the ETTA AGM (the power to determine fees stayed with the AGM) are: £5.64 for seniors, £2.82 for cadets and juniors. This includes an element for Civil Liability Insurance. The proposed fee for associate members to be agreed at the ETTA AGM is £2.50 and includes an element for Civil Liability Insurance. Local leagues will distribute Membership Forms to their members who have not received a form by email. Local Leagues will be notified which of their members have been emailed forms. Local Leagues will be responsible for collection of all forms and payment from their members unless they have obtained their membership on-line and been informed accordingly by the member that they have paid elsewhere. Payment and returns should be made to the ETTA for all their members by 14th November at the latest. In the season just ending, around half of Kent local leagues made returns for individual members, but next season it will be compulsory.

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If affiliation fees are not agreed by the AGM, it is proposed (by National Council) that they remain the same as in the current administrative year. Alternative proposition to be debated at the AGM is that affiliation fees are indexed linked in such circumstances. Other propositions to be tabled at the AGM are that (added to the ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis), "The racket covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF", which would make ITTF approved racket coverings mandatory for all competitive table tennis. If this is passed, a further proposition would require lists of approved balls and rubbers to be circulated in advance to affiliated organisations. A proposition from the Potteries League would make it illegal to change an undamaged racket during an individual match.

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