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**K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Byng Hall Table Tennis Club,
Tunbridge Wells on 7th December 2006.**

Present:

Gary Howes (Vice Chairman)
Les Etheridge (Hon. Treasurer)
Angie Bristow (Hon. Secretary)
Ken Muhr (National Councillor)
David Cue (Umpires Secretary)

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Neil Highams, Ted Tydeman and Len Pilfold.

1.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed off by the Vice-Chairman Gary Howes.

2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 The number of committee members present at each meeting has been decreasing. In order to have fair representation, more members need to attend each meeting. In order to ensure availability the Agenda will be sent out at least 14 days in advance.
- 2.2 With regard to item to item 9.1.5 Angie Bristow stated that she was still to write to Mark Walsh regarding the position of Coaching Officer.
- 2.3 With regard to the acquisition of new shirts for the county teams, these have now ordered from Bribar at a cost of £17 per shirt and these are to be delivered this week.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 Les Etheridge presented a financial analysis showing £3786 in the Current Account and £7847 in the Deposit Account.
- 3.2 All affiliation fees have been received – a total of £3650.95 compared to £3676 from last season. Late fees were received from Dover (4 October), Tunbridge Wells (6 October) and Thanet (13 October) under the rules these leagues are not allowed to vote at the JAGM. Apologies were received from Tunbridge Wells due to a problem with bank signatories following the death of Harry Binfield.
- 3.3 With regard to item 3.2 from the last meeting, Les stated that he had had a response from Alliance & Leicester and had established through Mark Romano that the cheques had not been debited from people's accounts. Les stated that he had now written to the relevant parties and had currently received 2 cheques. In the financial report £151 has been debited against the Kent Senior Closed and the amounts will be credited back

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once the cheques have been received (the 2 cheques already received have created a credit of £23).

- 3.4 Item 3.7 stated that an allowance of £50 had been made in last years accounts for pooled expenses for matches played on 1st April 2006. We have still not received a request for any payment so this can probably be written off,
- 3.5 Les stated that he had included central venue hire cost of £100 for the Junior 1st team and is awaiting contributions from the other counties.
ACTION: Neil Highams to chase payment.
- 3.6 As stated previously the county has purchased new shirts for the county teams at £17 per shirt, totalling £1,308.
- 3.7 Les stated that a venue hire cost of £100 had been included for the match between Kent 1 and Kent 2. It was felt that this was too expensive for one match and shouldn't happen again. However should the situation arise that two teams have to play each other and scheduling won't allow this to be played at central venue (as in this case) a cheaper venue should be found.
- 3.8 Les stated that it had come to his attention that an additional Over-60s team had been entered in to the County Championships without the prior knowledge of the committee. The committee agreed that this is not acceptable as all expenditure has to be agreed and that all county teams have to be approved by the committee before they are entered.

4.0 Insurance

- 4.1 Les stated that the Civil Liability Insurance has been renewed since the last meeting.
- 4.2 The incident reporting form was sent to all members of the committee. This has now been forwarded onto Kim Mudge as organiser of the Senior County teams. In order that the County isn't liable it is important that all team captains and county event organisers have a copy of the form and ensure that it is used properly and Les asked all committee members to ensure this occurs.

5.0 Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Angie stated that Body & Mind was fully booked for the suggested date for the Kent Closed. See section 9.0 for details.

6.0 Kent League Report

6.1 Men's Division

- 6.1.1 David stated that unfortunately due to lack of entries that there would be no Men's division this season.

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6.2 Team Tournament

- 6.2.1 David stated that the team tournament will take place on Sunday 18th February at Byng Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

7.0 Umpires Secretary's Report

7.1 Local Umpires

- 7.1.1 David stated that 1 local umpire had qualified and 1 was due to qualify in the near future.

7.2 Umpires Wanted

- 7.2.1 David stated that he has introduced an advert into the handbooks for the following local leagues: Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone & Dover and an advert has also gone into the Bromley newsletter to try and raise interest in Umpiring in general.

8.0 Chairman's Report & County Championships

- 8.1 In the absence of both Neil Highams and Ted Tydeman the committee agreed that neither of these matters could be discussed at this meeting. If anything urgent came up before the next meeting, then an interim meeting would be called.

9.0 Kent Closed

- 9.1 Angie Bristow stated that the Neil Highams had found 3 alternative dates on which the Kent Closed could be held, having learnt that Body& Mind was fully booked on our preferred date. The best of these which clashed with the least events was the 5th/6th May. Angie stated that she had checked with Body&Mind and that weekend was available.
- 9.2 Gary Howes stated that he had contacted Linda Sopp who would get back to him regarding her and Graham's availability for that weekend.
- 9.3 Angie stated that Neil had informed her that Bribar were available to provide tables for the 3 available weekends.

ACTION: Angie to book Body & Mind following confirmation from Linda

10.0 National Councillor's Report

- 10.1 Ken Muhr stated that the main items raised at the last National Councillor meeting were Insurance and Individual Registration.

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10.2 Ken showed the committee a draft of the letter which he proposed to send to the Local Leagues regarding these matters.

ACTION: Angie Bristow to issue to Ken the County Letterhead

10.3 Ken also stated that the National Councillors were asked to enquire as to the number of qualified umpires in their respective counties.

ACTION: Angie Bristow to send league representative contact details to David Cue as Umpire's secretary in order that he can get this information,

11.0 Coaching and Development

11.1 Ratings Events

11.1.1 In the absence of Len Pilfold it was stated that 2 Ratings events had been held to date, with the second having a very encouraging entry.

11.2 Regional Trials

11.2.1 Due to an administrative error by the Regional Trials organisers the relevant entry information wasn't received in time by KCTTA.

11.2.2 However, having said that, those players who could make it at such short notice managed to qualify for the National Trials.

11.2.3 Gary Howes stated his disappointment at the decline of this event and that it wasn't fulfilling its role as a 2012 talent identification event.

12.0 KCTTA Website

12.1 Les stated that at the last meeting he had requested ideas from the Committee as to what was required on the website. Ken had asked for details of coaching items (dates, times and venues etc.), county match details from Len and contact information from Angie.

12.2 Les showed the committee a skeleton outline for the new site. This was agreed by the committee.

12.3 Les said that he was having a further meeting with John Hubbard to progress the design

12.4 Les repeated his plea for relevant information to be included on the site pointing out that websites needed regular updating to make them of interest.

ACTION: All of the Committee to keep Les updated on all items which could go on the website.

13.0 Next Meeting

A provisional date of the 22nd February was set for the date of the next meeting.

Meeting closed 8:45pm

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