



**KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS
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**K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Byng Hall Table Tennis Club,
Tunbridge Wells on 14th September 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 With regard to item 2.1 Angie Bristow stated the county rules were still to be approved by the ETTA.
- 2.2 With regard to item 9.2.1 and Les stated that he had met with John Hubbard to discuss the KCTTA website in order to take over the running of the site. Les asked the committee to provide a list of ideas of what information should be on the site.
ACTION: Committee members to contact Les with ideas for the website
- 2.3 With regard to item 4.1.2 Les Etheridge stated that as a result of Angie Bristow writing to Marathon Sports, they have revised their invoice and that the total cost of the booking for the Kent Closed was £600.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 Les Etheridge presented a financial analysis showing £1005.71 in the Current Account and £7788.19 in the Deposit Account.
- 3.2 Les stated that the balances reflect what he believed should be in the accounts assuming all cheques have been banked and that all payments in have been credited. There are nearly always some cheques not banked and there are quite a few currently in this category mainly being expenses for the county teams where the cheques were all written at the end of April. Payments in are normally all there within a matter of days but on this occasion there is a problem. For the Kent Closed there are a lot of cheques and these have to be deposited in batches using envelopes provided by Alliance & Leicester. These are handed in at the Post Office who provide a receipt for the envelope. On 29 April 2006 Les took 10 envelopes to the Post Office and has a receipt

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reflecting this. On checking our statement he found that only 9 of these envelopes had resulted in credits to the accounts. The missing envelope is for £151 in respect of 10 cheques including Mark Romano and Ted Tydeman. On discovering the discrepancy Les wrote to Alliance & Leicester on 11 September and is awaiting a reply.

- 3.3 Affiliation fee letters were sent to all local leagues on 25 August and to date Sevenoaks and Folkestone have paid. Fees are due by 1 October.
- 3.4 The credit of £50 showing for the Kent Closed is a result of Angie successfully getting Marathon Sports to only charge £600 against the £650 provided for in the accounts. Refer to item 8.1 in the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May.
- 3.5 The only significant payment since the last meeting is the fees for entering the teams in the County Championships, refer to item 6.4.1 of the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May.
- 3.6 Les stated that the county is currently owed money by Somerset and Surrey in respect of pooled expenses from the matches against the Senior 1st team on 1 April, which Neil is pursuing.
- 3.7 Les stated that he was awaiting expense claims for Veterans 1st from last season. A provision of £200 had been made in the accounts. There is also a provision of £50 for pooled expenses in respect of Junior 2 and 3 from 1 April.
- 3.8 Les also stated that the county has been paying into the ETTA One Hundred club for a number of years at a rate of £12 a year. He went on to say that the County won £50 and that £45 (£50 less 5 months entry fee) is shown in his report to this effect

4.0 Secretary's Report

Angie Bristow reported that she had received apologies from Ted Tydeman for this meeting and that he would like the following items raised at the meeting.

4.1 County Shirts

- 4.1.1 Ted reported that the veterans would require the following numbers/sizes of shirts for the county championships: 2XXL, 2 XL, 2L and 1 M for each team. So for 6 teams (5 vets and 1 over-60s) that totals 42 shirts. He also stated he had one set of shirts which could be used for one team.
- 4.1.2 From this assessment the committee agreed that their initial estimate of 70 shirts in total for all the teams was in the right region although due to the range of sizes needed for the Juniors this may increase to around 75-80.
- 4.2 Angie stated that Ted's other comments relate to the issue of coaching officer and that these could be raised under that item.

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5.0 Kent League Report

5.1 Men's Division

- 5.1.1 David stated that he had only received entries for 2 teams for the Men's division (Folkestone and Dover). He stated that if no more entries were received the Men's division would have to be cancelled this season.

5.2 Team Tournament

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

6.0 Umpires Secretary's Report

6.1 Local Umpires

- 6.1.1 David reported that Amanda Alabaster and Jenny Hemsley from Bromley league have both passed as "Local" umpires. The necessary papers have been sent to them to qualify as "County" Umpires.

6.2 Umpires Wanted

- 6.2.1 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.

7.0 Chairman's Report & County Championships

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Gary Howes agreed to speak with Kim Mudge and Neil Highams to resolve outstanding items in relation to the senior teams.

8.0 National Councillor's Report

Ken Muhr stated that he had attended the National Councillors meeting on the 29th July and that the main points were:

- 8.1 Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight won a silver medal in the European Youth Championships in Sarajevo.
- 8.2 An additional full time coach will be hired to start in September covering women players and to assist in the talent identification programme.

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- 8.3 Discussions are underway with the Chinese Table Tennis Association to increase co-operation and links. It is expected that they will send over a squad this year to train with our players and take part in a couple of matches.
- 8.4 Councillors are asked to urge all Local Leagues in their County Association to provide information concerning their insurance cover to the County committee so that a full assessment can be made for National cover.
- 8.5 Due to lack of support the National Team Competitions will be suspended for 12 months while the Vice Chairman (Competitions) chairs a sub-committee to explore a new way of organising the competitions
- 8.6 The request for recognition of the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires (AETTU) was rejected by Council by 11 votes to 22 after a full and comprehensive debate. Ken stated that he was one of the 11 who voted in favour.

9.0 Coaching and Development

9.1 Coaching Officer

- 9.1.1 Ken Muhr presented draft role and responsibilities for a county coaching officer.
- 9.1.2 Angie stated that she had received Ted's comments on the matter and that he agreed in principle with the role; however he felt it should be discussed with the full committee present. The committee members present at the meeting felt it should be discussed now as the next meeting would be sometime near Christmas and it would be too far into the season.
- 9.1.3 The committee reviewed these and after discussion agreed that splitting the office of Coaching and Development was a good idea. Len Pilfold had advised that he was happy for this to happen and would still continue to run the rating events. This motion was proposed by Ken Muhr and seconded by Gary Howes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- 9.1.4 Ken Muhr then proposed Mark Walsh for the role of Coaching Officer. This motion was carried by unanimous vote. Therefore, under rule 9.2 of the county Model rules Mark Walsh was co-opted onto the Kent County Table Tennis Committee.
- 9.1.5 It was confirmed that for all events held under the auspices of KCTTA the selection letters etc would be sent by the General Secretary. This was agreed by the Committee. For all other events, details would be sent by the Coaching officer.

ACTION: Angie Bristow to write to Mark Walsh with details of his role and responsibilities as Coaching Officer.

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10.0 Any Other Business

10.1 Kent Closed 2006/07

10.1.1 Gary Howes handed Angie Bristow a booking form for Marathon Sports (formerly Body & Mind) in order to book the venue. However a date for the event has yet to be finalised. It was agreed that this needed to be resolved at the earliest opportunity.

11.0 Next Meeting

A provisional date of the 7th of December was set for the date of the next meeting. This is subject to change due to a number of members not being present at the meeting.

Meeting closed 8:45pm

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