



**KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS
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**K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Farm Villa, Maidstone on the 8th May
2008**

Present:

Mark Romano (Chairman)
Les Etheridge (Hon. Treasurer)
Angie Bristow (Hon. Secretary)
Ken Muhr (National Councillor)
David Cue (Umpires Secretary)
Bob Baker
Ted Tydeman

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Ted Gary Howes (Vice Chairman), Len Pilfold (Development), Mark Walsh (Coaching) and Sally Wilson.

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 Chairman Mark Romano.

2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 With regard to item 10.2.2 the Cadets were runners-up in division 1b of the county championships
- 2.2 The disciplinary committee will be appointed after the AGM
- 2.3 With regard to item 9.4 Ken Muhr stated that it had been suggested that the umpiring award be an add-on to butterfly skills rather than compulsory.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 Les Etheridge presented the financial report which show that profit exceeded expenditure by £1825.
- 3.2 Due to the very healthy state of the finances, there will be no proposal to increase the league affiliation fees for next season.
- 3.3 Les reiterated his view that more money should be invested in development.

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4.0 Kent Closed

- 4.1 Angie Bristow stated that she had received thanks from the President Barry Chapman to the organisers for all their hard work in organising the event
- 4.2 Bob Baker stated that the event ran smoothly despite some problems
- 4.2.1 The lighting in the venue was again a problem. Out of the 74 lights in the hall 32 were out. This caused a problem with a layout of the tables and they had to be rearranged at the last minute.
- 4.2.2 Bob suggested that the committee write to Body & Mind regarding the fee as the conditions were unacceptable.
- 4.3 Bob also suggested that a new venue for next season. Canterbury University has been suggested as Barry Chapman already has ties with the venue, White Oak at Swanley has also been proposed.
- 4.4 Bob stated that the issue of qualification for the tournament arose during the event. The entry form states that you have to be eligible to play for Kent in the county championships.
- 4.5 The committee discussed this important issue at length. It was finally agreed that the rules for qualification were to be as follows:
- Be eligible to play in the county championships
 - Be registered to play in a local league within the county
 - Played at least one match in the current season
- The organising committee would still have the right to refuse/allow entry at their discretion.
- 4.6 Bob stated that he had received comments that the tournament was held too late on in the season and clashed with a major junior event. The committee then went through the ETTA events calendar for next season and the following prospective dates were chosen: 14th/15th February, 25th/26th April.
- 4.7 The issue of sponsorship of the event was also raised.
- 4.8 Mark Romano raised the issue of seeding more people, the committee thought this was a good idea. Although it was noted that trying to separate players from Bromley was also an issue.
- 4.9 Les expressed his congratulations to Bob Baker and Linda & Graeme Sopp for all their efforts in organising a successful event
- 4.10 Bob stated that reports had gone to the Kent Express news group which would be sent to the local newspapers
- 4.11 Bob expressed his thanks to David Cue for supplying umpires for the event which also greatly helped the smooth running of the event.

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5.0 Umpire's Report

- 5.1 David Cue reported that there were a number of umpires present at the Kent Closed for both days of the event
- 5.2 He also reported that David Twiddy qualified as a County Umpire and that Andrew Larnar, Alex Chinn and Malcolm Kay as Local Umpires at the Kent Closed.

6.0 Kent League Report

- 6.1 David reported that the following league positions had already been decided; Division 2 winners – Sittingbourne B, runners-up Sittingbourne A and Division 3 winners Bromley C and runners-up Tonbridge
- 6.2 David asked the committee to adjudicate the match between Canterbury A and Dover B in the event that the match isn't played by the end of the season. David stated that Canterbury A had defaulted therefore according the system stated in the Association rules the result is as follows:
Canterbury A 0 Dover B 7

7.0 National Councillor

- 7.1 Ken Muhr stated that Sport England are now going back to a National set up rather than a regional one.
- 7.2 Sainsbury's are now sponsoring table tennis until the 2012 Olympics. Ken stated that he suggested to the meeting that they may be able to "kit out" umpires
- 7.3 Ken stated that there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 28th June regarding Insurance for local leagues.
- 7.4 Ken stated that the "competition organisers" had been appointed by Sport England and table tennis was one of the selected sports.
- 7.5 With regard to the issue of long pimples, Alex Murdoch has suggested a cooling off period.

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8.0 County Championships

- 8.1 Angie Bristow stated that she had received the entry forms for next season's County Championships.
- 8.2 Angie Bristow stated that Kim Mudge has decided to step down as the organiser of the Senior teams following significant problems with raising players for the teams.
- 8.3 The committee discussed the number of Senior teams at length and concluded that only 1 team will be entered next season. The issue of who will run the teams was then discussed and Jurate Brazytite was suggested.
ACTION: Angie Bristow to contact Jurate to see if she would be willing to run the Senior team
- 8.4 The committee agreed that the number of Junior and Cadet teams would remain as last season as long as no major objections were raised by Mark Walsh and Sally Wilson.
- 8.5 Ted Tydeman confirmed that the number of veteran and over-60s teams would remain the same.
- 8.6 Ted Tydeman agreed to act as the "General Information" contact

9.0 Development

- 9.1 Mark Romano stated that he had attended a meeting with Claire Moore and Steve Waud regarding links to Kent Schools table tennis. He stated that the issue of competition managers had been raised and that they are there to organise events.
- 9.2 Mark reported that Steve Waud was struggling to raise funding for the Kent Schools events. The committee discussed this matter and agreed that they would consider supporting the event in some way if a request was made.

10.0 Ratings

- 10.1 Len Pilfold had sent an email regarding the ratings events. He said that they weren't as well as supported as they used to be. His suggestions were as follows:
- Move them to a Saturday to avoid football
 - Hold them in different towns around the county to attract more local players

11.0 Kent Website www.kctta.net

- 11.1 Les Etheridge repeated his request for information he can put on the Kent website. This can be League tournament results, kent players in Junior, Senior or Veterans British League; anything that would be of interest to fellow table tennis players.

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12.0 Annual General Meeting

- 12.1 Angie Bristow asked if the committee members were prepared to stand again for next season.
- 12.2 All committee members present were prepared to stand
- 12.3 Les Etheridge stated that 14 days notice was required for the AGM
- 12.4 Angie requested that information be provided for the Management Committee Report be provided before Sunday 10th June so that she could send out all documents before she went on holiday.

13.0 Any Other Business

- 13.1 Ken Muhr stated that Lewis Gray and Kirsty Wilson had been selected to be play for the English schools at Sofia Gardens in Cardiff.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

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