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**K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Farm Villa, Maidstone on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 2008**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Ted Tydeman, 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 9.1 Bob Baker stated that the Junior matches were still to be played between Folkestone and Dover.
- 2.2 With regard to item 2.2, Angie Bristow stated that she was still to write to the proposed members of the disciplinary committee.
- 2.3 Mark Romano confirmed that he had spoken to Thanet regarding the late payment of fees.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report**

- 3.1 Les Etheridge presented the financial report which shows a balance of £2592.29 in the current account and £8324.32 in the deposit account.
- 3.2 Les also stated that he had now received an Invoice from Body & Mind for last season's Kent Closed and that the account had been settled.
- 3.3 Les advised that he anticipated a healthy surplus for the year and it remained important to consider how we could invest in development.

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#### 4.0 Secretary's Report

- 4.1 Angie stated that Sally Wilson was now officially the Press Officer for Kent.
- 4.2 Angie also reported the sad news that John Fraser, President of North West Kent Table Tennis League passed away on the 15<sup>th</sup> February. David Cue stated that he would attend the funeral on behalf of the County Association.  
**ACTION:** Angie Bristow to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Fraser.
- 4.3 Angie also reported that Mike Johns the former Vice Chairman of the ETTA and England selector had also passed away.

#### 5.0 Kent Closed

- 5.1 Angie Bristow stated that Body & Mind had been confirmed for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May
- 5.2 Angie also stated that Linda and Graeme Sopp were willing and available to referee the Kent Cosed
- 5.3 Bob Baker passed around the proposed changes to the entry forms. The fee increases proposed by the Treasurer (in line with the increase in venue cost) were agreed by the committee.
- 5.4 Bob stated that he hoped to send the entry forms out by the end of February. He stated that he would send them to the list of the players he had and that Bribar would send out a form with every Kent order.
- 5.5 With regard to the draw Bob asked where it needed to be held and who needed to be there. It was stated that the date of the draw and place should be down to Linda and Graeme. Also that as long as someone else impartial was there then that should be enough.
- 5.6 Bob also asked about seedings and who the restricted players would be for the cat 2 junior events. It was suggested that the County registrations would be a suitable ranking list for the Juniors as a start. However Mark Walsh and Gary Howes would be the appropriate people to speak to.
- 5.7 It was suggested that Barry Chapman as President be asked to present the prizes.  
**ACTION:** Bob Baker to contact Linda regarding date and place of the draw  
Angie Bristow to contact Barry Chapman regarding presenting the prizes  
Angie Bristow to send Bob the county registration lists  
Bob Baker to contact Gary regarding seedings

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**6.0 Umpire's Report**

- 6.1 David Cue reported that David Twiddy had passed the written test to be a County Umpire and that Alex Hung had passed the written test to be a Local Umpire. Both will take the practical tests at the Kent Closed in May.

**7.0 Kent League Report**

- 7.1 David reported that the Team Tournament was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February at Byng Hall and was a great success. Medway A (Scott Friday, Chris Marr and Wayne Youngs) took the title for the first time with Bromley A and Bromley Mens sharing 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- 7.2 David also sadly reported that due to the death of John Fraser his team mates in Kent League had decided to withdraw the team. The committee decided to make no adjudication on matches until later in the season as after some time the team may decide they wished to play the matches.

**8.0 National Councillor**

- 8.1 Ken presented the report from the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January
- 8.2 Ken stated that he raised the two points requested by the Kent Committee at the meeting. 1. Better communication with the Local Leagues and 2. More big events to be held in the UK.
- 8.2.1 With regard to better communication the ETTA has started to release monthly e-zine emails. He stated that there was also a letters page in the latest edition of the table tennis news.
- 8.2.2 With regard to more events he stated that efforts were being made to organise an English Open for 2009.

**9.0 Umpires Paper**

- 9.1 Ken Muhr presented the Umpires Paper (attached/enclosed) prepared by Alan Ransome. The paper contains four main proposals and these were discussed by the committee.
- 9.2 Recruitment for now
- 9.2.1 The committee were in favour of any ideas to recruit more umpires.
- 9.3 Recruitment for events
- 9.3.1 Tournaments  
The committee were in favour of the proposal that the tournament organising committee as part of their remit, appoint an umpires recruitment officer whose role it

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would be to ensure that there are sufficient umpires attending the event. The committee also felt that a system of one umpire controlling 3-4 tables could be used as an emergency measure.

**9.3.2 British League**

The committee were in favour of the proposal that clubs who provide umpires for British League events receive a reduced entry fee for the competition.

**9.4 Long Term recruitment**

The committee felt that a separate Umpiring skills programme should be developed rather than trying to incorporate it with the Butterfly skills programme as this was tried previously (Dunlop Skills) and didn't seem too popular

**9.5 AETTU**

The committee agreed that it was appropriate for representatives of the ETTA Management Committee, the NURC and the AEUTTA to meet to discuss the implementation of the recommendations in the paper from Alan Ransome.

**10.0 County Championships**

**10.1 Veterans.**

10.1.1 Mark Romano reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished in fourth position despite being without the injured Joe Kennedy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Kim Mudge was undefeated over both weekends and had a fine win over England No 1. Karen Smith of Leicester.

**10.2 Juniors + Cadets**

10.2.1 Les Etheridge reported that the Junior 1<sup>st</sup> team had won division 2D and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team had finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

10.2.2 Les also reported that the Cadet team had won division 1b. .

**10.3 Seniors**

10.3.1 Angie Bristow stated that the Senior teams both had two matches remaining. These were to be played on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Kingfisher.

10.3.2 Angie also stated that despite many phone calls the teams were still short of 2 men and 1 women and that people had pulled out after stating that they could play.

10.3.3 This matter was discussed by the committee. Mark Romano proposed that no team should be run without a team captain and that this could be sorted out at the Kent Closed. It was also proposed that there be only one Senior team next season.

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**11.0 Development**

11.1 Les Etheridge reported that he had received an email from Maidstone regarding development. He had responded to this advising that Len Pilfold was the development officer and asked Len to respond in detail to Maidstone. Les had also commented on the Ratings tournaments and the idea of resurrecting the Kent Junior League. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting when hopefully Len would be present. The importance of development was agreed and Mark Romano agreed to produce a paper with a number of possible ideas.

**12.0 Kent Website [www.kctta.net](http://www.kctta.net)**

12.1 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.

**13.0 Annual General Meeting**

13.1 Les Etheridge proposed Civil Sports in Maidstone as a venue for the meeting. The committee agreed that this was a good choice due to its central location.

13.2 The 3<sup>rd</sup> July was proposed as a date for the meeting

**ACTION:** Les Etheridge to contact Civil Sports to make the booking. (Subsequent to the meeting the date and venue were confirmed)

**14.0 Any Other Business**

14.1 Angie Bristow reported that in Veterans British League Bribar Nomads (Chris Knight, Phil Cox, Phil Saxby and Diccon Gray) won promotion into the Premier division.

14.2 Mark Romano stated that he had received a letter from Brian Lammington regarding a Regional Development Committee meeting. Mark stated that he had spoken at length with Brian and it would appear that the meeting wouldn't achieve anything.

14.3 The committee then had a discussion regarding development of the game. Ken Muhr suggested that an event could be organised with Diccon Gray and Wes Bush-Harris .

**15.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at Farm Villa Maidstone

**Meeting closed 9:00pm**

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