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**K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Byng Hall Table Tennis Club,
Tunbridge Wells on the 20th October 2008**

Present:

Mark Romano (Chairman)
Gary Howes (Vice-Chairman)
Angie Bristow (Hon. Secretary)
Ken Muhr (National Councillor)
Mark Walsh (Coaching)
Bob Baker
Sally Wilson

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Les Etheridge, David Cue, 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 Chairman Mark Romano.

2.0 Matters Arising

- 2.1 With regard to item 7.2 Ken Muhr stated that Sainsbury's aren't technically offering sponsorship more like marketing support.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Les provided a written report to be presented at the meeting in his absence by Angie and Mark.

3.1 Financial Report

- 3.1.1 The financial report shows that the balances in the accounts were £850.56 in the current account and £13,077.87 in the deposit account.

3.2 Affiliation Fees

- 3.2.1 All fees were received before the cut-off date of 1st October with one exception where the fees were received on the 3rd October.
- 3.2.2 In total the fees for 2008/09 were £3607.35 compared with £3864.15 for the previous season.

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3.3 County Championships

- 3.3.1 The report stated that the only significant so far is in relation to the cadet team where Sally had secured a very cheap rate for the accommodation in advance.

3.4 Auditor's Report

- 3.4.1 Les reported that two issues were raised as the result of the 2007/08 Audit of accounts. These were 1. Mileage Allowance and 2. Travelling to County Matches.

- 3.4.2 The treasurer suggested that in view of the increase in fuel costs the mileage allowance be raised from 15p to 20p per mile. The committee discussed this matter and agreed that the mileage allowance should be increased, however cars should be shared as much as possible."

3.5 Insurance Reporting Form

- 3.5.1 Les's written report asked that the form be circulated to all the necessary parties and reiterated the importance of the form.

3.6 Ratings Tournaments

- 3.6.1 Les was interested in the plan's for the 2008/09 season regarding the Rating's tournaments. In Len's absence it was agreed that Mark Romano would contact Len and discuss the matter with him and report back at the next meeting.

4.0 Secretary's Report

- 4.1 Angie Bristow stated that she was still to send out letters regarding the disciplinary committee and would do so before the next meeting.

5.0 Chairman's Report

5.1 Kent Schools

- 5.1.1 Mark Romano reported that he had received a letter from Clare Moore and Steve Waud on behalf of the Kent Schools Table Tennis Association (KSTTA) requesting funding for the Kent Schools competition.
- 5.1.2 The committee discussed this matter at length looking at the best way the county could support the competition.



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5.1.3 It was decided that a donation in the region of £300 should be made, possible from the Henry Buist/Mick Betts fund. This would cover the affiliation fee to the English Schools Competition and £250 towards the cost of hiring the Howard School for the tournaments.

5.1.4 It was also suggested that they contact Bribar with regard to some of the equipment costs.

5.2 Veterans County Champs

5.2.1 Mark also stated that he had received a request from Ted Tydeman regarding expenses for the Veteran 3rd team.

5.2.2 It is understood that only the veteran 1st and 2nd teams receive expenses and that the other teams should be self-supporting. However this season the team have two out of the three sets of matches away, one in Wiltshire and one in Cardiff.

5.2.3 The committee discussed this matter and agreed that due to these exceptional circumstances that Kent would give £50 towards the teams expenses this season, however this is a one off and does not set any future precedent.

6.0 County Championships

6.1 Sally Wilson stated that the player registration lists had been sent to Les Smith (ETTA)

6.2 The juniors have their first set of matches this weekend (25th/26th October)

6.2.1 There was some discussion among committee members regarding the Senior players and who to select.

6.2.2 Mark Walsh stated that he had an invoice from the Howard School regarding friendly matches with Sussex and that no costs had been discussed with Sussex.

6.2.3 The committee agreed to pay the invoice on this occasion in the knowledge that Sussex would be holding the matches next time and that they were to cover the cost. However the point was reiterated to members of the committee that any expenses that could be incurred should be discussed and agreed with committee first.

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7.0 National Councillor's Report

- 7.1 Ken Muhr reported that with regard to Individual Registration a paper for consultation will be produced in November
- 7.2 Ken also stated that the idea of competition managers is again being pushed and that table tennis needs to get into schools and this could be a way of achieving this.
- 7.3 Ken also stated that ETTA is applying for a grant for disabled sport
- 7.4 Ken also stated that there has been some confusion between "Regulations" and "Laws" especially with regard to frictionless rubbers and gluing up.

8.0 Coaching

- 8.1 Mark Walsh stated that he felt that coaching should come from individual clubs rather than the county. His views were shared by the rest of the committee.
- 8.2 He stated that he would try to arrange more friendly matches with other counties to have a look at some more youngsters.
- 8.3 The issue of the Regional Trials was raised. However there was some confusion over the relevance of these trials and who they were aimed at. After some discussion it was agreed that Mark and Gary would decide who to select for the event.

9.0 Kent Closed

- 9.1 Bob Baker stated that Kent University is not available this season as dates are already booked.
- 9.2 Bob stated that he had checked a number of other sport centres but they are all too expensive as they are in the region of £2000 for a day.
- 9.3 Bob then stated that he had been back to Body & Mind and that the lights had been fixed. However the date which had been provisionally chosen () was unavailable. The committee discussed this and decided that Body & Mind was probably the best option and if the lights are fixed the event should be held there. The only dates that are suitable to avoid clashes is the weekend of 2nd/3rd May..
- 9.4 Les Etheridge wrote to Body & Mind asking for a 50% reduction in the cost of the hire of the hall last season due to all the problems. He stated that he still hadn't heard anything from them regarding this. The committee discussed this issue with regard to the fact that we want to hire it again this season. It was agreed that Bob Baker should contact Body & Mind and try to negotiate either a reduction in last year's cost or from this year's cost.

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10.0 Kent League Report

- 10.1 David Cue provided a written report which stated that Kent League is well underway this season with 3 divisions of Veterans with 23 teams taking part.
- 10.2 All teams and leagues have paid their fees and £314 and this was passed to the Treasurer.
- 10.3 The first Kent League Report with results and league tables will be presented on the 1st December.
- 10.4 The team tournament will be held at Howard School this season on February 22nd 2009 due to the extra space.

11.0 Umpires Report

- 11.1 David's written report stated that he had again placed adverts in league handbooks requesting more people to qualify as umpires.

12.0 Any Other Business

- 12.1 Ken Muhr stated that the English Open will be held in Sheffield on the 28th October – 1st November 2009.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

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