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K.C.T.T.A Management Committee Meeting held at Civil Service Sports and Social Club, Maidstone on the 22nd September 2009

Present:

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

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Gary Howes, Sally Wilson and Roger Harris

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 5.1 David Cue asked that Jim Taylor be added as a Local Umpire and Malcolm Kay as a County Umpire.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Financial Report

3.1.1 The financial report shows that the balances in the accounts were £2,085.36 in the current account and £9,148.43 in the deposit account

3.1.2 Les stated that a small profit was made on the Kent Closed last season

3.1.3 Les also stated that the County Championship entry fees had been paid for the 2009-10 season.

3.1.4 Les mentioned that the Affiliation fees were not due until 1st October; however he had received the fees from 6 Local Leagues.

3.1.5 Les stated that he was still dealing with the pooled expenses from Junior 2nd team County Championships matches from last season. This was due to difficulties with Sussex and Surrey.

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4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Mark Romano stated that he had received a letter from Mike Bunting regarding the promotion of 2 man teams for league.
- 4.2 Mike had written to state that although the Sevenoaks league was popular, many of the players regularly play in other leagues and therefore it may not be attracting new players as was suggested at the AGM.
- 4.3 There was a general discussion on the matter by the committee, many of whom actually play in 2 man leagues.

5.0 County Championships

- 5.1 Ted Tydeman stated that the first set of matches had been played in the Over-60s competition.
Kent 1st beat Kent 2nd 7-3
Kent 2nd lost to Essex 0-10
Kent 1st beat Berkshire 2nd 9-1
- 5.2 The committee also agreed towards a contribution to the travel and accommodation expenses for the Veteran 3rd team who have to travel to Taunton for a 10:00am start.

6.0 Kent League + Umpires Secretary's Report

6.1 Kent League

- 6.2 David stated that there would be 3 Veteran's divisions this season
- 6.3 The team tournament would be held on the 14th February 2010 at the Howard School, Rainham.
- 6.4 The hire of the Howard is £225 per day and therefore the entry fee this season would be increased to £20 per team in order to avoid a loss on the event this year.

6.5 Umpire's Report

- 6.6 Two local umpires Daniel Broad and Andrew Larnar wish to qualify as County Umpires. They will hopefully do their practical tests at Ashford TTC Middlesex.

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7.0 Coaching and Development

- 7.1 In Mark Walsh's absence, Mark Romano stated that the Kent Schools had acknowledged KCTTA's help with funding the event last season, however there had been no request for help this season.
- 7.2 Angie Bristow stated that Roger Harris had promised to send some information regarding his ideas for development. Angie stated that she hadn't yet received it but would distribute before the next meeting.
- 7.3 Ken Muhr stated that there was now a new ETTA Regional Coach, Craig Bryant who will be based in Sussex.

8.0 Kent Closed

- 8.1 Bob Baker stated that he had visited the Body & Mind and said that they had fixed the lighting. However they know wish to charge £1200 for the weekend, nearly double the quote from the previous year and therefore the event will not be held there.
- 8.2 Bob then stated that the Howard School is currently having the roof repaired on the large sports hall.
- 8.3 The proposed date for the Kent Closed is the 27th/28th February
- 8.4 Bob said he would check out Maplesden Noakes and Sutton Valence to see if they would be suitable venues.
- 8.5 Howard School is the most probable venue
- 8.6 Bob said he would contact Liinda Sopp once the date and venue had been finalised.

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9.0 National Councillor

- 9.1 Ken Muhr stated that the English Open is to be held at the EIS in Sheffield from the 28th October to the 1st November.
- 9.2 Ken stated that at the last NC meeting there was a discussion regarding the "Whole Sport Plan".
- 9.3 Ken stated that there was a long discussion regarding Table Tennis News and the website. Only 600 copies were sold of the magazine. There were also complaints that the website was never up-to-date and difficult to navigate.
- 9.4 Ken stated that the Management were to review the situation regarding the Cadet Trials. There are currently no trials for the Juniors and they would also relook at what to do there.
- 9.5 Ken also raised concern that debate at National Council was being stifled. The committee thought this was rather worrying as National Council is the most important forum for debate in table tennis in England.

10.0 Any Other Business

- 10.1 David Cue raised the issue of which rubbers can be used following Alex Murdoch's letter on the subject.
- 10.2 Neil Le Milliere advised that the ETTA chairman's letter was clear that any rubber could be used in a local league match ie it did not have to be ITTF approved. Ken suggested that Kent write to the ETTA requesting that the ETTA be brought more in line with the ITTF rules. The committee's view was that this seemed sensible but wanted further information on the rules before progressing.
ACTION: Angie Bristow to write to the ETTA to get that actual wording of the rules.

10.3 Website

- 10.3.1 Les stated that he was struggling to find the time to devote to keeping the website fully updated. He asked if there was anyone suitable to take over. A few names were mentioned and enquiries would be made.

11.0 Date of next meeting

A proposed date is the 8th December 2009 at the Civil Service Sports and Social Club Maidstone.

Meeting closed 9:10pm

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