

KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



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**ACTING CHAIR: BOB BAKER
SECRETARY: ROGER HARRIS
TREASURER: STEVE BISPHAM**

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

ADVANCE NOTICE

**KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
IS CALLING A
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM)
FOR
WEDNESDAY 02ND MARCH 2016
7.30PM FOR 7.45PM COMMENCEMENT
AT THE MAIDSTONE Y CENTRE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT.**

MAIN BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT
SPECIFICALLY THOSE MARKED * WHICH ARE ALL CURRENTLY VACANT OR
NOTICED RECEIVED PERSONS ARE STANDING DOWN**

**CHAIR * - VICE CHAIR - SECRETARY * - TREASURER - KENT LEAGUE
ORGANISER * - COUNTY TEAMS ADMINISTRATOR * - CLOSED TOURNAMENT
ORGANISER * - UMPIRES SECRETARY * - COACHING OFFICER -
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER * - COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**TABLE TENNIS HAS A VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT PROBLEM. AN
INITIATIVE WITH KENT SPORT TO ATTRACT MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR
SPORT HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE.**

**THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ADDRESS ITS VACANCIES SO AS IT PROPERLY
FUNCTIONS NEXT SEASON. MOST ACTIVITIES REQUIRE WORK TO BE
UNDERTAKEN WELL BEFORE THE JULY AGM.**

**WE HAVE INCLUDED ALL ROLE DESCRIPTIONS AT THE END OF THIS ISSUE OF
NEWSLINK.**

**ALL OUR LEAGUES ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION
AT THIS SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.**

A FULL FORMAL NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED IN FEBRUARY



KENT MATTERS

Table Tennis England Chair - Update on Meet Up

Next Season - Kent League Administration and Invicta Development League

Vacancies - Kent County Officers

South East Inter Regional Competition - Entries

MEET UP WITH TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND CHAIR SANDRA DEATON

WHO PARTICIPATED?

The meet up took place on Wednesday 09th December 2015 at The Village Hotel and Leisure Complex, Aylesford, near Maidstone. It was attended by representatives from the KCTTA (Neil Le Milliere, Roger Harris), Bromley (Carol Homewood and Stan Matthews), Canterbury (Clive Hollingsbee and John Wickings), Isle of Thanet (Ian Mileham and Simon Hillier), Sittingbourne (Colin Wiles and John Carr), Kent Guest (Barry Chapman). There were three late withdrawals (Maidstone, Sevenoaks and KCTTA). Some Leagues declined the invitation (Ashford, Folkestone, West Kent), others did not respond to the invitation (Dover, Gravesend, Medway).

WHAT WAS THE AIM?

Whilst it was intended to keep it informal, we wanted to ensure it was a constructive exercise. Everyone has pretty much the same goal, it is a question of how we may all work together to effectively realise the aims to increase participation, have a democratic organisation relating to its membership, making it easier to get more coaches into local TT, deal with lack of volunteers. My particular reason for arranging the meet up was the feeling it is vital the leaders of Table Tennis England meet face to face with its membership, so as there is proper two way dialogue. It was apparently the first time this had been done with a County.

WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

The members certainly made their points on a number of key issues to Sandra. They were acknowledged, some changes were promised as in process of being made (such as making it both easier and less cost to attract more coaches, membership future costs structure and liaison with members). Sandra praised the efforts being made by various members who attended for their efforts in promoting grass roots TT across the County (among them development leagues, new multi table venue, young player coaching and development).

In itself it may be seen as one step in the right direction but there is a long way to go before the gap between Table Tennis England and its membership is bridged. Those at the meet up were strongly of the view that this is best done by all members have direct path to Table Tennis England on matters affecting local TT, this was indeed Sandra's view.

Footnote: you will have seen the start of a new liaison process whereby National Councillors are going to be a conduit between the membership in their County and Table Tennis England. The National Council is now a consultation body and hold periodic meetings with Table Tennis England. This liaison route with members was recently recommended by a majority vote of the National Council. Hopefully members will engage in this process as the more grass root views that reach the ears of the Table Tennis England Executive the greater the chance there will be of seeing changes you would like made. It is an opportunity to help enhance your sport.

KENT LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

We have all been very grateful to David Cue for organising our Kent League for the last sixteen years. As you know he is standing down at the end of this season. I am sure you will show your appreciation at our AGM.

David has arranged for the Kent League to continue with myself as Organiser next season. Over recent years we have had comments about the way players would prefer to have the administration operated with greater use of the electronic media. If I am elected to the post then I would seek to carry out those wishes, starting this coming season. This will require quite a bit of preparatory work in the coming months in order to be ready.

INVICTA DL.

As a result of the above we have held back from bringing in the proposed Invicta Development League. It made sense to integrate its arrangements in with the Kent League, thus bringing this new initiative into being next season. We hope there is interest as it should be a good progression path in the County for developing players.

KENT COUNTY REQUIRES NEW VOLUNTEERS

NEW BLOOD IS REQUIRED FOR KENT COUNTY, AS ALL ORGANISATIONS REGULARLY NEED No new blood means demise of competitions, county teams and the county institution. We have to assume that this is not what members wish to see.

KENT CLOSED TOURNAMENT - Organiser

The County needs to recruit immediately to organise this event as this post is still vacant. The Closed is planned for Saturday (Junior) and Sunday (Senior) 07/08th May 2016. Bookings for equipment and venue at The Y Centre Maidstone are made. We have some probable on the day helpers but no one to act as overall Organiser.

No Organiser must mean no Tournament. Will you come forward to assist. A role description is given at the end of this NewsLink edition.

KENT COUNTY TTA - Officers Required for 2016/17

We have an Acting Chair at present and a number of vacancies.

At next AGM (latest) we shall need the following posts to be filled in order for the County to continue being in good standing with Table Tennis England - Chair - Secretary.

Further to that we need - County Teams Administrator (currently covered by Secretary) - Umpires Secretary - Deputy National Councillor - Development Officer - additional committee members.

Role descriptions are provided at the end of this edition of NewsLINK.

Due to the severity of the situation, there being key vacancies, it was decided to bring forward filling as many posts as possible at a Special General Meeting. We need to be ready and prepared for next season with a period for handover to better aid those taking over.

ENQUIRIES FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CAN BE MADE TO ANY KENT COMMITTEE MEMBER.

LET THEM KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST or email Roger on secretary@kctta.net or use Contact Us on the KCTTA web site www.kctta.co.uk.

Management Committee.

Acting Chair: Bob Baker - Secretary: Roger Harris - Treasurer: Steve Bispham - National Councillor: Neil Le Milliere Deputy: None - County Teams Administrator: currently Secretary working with Various Coordinators - Kent League Organiser: David Cue - Kent Closed Tournament Organiser: Vacant - Umpires Secretary: Vacant - Coaching Officer: Mark Walsh, Assistant Ken Muhr - Development Officer: Vacant - Committee Members: Ted Tydeman, Claire Moore, Wayne Matthews.

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITION - Are Your Players Entering? Closing Date 07th February.

The South East Inter-Regional Competition will take place on February 20, 2016 and February 21, 2016 at Byng Hall TTC, St John's School, Cunningham Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9EW.

The Inter-Regional Qualification events and Inter-Regional Finals are only open to those players who are eligible to play for England and live in Kent, East Sussex or West Sussex. If you are in any doubt about this, please telephone Table Tennis England on 01908 208860 for clarification.

Athletes listed within the top 20 (boys) and top 15 (girls) on the Table Tennis England Ranking List 15-5 January 2016, will be ineligible for the Inter-Regional Qualification.

The details given below are a provisional programme for the guidance of competitors only. It may be subject to alteration by the Referee depending on the number of entries received for each event.

Saturday 20th February 9am: U13 Boys and Girls Singles

Saturday 20th February 1pm: U11 Boys and Girls Singles

Sunday 21st February 9am: Cadet Boys and Girls Singles

Sunday 21st February 1pm: Junior Boys and Girls Singles

* NB There are no Regional Finals for the Junior Events this is a stand alone competition.

The closing date for entries is 7th February 2016.

If you have any queries please contact the organiser Diane Webb by email on:
dianek1414@hotmail.co.uk

KENT COUNTY ROLES DESCRIPTIONS

These follow below for all roles involved in the County Infrastructure.

NewsLINK

Issued on behalf of KCTTA

Roger Harris

Secretary.

- maintains a financial statement
- puts in place cheque signatories or other requisite sign off procedures
- deals with our banks in regard to our accounts
- keeps adequate cash flow funds for such payments
- aids Auditor on AGM statement
- recommends Affiliation Fee rates to Management Committee for their decision.

VICE CHAIR

Member of the Management Committee.

- stands in for the Chair in their absence
- assists Chair in the running of the Association.

NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

Member of the Management Committee.

Nominations of a Table Tennis England member may come from any Affiliated league.

Elected by the KCTTA Management Committee.

Member of the Table Tennis England National Council.

Responsible for;

- acting as link for representing the views of the KCTTA Management Committee to Table Tennis England
- attend at and vote on National Council propositions as the elected member sees fit
- there is now a move for the National Councillor to be a conduit for feeding the views of Table Tennis England members across the County back to the National Council.

DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLOR

Member of the Management Committee.

Elected by the KCTTA Management Committee.

Responsible for;

- aiding the National Councillor in their duties
- standing in for the National Councillor on occasions of their absence.

KENT LEAGUE ORGANISER

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of The Kent League and includes inter alia;

- ensures Competition rules are up to date
- ensures all Competition documentation is in place
- sends out and receives responses to entry invitations
- ensures all fixtures are arranged and fulfilled in compliance with Competition rules
- ensures all results are received and league tables are maintained
- ensures trophies are provided to respective winners.

UMPIRES SECRETARY

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of all Kent Umpire activities:

- maintains register of active umpires living in Kent
- promotes new umpires into gaining Table Tennis England accreditation

- provides umpires for County Teams, County Closed Tournament and competitions.

COUNTY TEAMS ADMINISTRATOR

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of Kent County Teams working in conjunction with County Team Coordinators (Junior/Senior/Veteran/Over 60) and includes inter alia;

- receives and sends in the required entry forms and payments for County teams
- receives and distributes County Team handbooks, score cards, match balls
- maintains log of all County shirts issued to teams and holds residual stock of shirts
- ensures County Team Coordinators work to the County Championship Regulations
- reports to the Kent Management Committee on all County Team matters.

CLOSED TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

Member of the Management Committee.

Elected by the KCTTA Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of Kent Closed Tournament and includes inter alia;

- ensures Competition rules are up to date
- ensures all Competition documentation is in place
- ensures the Competition event scheduling is carried out
- ensures the Competition entries are sent out and received and conducts the draws
- ensures all the Competition facilities are in place
- ensures Competition is completed and conducted in good order
- ensures all Competition trophies are in place and presented.

COACHING OFFICER

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of Kent Coaching activities and includes inter alia;

- maintain register of qualified Coaches in the County
- promote and encourage Coaches to gain UKCC qualifications
- aid Coaches around the County to set up sessions for all standards of play.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for overall organisation of Kent Development and includes inter alia;

- maintains register of Kent grant aided development schemes and their progress
- promotes all Leagues, Clubs and others to increase participation at all levels
- works in liaison with Table Tennis England Regional Development Officer.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member of the Management Committee.

Responsible for assisting the Officers in their administration of the Association activities and its rule book, attending any Management Committee meetings called by the Secretary, or participating in matters by email or the alike to resolve and progress issues. A Committee member holds no other KCTTA post.

AUDITOR

This is an elected but Ex Officio post, having no role on the Management Committee. The auditor receives, reviews and checks the Treasurers's statement of accounts and supporting documents to ensure good practice has been followed. The Auditor may make recommendations that the Association might follow to ensure transparency and signs the Financial Statement as a true record for presentation to the AGM.

DISCIPLINARY SUB COMMITTEE

Elected by the KCTTA Management Committee.

There are five members, comprising of a Chair, reporting to the Kent Management Committee, with four members. They are not normally members of the Management Committee. They receive and deal with disciplinary matters presented to them by the KCTTA Secretary.

Prepared by Roger Harris. Secretary. December 2015.