

**GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE 2011/2012**

**APOLOGIES**

Matt Weavers, Paul Cameron, Alex Mercer

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES**

Previous minutes were then accepted on a proposal by Adam Ellis and seconded by Andy Packham

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

**GDTTL Chairman's Report 2012.**

Firstly I would like to apologise for my absence tonight. As many of you will know I am helping at the table tennis events at Excel in London for the Olympics. No doubt by the time this report is read out, the Chinese will have achieved a clean sweep of the table tennis events winning gold in both the singles and team events! So please accept my apologies for being unable to attend tonight's AGM, which would have been my first as league Chairman - however I am sure that Mike, in his first official duty as Vice Chairman will do an excellent job!

I believe that this season's league was a successful one, with some great matches across all the divisions and with all teams playing and conducting themselves to high standards. The end of season competitions were reasonably well attended, however there can always be improvements in the numbers of players participating. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the players who will later this evening be presented with their awards.

At one of the first committee meetings of the season one of the key topics was the quality, well rather lack of quality of the equipment at the Meres Leisure Centre. At this meeting it was decided to purchase some tournament standard nets for the league's use. These nets have been a great success and have hopefully have improved the experience of playing matches at the venue. Moving forward we are in the final stages of discussion with the Meres with regard to the purchase of some new tables and surrounds. This is a joint venture between the league and the Meres and it will be the only way that we can acquire decent equipment to enable us all to continue to play table tennis at the Meres. It is hoped that the new equipment will be in place for the start of this season. It is my hope and vision that once we have decent tables and equipment at the Meres - that Grantham once more will become a premier venue for top quality table tennis events and tournaments, which would be fitting considering the town's fantastic table tennis heritage.

The league is run by a team of volunteers who every year put a lot of time into ensuring that the league is well managed and is sustainable for the future. I would like to thank the following for their invaluable contribution:

Simon Mableson who has been the secretary since 2002. Simon does a great job as secretary and occasionally has to endure county meetings at the Lincs TT association.

Brian Coverley who has been Match Secretary since 2006 and webmaster since 2008. I think we can all agree that Brian does a fantastic job of a very demanding role and I can safely say that our website managed by Brian is one of the best league websites in the country.

Terry Needham who has as treasurer since 2009 has done a sterling job maintaining and balancing the books.

In addition to Simon, Brian and Terry I would like to thank Russell for year in year out sorting the trophies and Paul Cameron for his work on the league handbook. I would also like to thank all the team that sit on the management committee.

This season as normal the league was involved in the annual Herbert Pacey Memorial Junior Schools table tennis tournament in conjunction with Cliffedale Chandlers. For the past few years this has been arranged by Cathy Steeples of St Mary's Primary School. The event is always well attended and well organised - so thanks Cathy. This season there has also been a couple of events arranged in association with the league for competition for junior and secondary schools pupils. The events were called the Olympic Table Tennis Grand Prix Tournaments 2012 and were arranged by John Mapletoft, thanks John and assisted by Cathy. Two events were held and again they were a good success. Thanks to M & T Windows for sponsoring the events.

I have said a large number of thanks this evening, however there is one very important name that I have not yet mentioned. That name is Terry Tresadern.

Terry has been involved in table tennis for well over twenty years and was until last year Chairman of the league - a position that he held since 1999. I would like to offer my personal thanks for all the work Terry has done over the years for table tennis and the town's league. I would at this point like to ask Peter May, President of the league to say a few words about Terry.

Looking to the future now there are a number of the town's coaches who are now looking at working together to help promote table tennis - who have formed a coaches' forum to look at developing coaching throughout the town and surrounding area. In keeping with the Olympics theme hopefully this will "Inspire a generation" to play table tennis.

All that remains for me to say is that I wish you all the best of luck for the forthcoming season.

Thanks

Matt.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Balance sheet was put to the meeting.

The Treasurer Terry Needham presented the report personally and following Q&A was accepted on a proposal by Terry Tresadern and seconded by Barry Holvey

### **AFFILIATION FEES**

The committee announced and proposed that for the 2012/20123 season the fees for Team registration will be unchanged at £40. Following the ETTA AGM the individual registration will remain at £6

### **NUMBER OF DIVISIONS**

Prior knowledge and confirmation on the night shows we have at least 28 teams and therefore 3 divisions will remain the format and final places will need to be discussed at the first committee meeting.

### **RULE CHANGES**

NONE

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

There were no changes for

President,-----Peter May proposed -- Terry Tresadern, sec by John Pullen

Vice President, ---Edie Hunt- Life Membership

On a proposal from Peter May and seconded by Terry Needham and passed by the meeting, our four 50 year members have been made Life Vice Presidents

For the remaining Officers it was put to a Block Vote Proposed by Alan Bryan and seconded by Martin Clarke

Chairman ----- Matt Weavers.

Vice Chairman----- Mike Tedbury, Pr by Matt Weavers and sec by John Pullen

Match Secretary.-----Brian Coverley, unanimously by the meeting with thanks

Secretary-----Simon Mableson, Pr by Peter May and sec by Martin Clarke

Treasurer-----Terry Needham, unanimously by the meeting with thanks

Trophies and Competition secretary----Russ Winfield, unanimously by the meeting with thanks

County Representative.----Peter May, Simon Mableson Pr by Terry Tresadern and sec by Dave Warner.

Press Officer-----Vacant

Coaching Secretary ----Russ Winfield on a proposal from Peter May and seconded by John Hiley.

Umpiring Secretary----Alex Mercer on a proposal by John Hiley and seconded by John Mapletoft.

Management Committee members for the coming season in addition to the officers above are:- Alex Dakiniewicz, Alan Bryan, Adam Ellis, from last year on a proposal by Martin Clarke and seconded by Michel Bridges.

John Hiley—on a proposal by Russ Winfield and seconded by Ken Wingad.

### **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

Presentations of the trophies to the worthy winners were awarded by our President Peter May.

#### **2011-2012 Championship Winners**

**Mens Challenge** WINNER-----Colin Richardson

R-UP----- Adam Ellis

**Ladies Challenge**----NOT PLAYED

<b>Veteran Singles</b>	WINNER-----Adam Ellis	R-UP-----Derek Wood
<b>H/C Singles</b>	WINNER-----Andy Packham	R-UP-----Clive Henderson
<b>Doubles</b>	WINNER----- Dean Patel & Dylan Grocock R-UP-- Rob Artley & Alex Rickard	
<b>U21</b>	Not played	
<b>TEAM KO</b>	WINNER--ANCASTER TTC D	R-UP ---CHANDLERS C

### LEAGUE WINNERS

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DIV</b>	<b>WILD ROVERS A</b> Ancaster TTC A
<b>2ND DIV</b> R-UP	<b>ANCASTER TTC B</b> Falcons
<b>3RD DIV</b> R-UP	<b>DVS CROWNS</b> ANCASTER TTC C

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

<b>1ST DIV</b>	Danny Cox
<b>2ND DIV</b>	Robert Smith
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DIV</b>	Andy Packham

### AOB

Trophies: Russ W proposed that we didn't bother with trophies and used the money saved wisely to the good of TT in Grantham. Following a discussion the meeting wished to carry on with trophies.

Development: The league has consistently to back development and therefore Terry Tresadern proposed a nominal £200 to be made available for an appropriate request—seconded by Terry Needham and passed by meeting.

Thanks: Andy Packham wished to thank Simon for organising the end of year tournaments which he enjoyed, but he was very disappointed in the majority of the league players for not supporting it.

Team KO: On a proposal by Ken Wingad and seconded by Terry Tresadern the league committee will look at placing this tournament during the season.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the AGM complete and invited everyone to register their teams for the coming season.

**The AGM concluded with the Registration of teams, The meeting closed at 22.00hrs**