Darlington Table Tennis Academy AGM

Venue: Darlington Railway Athletic Club

Date and Time: Wednesday 30th May 2018

Present:

Giulio Pontone

Brian Day

George Catmull

Mike Thorns

Kevin Wray

Jason Crowther

Janet Ridley

Wilf Gilbert

Simon Laverick

Minutes of the last meeting of 31st May 2017 were agreed as a true record.

Proposer Jason Crowther seconded by George Catmull

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

The Annual report was presented to all members, Mike Thorns proposed that this should be accepted and was seconded by Jason Crowther.

The Annual Accounts were presented by Mike Thorns the closing balance of £21346.30 highlighting an increase from the previous year of £10531.14

Giulio Pontone and Kevin Wray proposed and seconded that these accounts should be accepted and was carried by all members.

It was also noted that the Academy had taken the opportunity over the past 18 months of building up the bank balance by taking advantage of the funding support from DBC, Tees Valley Sport.

Janet Ridley was also thanked for her initiatives of introducing the bonus ball and tuck shop which generates income of around £1000 per year.

Mike Thorns thanked Giulio Pontone for auditing the accounts for 2017/2018

It was agreed based on our current financial position there would be no increases in membership or subscription for 2018/2019

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The present Committee put themselves forward for re-election, and this was accepted and carried by all members present and Simon Laverick was co-op onto the Committee.

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Giulio Pontone mentioned the loss of junior members over the past six months mainly in the intermediate area however this has been compensated to a certain degree by an increase in beginners.

Simon Laverick asked do we know why they have left the answer was yes to some but only assumptions for the others.

Giulio Pontone stated that further taster sessions are planned at Primary Schools this year to try and bring new children into the Academy.

Mike Thorns asked what the plans are if we lose Dave Godbold due to a knee replacement, Giulio Pontone has spoken to Dave Ball and he will cover that position on a Monday night and Giulio will cover the girls on a Thursday night.

Kevin Wray asked about when we should consider a new club kit, the consensus from those present was due to a number of youngsters having just bought the current shirt and with the Academy recently subsidising over 20 members to buy the current kit it was agreed that we will relook at that in 2019/2020.

Giulio Pontone indicated that coaches and volunteers will be discussing how the sessions should be reorganised due to the loss of intermediates, to accelerate the development of some or our junior players and how to manage the intake of beginners over the next few months.