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23rd July 2012

To: National Councillors, County Association Secretaries, Local League Secretaries,
PremierClub Secretaries

Dear Councillor/Secretary

Re: National Council Meeting 21st July 2012

I am pleased to provide a summary of the main points discussed at the last National Council Meeting and hope that it will assist you in reporting back to your members.

1. Two minutes' silence was held in memory of our President, Keith Ponting.
2. The Chairman's report included details of the latest Sport England, Governance, UK Sport and Active People Survey updates. A detailed presentation from the Chief Executive on the 2013 to 2017 Whole Sport Plan was given and the Executive Summary had been previously distributed to members. A copy of his presentation will be circulated to councillors. New National Councillors were welcomed to the meeting, Les Whittaker (Dorset) and Robert Loxley (South Yorkshire), and given their passes.
3. National Council appointed the Board of Appeal, Disciplinary Committee and National Election Scrutineers. Members noted all committee appointments for 2012/13.
4. Approval was given to the Departmental Documents covering Areas of Responsibility, and Council noted the Departmental Personnel and Committee terms of reference.
5. Discussions took place regarding the AGM and EGM and some matters arising will be put on the Board's Agenda for the October Meeting.
6. The Treasurer gave a financial update against the budget. This reflected the reduction in internal generation of income due to the rejection of additional Membership fees and consequential reduction in forecast expenditure on Talent Development and ultimate surplus.
7. The approval of the National Election Calendar was deferred to the October Council Meeting.
8. The Operations Manager gave a comprehensive update on the membership system including proposed developments. Detailed affiliation statistics were also distributed giving statistics for total league teams for the previous two years and individual members for 2011/12.
9. A proposal to create a new County Association of Greater Manchester had been suggested. Members present did not support the proposal.

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10. Copies of the Departmental Reports were issued in advance, Departmental Vice-Chairmen gave updates and Councillors asked a number of questions. Some require follow ups and further discussions by the Board, and will be answered at the October Council Meeting.
11. The table tennis television schedule for the 2012 Olympic Games will be available on the ETTA website.
- 12 The paper "The way forward with priorities" presented by J M Burtenshaw (National Councillor, Somerset) was discussed and topics from the paper would be included at future Council and Board meetings.
- 13 Detailed reports were presented on International Matters, ESTTA, BTTAD and BUSC, and it was announced that the next Commonwealth Championships would be held in India, 2013.

ALEX MURDOCH
Chairman

As a footnote Tin-Tin Ho won a Bronze Medal in the European Youth Championships Cadet Singles and has been selected for the European Cadet Girls Team to play in the ITTF World Cadet Challenge later this year.