

Introduction

1. Since the last National Council meeting one Board meeting has taken place which was on the 15th September.

Regular Updates

2. **Chairman's update** – Sandra spoke about the Olympics and congratulated both the participants and support teams for the Olympics and Paralympics. There was also a discussion around the AGM. It would be an agenda item at the December meeting.
3. **CEO report** – A successful staff away day was held in June at Lilleshall. It was a mixture of team building and strategic development. The staff survey was presented and the results presented and actions have since been followed up.
London Table Tennis Ltd are continuing plans to bid to host the London Cup in 2018 as part of the ITTF World Tour and are in discussions with the Mayor's Office.
There have been discussions with the ITTF about England hosting major events. The challenge will be underwriting such events as UK Sport and cities are generally unlikely to provide that level of financial backing.
4. **Head of Operations report** – Key reports were provided in respect of finance, governance, risk, safeguarding and ethics and complaints. The implementation of the Finance system was also discussed – the system was going well and was being utilised by staff. A demonstration of the system had been provided at the Finance Operations Risk Governance group meeting and it was acknowledged that it was an impressive system.
The new Board of Appeal was confirmed (see Head of Operations National Council Report) and updated regulations were agreed in respect of Right of Appeal (Reg E) and County Administration (Reg C)
5. **National Council Update** – A full report of the July National Council meeting which was a short meeting due to the AGM taking place in the afternoon. It was noted that there were some challenging aspects of the meeting which had also been acknowledged by a number of National Councillors.

Dashboard and Decision papers

6. **Dashboard/Operation Plan** – An update of the Dashboard was provided. A discussion took place around the importance of clubs. It was also confirmed that Table Tennis England was in the process of renewing the Clubmark licence to enable it to support and deliver Clubmark.
An update was provided that two pilot regional club and volunteer conferences (East Midlands and North East) were being organised to engage, amongst others, clubs.
7. **Offline Self Assurance Checklist** - The annual 28 page Offline self-assurance was discussed and its findings presented to the Board.

The Board agreed that, after checking and challenging each section there were no major issues the levels of assurance recommendations against the 6 key headings and that the return can be made to Sport England.

- Governance
- Strategic Planning

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- Financial Management
 - Human Resources
 - Organisational Policy
 - Risk Management
8. **Coaching Between Points** – It was confirmed that the ITTF had adopted new rules on coaching between points to come into force on 1 October. . It was agreed to update and provide guidance by:-
- Updating the Coaches Portal about the change in Regulation 3.5.1.3 and the ITTF FAQ document dated 7.2016 on the subject.
 - Add an article on the TTE website about change to Regulation 3.5.1.3
 - E-mail to Local League Secretaries on the subject.
9. **Network Review** – BOA – the Board confirmed the appointment of Murray Rosen QC as chair of the Board of Appeal.
- Regions - Following the recent review (see National Council Board report paper 16.3.2 paragraph 13) a discussion took place around the role of the Regions. A review had been completed by Estyn Williams and Graham Frankel which had been discussed at the Network Review Meeting in July and the recommendations from the review assessed.. This would be discussed as the next Regional Forum meeting in November.

Papers for Discussion

10. **Funding 17-21 Update** - An update was provided on the current funding application processes for Sport England and UK Sport. The process is different from previous cycles, a more iterative process involving meetings rather than written bids at this stage. It remains clear was that there would be reduced funding available for the 'core sport'.

AOB

An update was provided of nominations to ETTU committees and the Board approved the list of nominees.

The next Board meeting was 13th and 14th December at Preston so that the Board can attend the ECQ match on the evening of the 13th.