



Election Statement for Keith “Charlie” Childs

I would like you to consider voting for myself in the current TTE Elected Deputy Chairman elections. I believe that I have the necessary sporting knowledge, business experience, skills and above all **passion** to make a difference in our sport. I have been involved in our sport for many years as a player at various levels, a local league official and as a regional coaching officer. In recent times I have worked with various Table Tennis organisations at national level to further their aims and strategy. I am currently the Senior Non Executive Director with British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) where I lead on Governance. Most recently I, with other TTE members, assisted in the recruitment of the newly formed Members Advisory Group (MAG).

My passion for our sport has been securely anchored as a committed believer in the **club system** with my club, Generation 2. As a club we fully participate in TTE team competitions where we compete in National Junior and Cadet Leagues as well as the Junior British League. We are a founder member of the Senior British League. Having said that I do believe that both clubs and local league systems need reviewing in order to attract a greater range of members with their varied sporting needs.

I have been involved with the management of TTE before as a **Vice Chairman of the Coaching Department** for several years. In that period of time I helped to introduce the new Coach Education system (UKCC) as well other aspects such as the Coach Licensing System and the Coaches Code Of Conduct. We also held a very successful Coaching Conference in 2008 which heralded the beginning of the professional Regional Coaches system which became a **great success** all over the country for several years.

In my professional business career of some 33 years, latterly I was a Senior IT Manager for Digital Map Production at Ordnance Survey (OS). My business knowledge garnered at OS is varied with digital production team management, Marketing and IT Systems Management. I was involved with multi million pound budgeting in these roles. Project management for large IT projects and team management of large project teams were my daily roles.

Early retirement allowed me to serve our community in several roles. As a **Non Executive Director** with the NHS (Solent PCT) for some 4 years and more recently with the successful British Para Table Tennis as the **Senior Non Executive Director**. They like TTE have had to comply with the **Code for Sports Governance** from UK Sport. As an Olympic sport BPTT has as an organisation learnt a lot from that process. As lead for Governance for BPTT I have personally learned a great deal about the sporting landscape in the UK and how sport is managed with its many facets ranging from Board development, Anti Doping to Olympic funding cycles.

As stated earlier my passion is with my club and its coaching programme. I have been coaching for many years at my club and at regional level. I have had the privilege of working with hundreds of young and not so young players. Many of these players have progressed well beyond club standard playing at tournaments all over the country where you will see me regularly at court side helping them with their development. **As a UKCC level 3 Coach I also assist TTE with their Coach Education programme as a UKCC Tutor and Assessor.**

When I am in need of a rest from Table Tennis I am **Chair OF Trustees at Fareham Academy School** where my club is based. An Academy Trustee is concerned with setting an organisations strategy and then holding the school leadership team to account on behalf of its stakeholders - to ensure a great educational outcome for our students. This is a parallel role to being a **TTE Elected Deputy Chairman** where the TTE Board must hold the Senior Leadership Team of TTE to account in implementing its strategy across the wide range of TTE activities and projects.

Can I thank you for your time in reading my personal statement which outlines my personal skills and knowledge areas that I believe are necessary for this role. **If you wish to send me any questions with regard to my suitability for this role or my opinions on specific Table Tennis aspects then please do so using the email listed below.** A more comprehensive description of my CV can be seen at **www.charliechilds.com**. There is a page on the website where you can contact me should you wish to do so. Lastly can I wish all nominees in this election process the best of luck.

Yours In Sport
Keith “Charlie” Childs

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