

MAG – Annual Report 2019

The Formation of MAG

The formation of a Members Advisory Group (MAG) was the main recommendation of the Independent Review Panel on Governance. The Review recognised the need to improve the advice available to the Board and to ensure effective two-way engagement between the Board and the wider table tennis community. This would create a more effective, robust organisation that would be better placed to face the challenges of developing table tennis into the future.

Accordingly, MAG has been established as a source of strategic and operational advice to the Board on a broad range of issues relating to table tennis. The advice that MAG provides to the Board is based in part on the knowledge and expertise of the individual Members. However, this advice also draws on input from the wider table tennis community or reflects the views of the table tennis community.

Members of MAG come from all parts of the table tennis community – including players, clubs, leagues & counties, coaches, umpires, schools. They were appointed through an open transparent application process.

The 12 inaugural MAG members are: Craig Bryant, Kevin Buddell, Joanne Green, Neil Hurford, Brian Kean, David Maddison, Dean Nabarro, Sandy Nash, Raj Patel, Steve Pratt, Stuart Sherlock and Dan Simms.

MAG Activities

MAG has met twice since its formation. This first meeting was primarily to facilitate introductions and to set some working parameters. The Group was keen to adopt a project-based approach. The second meeting started setting the groundwork for the operation of the Group and discussed both the first and subsequent projects.

- **Ranking/Rating Project** – MAG has been asked by the Board to consider the TTE National Ranking system. MAG have particularly been asked to initially look at the principles against which any future system should be measured and to provide feedback to the Board on what does and what doesn't work well about the current TTE system. A project sub-team has been set up to undertake the review and preliminary work has begun on this through individual connections and via a new MAG Facebook group.
- **Future Projects** – topics that The Board has indicated may become future projects include Competition Review Strategy and Volunteering Strategy. A number of individual members of MAG have also suggested some 'blue sky thinking' projects which these members will work on to provide briefs which they will present to other members of MAG and for the Board to consider. Project ideas from the TTE community are also welcome, and MAG will review all ideas received to identify additional future projects.

Active engagement with the table tennis community is seen as important to the success of MAG and this will be developed as part of future projects. A web site has now been set up so that all TTE members can be updated regularly on MAG's activities. In addition, a MAG Facebook Group has been set up.