**Minutes of DTTC AGM.**

Held at DTTC at 19:30 7th November 2023.

**Attendees**: Gordon Duff (Chairman), Steven Cussell (Secretary), Kenny lee (Treasurer), Shannon Brown (Committee), Norma Brown (Committee), Anne Borrowdale (Committee), Dylan de Silva (Committee), Graham Gault (Committee), Graeme Boyd (Committee) and Paul Dowson (Committee), Paul Borrowdale (Member), Raymond Pirrie (Member), Shona Morton (member), Elaine Colquhoun (member), Chrissie McGeever (member) and Adrian Mason (member).

**On-line via Zoom:** Dawid Sulkowski (member), Kay Solaja (Committee) and Jason Fleming (Committee).

**Welcome**: The Chairman welcomed all present.

**Apologies**: No apologies were submitted.

**Approval of Minutes of the DTTC AGM Minutes 2022:** Previous minutes were officially approved.

**Election of trustees:**

Gordon Duff remains Chairman.

Steven Cussell remains as Secretary.

Kenny Lee remains as Treasurer.

**Chairman’s and Secretary’s Combined Reports:**

Following the many problems incurred by Covid 19 we were allowed to get back to some sort of normality.

**League**

We had a decent competitive league with 8 teams fighting it out.
Honours went to The Top Bananas with runners up Gaulty Towers. Leading Individual was the unbeaten Reuben De Silva of Top Bananas.
Hopefully next season will see an increase in teams/leagues.

**Coaching**

Coaching ably managed by Dylan and carried out in the main by Senga Thomson and Norma resumed on Monday evenings. An advanced class also takes place on Thursday covered by Dylan.
Many thanks to them for their hard work  together with the likes of Danny, Shannon, Paul and Blair who gave assistance throughout the season. Numbers have been very encouraging with several players showing great potential.

**Club Championships**

Club Championships took place over the weekend of 22/23rd April with the main and handicap events on the Saturday and the Junior events on the Sunday.
Two good days competition took place with Dylan De Silva stealing the show!

**Over 50s**

Last November saw the commencement of the club’s over 50s session initiated and  methodically organised by Annie Borrowdale.
This has been a fantastic success what with 2 sessions (Monday and Thursday) now being held weekly and with some 30-40 o/50s playing table tennis every week. Several of these have now become full members. A well-attended o/50s championship also took place in April.

Disability Group

This successful group runs every Saturday morning organised through Disability Scotland and taken by Dave Denholm (by Kay Solaja in his absence) with up to a dozen participants. ITV Border very recently attended this for their Border Life program. This was shown on ITV a few weeks ago with both DTTC and the disability group appearing quite impressive!

**National**

Some of our youngsters are now dipping their ties into deeper waters.
A few attended a banded event In Edinburgh and Rueben De Silva contested the North Ayrshire Open.
We had 12 players contesting the D&G schools qualifier, the first for a good while, with both Shannon and Maria qualifying for Galway.
In the Scottish National Championships Danny Bajwa reached the singles semifinal ,the doubles final and won the mixed doubles.
Rueben De Silva reached the junior doubles semifinal with Keiran Walker, a regular visitor at the club.

We had two teams in the Scottish National League, one in Division 1 and 1 in Division 5. Unfortunately our A team were relegated from Division 1 and our B team finished a close 3rd.
Both teams, including some changes are already looking forward to a more fruitful season starting in November.

We managed to pull a few teams together for the Interleague last season.
With both a junior boys and girls competing well.
Our men’s Vets also did well finishing a good fifth including two very close matches with Aberdeen and Edinburgh that Dumfries were very unlucky to lose.
A very enjoyable social evening took place thereafter.

End of season Presentation Night:

A very well attended and enjoyable social and presentation evening took place within the club (first time)
Many thanks to Kay, Anne and Shannon for organising the event.
I am confident future events will continue to be held here.

**Miscellaneous**

Open Nights/Days continue to be held on Mondays and Saturdays but unfortunately are not too well attended with in the main the same Vets playing one another. We need to try and get more players to attend.

As regards social media our website has been upgraded and working well.
Thanks to Annie and all concerned.

A Defibrillator has now been installed in the club with several members receiving the required training. Thanks to Mr Gault for ensuring this was obtained and installed. Fingers crossed that it never gets used!

The club has reintroduced its 50/50 bonus ball in order to generate some funds. I think we need to try and sell more balls in order to fulfil its potential for income.

New lights have been installed recently with a new heating system on the horizon. Thanks to Graham Gault and Nick Morgan for all their efforts.

The club is also in the process of seeking club Sponsorship. (Other than Butterfly)
Fingers crossed that Graham Boyd’s hard work comes to fruition.

Thanks again to everyone for all their hard work and input over the past season.

**Questions raised:**

* Anne asked if there was link to the TV program filmed at the club. It’s available on YouTube.
* Anne suggested that over 50s groups were encouraged to attend other sessions within the club.
* Short discussion on whether £3 fee (Coaching, Over 50s, etc.) for adults was too cheap. £4 mooted.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Kenny went through the Club accounts and attendees were able to read through the documents and ask questions.



Kenny also outlined proposals for investing Club funds:



**AOB**:

* Norma Brown confirmed the following had been actioned: Rubber cover for Robot mains lead, new whiteboard.
* Short discussion on “In Case of Emergency” known as ICE contacts, in the event of next of kin needing to be contact if someone falls ill etc whilst attending the club. The organiser of The Over 50s group already collects ICE details relating to participants.
* Graeme Boyd updated the meeting on Sponsorship. He presented copies of the new booklet and covering letter which will be sent to prospective sponsors. Copies will be available to view in the club. Graeme advised the meeting that his intention was to post some of these during w/c 13/11/23, including Anderson Kilts, Yopa, Your Move and possibly Knox Sports. He further requested that all members should be encouraged to approach local businesses and “sound them out”.
* Paul Dowson and Shannon Brown to follow up on a question posed by Kay Solaja regarding the provision of and accident book and a a near miss book. Senga Thompson will be approached for any remaining Health & Safety related documents she be have on file.

The meeting was closed at 20:50.