**MINUTES OF DTTC AGM**

Held at DTTC at 19:30 30 September 2024

**ATTENDEES**: Gordon Duff (Chairman), Anne Borrowdale (Deputy Secretary), Kenny Lee (Treasurer), Graeme Boyd (Committee), Norma Brown (Committee), Elaine Colquhoun (committee), Graham Gault (Committee), Kay Solaja (Committee), Alison Telfer (Committee), Graeme Alison (member), Paul Borrowdale (Member), Phil Jones (Member), David Niven (Member), Raymond Pirrie (Member), David Smart (member)

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

**APOLOGIES**: Apologies were received from: Jason Fleming, Dylan De Silva, Steve Cussell and David Denholm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DTTC AGM MINUTES 2023:** Previous minutes were officially approved.

**ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:**

Gordon Duff remains Chairman

Anne Borrowdale was elected as Secretary

Kenny Lee remains as Treasurer

Committee members: Graham Gault stood down. In addition to the trustees, the committee for 2024/25 will remain as: Graeme Boyd, Norma Brown, Elaine Colquhoun, Steve Cussell, Dylan De Silva, Jason Fleming, Kay Solaja, Dawid Sulkowski, Alison Telfer

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

The last year/season was yet another very good one for DTTC. Membership is sitting at 60 full members and 40 £5 annual members.

**League**

The season started in September which was ably coordinated by Jason Fleming.  His first year doing this, Jason had his hands full with an entry that meant for the first time in many years that we had enough entries for 3 divisions Although there were a few casualties along the way we ended up with three competitive leagues with the following results.

**Div 3 ru** was Double Trouble (the promising young team of Olivia Maxwell and the Boyd Telfer)

**Div 3 Winners** and undefeated for the season were Blade Runners with the leading individuals shared by the undefeated father and son Graeme and Finlay Boyd

**Div 2 ru** two Slips and a Gully made up of Cory Dawson and Isaac Ismael.

**Div 2 Winners** - Table Toppers/ Annie Borrowdale and James Hutchison Leading Individual was Annie Borrowdale

**Div1**- **ru** The Smashing Pumpkins comprising Barry Kirkpatrick, Shannon Brown who finished as leading individual and Paul Dowson

**Winners** - Gaulty Towers (Graham Gault, Paul Borrowdale, David Niven and Jason Fleming)

**National**

Outside our local domestic events, there is regular attendance at national and occasionally at international events throughout the year.

In July 2023 both Shannon Brown and Maria De Silva represented Scotland in the Senior School’s tournament that was held in Galway in Southern Ireland where their teams finished 5th and 6th of 8 teams.

Dumfries had two teams in the Scottish National League last season competing in Divisions 2 and 5. The first fixtures were held in Perth but after flooding at Bell’s sports centre (now closed) remaining fixtures were completed in North Ayrshire venues.  Our B team consisting of Calum Morgan ,Maria DeSilva, David Niven and Paul Dowson played well throughout the season, narrowly missing out on promotion with a 3rd place finish.

In division 2, our A team consisting of Keiran Walker , Dawid Sulkowski, Dylan De Silva, Jason Fleming and Reuben De Silva were undefeated for the whole season but with too many draws narrowly missed out to Murrayfield B on winning the div 2 title.  Dawid Sulkowski finished with the top player average in div 2 with an 85% win rate. Finishing second will see the team return to division 1 in the coming season.

Thanks to all players who committed to play during the season and for the forthcoming season which is to include the return of Danny Bajwa. We also intend to enter a third team which will compete in Division 6 and is to include some of our promising juniors!

Quite a few of our youngsters have been regularly attending national events this year held mainly in the central belt area and this season has seen several of our youngsters enter onto the official Scottish ranking lists for the first time. We were particularly pleased to be able to have a good number of players entering the Scottish National Championships, which were this year held in Inverclyde National Sports Centre in Largs, with Danny Bajwa, Shannon Brown and Maria De Silva all competing.

Danny currently ranked number 5 in Scotland in the men’s made it to the quarter finals losing out to last year’s national champion Calum Morrison.  He also finished runners up in the men’s doubles with partner Martin Johnson from North Ayrshire and won the Mixed doubles title for the umpteenth time with new partner, Lucy Elliot.

In the junior events the club was delighted to have a good entry with Shannon, Maria, Evan, Cory, Finley, Isaac, Olivia and Boyd all taking part. Shannon made the semi-finals of the junior girls and with her partner Maja from Aberdeen won the Junior Girls doubles title.

Shannon Brown was also selected to represent Scotland Junior Girls in Sweden at the European Youth Championships few months ago.

Also a few months ago the final junior event saw many of our junior players taking part again in Edinburgh and the club were treated with one final title with Boyd Telfer winning the under 11 boys event.

**Coaching**

Coaching ably managed by Dylan De Silva takes place each Monday and Thursday evening. Numbers continue to be encouraging with several players showing great potential. Shannon Brown leads on a Monday assisted by Graeme Boyd and Norma Brown with Dylan De Silva and Dawid Sulkowski leading the Thursday group assisted by Rueben De Silva

Many thanks to all for their dedicated hard work.

We would also like to congratulate our 5 new UKCC level 1 qualified coaches who completed their course and assessment recently – Maria and Reuben De Silva, David Niven, Richard Ismael, Graeme Boyd and Jason Fleming.  Well done to all and we look forward to them helping to deliver some coaching in the future.

**Club Championships**

The Dumfries TTC championships sponsored by Your Move and Fusion Renewables took place over the weekend of 15-17 March.

**Fusion Renewables Junior Club Championships**

**Juniors:**

U13- ru- Olivia Maxwell

Winner - Boyd Telfer

U15 girls- ru- Carrie Miller

Winner- Olivia Maxwell

U15- ru - Cory Dawson

Winner - Isaac Ishmael

U18 Girls

Ru- Olivia Maxwell

Winner - Shannon Brown

U18- Ru- Cory Dawson

Winner - Shannon Brown

**Your Move Senior Championships**

Handicap Singles Band B

Ru-Finlay Boyd

Winner - Evan Robertson

Handicap Singles Band A

Ru - Kay Solaja

Winner - Dylan De Silva

Handicap Doubles

Ru- Kay Solaja/ Elaine Colquhoun

Winners- Graham Gault/ Rod Cowen

Vets Doubles

Ru- James Hutchison/Gordon Duff

Winners

Paul and Annie Borrowdale

Vets Singles

Ru/ Graham Gault

Winner Gordon Duff

Open Doubles

Ru- Dawid Sulkowski/ James Hutchison

Winners

Maria and Dylan DeSilva

Ladies Singles

Ru- Maria DeSilva

Winner- Shona Morton

Open Singles

Ru Dylan DeSilva

Winner and Your Move Dumfries TTC Champion

Dawid Sulkowski

Boyd Telfer was voted the club’s most improved player of the year!

**Disability Group**

This continues to meet-regularly on Saturday mornings through Disability Scotland  and goes from strength to strength. They held their own club championships last year which was well attended. There were lots of great matches all undertaken in great spirit, energy and fun with awards presented on the day.

Many thanks to Dave Denholm, Kay and everyone who helps with this group.

**O/50s**

Our 0/50s group which takes place each Monday and Thursday has never looked back since it started almost 2 years ago with 20-30 attending most sessions with most becoming full members of our club.

Thanks to  everyone who helps each week and to everyone who takes part! Our over 50’s participation levels are the envy of every club in the country, so here’s to another successful year.

We await the outcome of a recent poll to come up with a more suitable name for the group.

**Thanks**

I would like to thank our committee who continue to move the club forward positively.  There is a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to help make the club the great facility it is today.  This year we have seen our heating system replaced and a new solar array installed by our new sponsors Fusion Renewables, which will futureproof the club in these uncertain times.  This has involved a lot of work to get funding in place and organise installation.  Particular thanks to Anne Borrowdale, Dylan De Silva and Graham Gault who have been instrumental in implementing these projects.

We are also of course delighted to have the support of our new sponsors; Club Sponsor Your Move, Junior Sponsors; Fusion Renewables and National League sponsors; Genesis and our main sponsor Anderson’s Kilts as well as our numerous other contributors who support us through our friends packages.  The support that you bring will really help us to deliver the work we do going forward.

Many thanks to Graeme Boyd for all his hard work in making this venture coming to fruition.

Thanks too to our equipment sponsor Teessport who give us good discounts on equipment.

**End of season Event**

This well attended event  was held at Nunholm Cricket/ Squash Club for the first time. A very enjoyable evening , which included our annual prize giving, was had by all.

Many thanks to Graeme Boyd and his sub committee for organising this event.

**Finances**

The club continues to be in a good financial position going forward. Please see our Treasurer’s Report

My humble apologies if I have missed anything.

Gordon Duff

DTTC Chairman

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Kenny went through the Club accounts and attendees were able to read through the document.

**In response to questions raised:**

Kenny confirmed that the £4335 under ‘Receipts: Over-50s’ does not include membership receipts that are notified to him separately.

The Disability Group used to pay £2.50 per session, of which £2 came to the club and 50p went to Disability Scotland. Now, all fees taken go in the tin. Several group members have joined the club as £5 members, and the aim is for the Disability Group to be entirely ‘owned’ by the club going forward.

The club will receive approx. £3000 worth of interest in November, after money was moved to a higher interest-bearing account in November 2023.

Under ‘Notes to the accounts’, the meeting felt that Items 7 – 10 are misleading as they refer to past projects which did not come about. These will be removed in future accounts.

The committee were asked to create a strategy for expenditure on future projects, with clarity on what funds are needed in reserves and what can be invested in club activities.

Kenny will continue to pursue British Gas to install a smart meter, to enable the club to earn money by exporting energy from our solar panels. He was asked to provide a summary of electricity generated by the panels with next year’s accounts.

Kenny agreed to review the figures for the 2023 end of season event, as these did not correspond with figures from Kay, who organised it.

**Membership and Session Fees 2024/25**

In the absence of recommendations from the committee to the contrary, fees will remain the same.

Kenny will submit a block application for Table Tennis Scotland memberships for league players.

**CONSTITUTION**

Minor revisions to the Constitution have been proposed. The new draft is on the club website, but as it was not circulated to members 14 days before the AGM, it will need to be ratified at the AGM in 2025.

**AOB**:

The Over-50s group has chosen a new name of 50+ StillGamers.

Club members should now renew membership by completing an online form, which will help the club to keep accurate membership records.

Members will need to respond to an email from our website and email provider Dreamhost, to continue to receive emails from the club.

Graeme Boyd and others who contribute to the club’s social media output were praised for creating a positive image of the club and players’ achievements.

The meeting closed at 20:05.