**DTTC COMMITTEE MEETING 22ND OCTOBER AT DTTC 19:30**

**PRESENT:** Anne, Elaine, Gordon, Kenny, Norma, Steve

**APOLOGIES**: Kay, Graeme, Jason, Dylan, Dawid, Alison

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were agreed

**ITEMS FROM AGM**

* Draft minutes on website, those who were there, please check. To be ratified next AGM
* Planning ahead/ Strategy

Current practice was felt to be enough without formal strategy or planning. But need to ensure future activities meet the club’s objectives as per our revised Constitution:

1. to play the game of Table Tennis
2. to encourage and develop interest in the game at all levels
3. to provide social activities
4. to maintain and improve the Club premises on Shakespeare Street to support the aforementioned objectives
5. where it does not conflict with the club’s primary objectives, to support other sport and community groups.

* Copies of the new Constitution will be circulated before the AGM next year, so it can be officially ratified. Draft is on the website

**FINANCES**

* Balances are: Bank of Scotland £1,925.53; Barclays £13,948.29; Hampshire Trust Bank (HTB) £70,000.00 Agreed to reinvest £70,000 with HTB One Year Bond at 4.55% Fixed Rate, when current bond matures 8/11/24
* Agreed to put Barclays money currently paying 1.51% interest into a new HTB Easy Access account at 4.37% Variable Rate, together with interest of £3,496.36 from the HTB maturing bond. This account to be available for club development and facilities as needed.
* Kenny continues to phone British Gas to install our Export meter for solar panels. If no response to next call, he will raise a formal complaint.
* Agreed not to pursue idea of Charity status, as it would give only 80% rate relief vs 100% we currently receive.

**LEAGUE AND COMPETITION**

* Dates for club championships

Agreed that last year’s format with all events, including Disability group, on the same weekend was preferable to events over two weekends, and a later date was preferred. Weekend of 25-27 April fixed. (28-30 March is start of school holidays). For easier management, number of events which individuals can enter could be limited, if the number of entrants is high. Agreed to ask Veteran players why they didn’t enter Vets competition last year

* Schools Qualifier. Sunday 17/11 is in the club diary, with Rebecca Topping (from the council) organising. Kenny will contact her to ask if she needs any help or involvement from him.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE:**

* Front Door Previous quote letter has gone missing. Gordon to liaise with Iain McCloud to get a new one and ideally two more quotes
* Boiler issues: At service, plumber identified issues with pipes that ought to be replaced. Given only used for upstairs radiators and hot water in the kitchens, may be worth moving to electric radiators and individual kitchen water heaters.

**CLUB AND DEVELOPMENT**

* Steve was elected to be Vice Chair, now that Graham Gault has left the committee. Chief duty will be chairing meetings and deputising for the Secretary when she is unavailable.
* The Disability group has been adopted by the club; Kay and David Denholm continue to organise it, with assistance from other club members.
* Several club members attended the D&G Disability Awareness workshop at the club and found it useful e.g. good practice for integrating those with disabilities into general sessions. Some Parkinsons group members attend Thursday morning, Elaine not heard back re separate session.
* Anne circulated a list of members’ status – whether they have registered and/or paid, and/or subscribed to the club’s new email list. Norma and Elaine will remind those at coaching and Still Gamers respectively to complete the process. All payments for membership fees must be notified to Kenny and Anne so they have a record.
* Linda Powell has material for club history for the website, also videos and photos from Kathleen Goldie. Elaine to ask if any Still Gamers might like to put a fuller club history together.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

* Anne to show Norma, Elaine and Kenny how to access records on the club laptop, if needed.
* Agreed to buy a printer for the club office. Tank options expensive up front but ink very cheap. Others, cheap up front but ink very expensive. Anne to get research and get quotes.
* Website: Additional pages suggested, with more info on Still Gamers and Disability groups. Elaine to contribute, and Anne to discuss with Dave Denholm.

**COACHING**

Query raised about whether all coaches and volunteers are Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) checked. Anne to check with Dylan, and reference this on website Coaching page.

**SPONSORSHIP** – report from Graeme received:

* Your Move Dumfries has paid their second and third instalments of £125, taking their payments for the year up to £375. The final payment of £125 will be made in November.
* Club has new sponsor – BonEco Property Management – a local holiday home management company. They are sponsoring us at £350 p/a over 2 years, with request that money is used for  Juniors. This to fund Butterfly shirts for Juniors playing Scottish National League. Graeme is sorting out banner, signage, shirts and comms.
* Gross sponsorship income is £2225 this calendar year to date, with £125 still to come.
* I am updating the Sponsor Pack for the 24-25 season and will circulate it when ready. Hope to do another sponsorship push before Xmas.
* I’m going to arrange some promotional posts for our existing sponsors on our social channels over the next 2 months.
* Our Senior SNL teams have their Butterfly kits and are looking great.
* Butterfly kit is also available to club members at a 40% discount – I’ll work with Dylan to make this available to members.
* As always let me know if you have any sponsorship leads please.

Club Clothing: All Juniors who attended training blocks before summer now have a Fusion Renewables shirt. Graeme will check with Norma re shirts for the couple of new kids at Monday night sessions.

* Club training shirts are selling steadily, 10-12 sold. Will do some additional promo ahead of Xmas!
* I’m getting a couple of hoodie samples from Rostrum so we can take a look at them and possibly invest in some. Likely £20-£25 per item at cost to us, so sell at £25-£30.

**AOB**

* Discussion of whether long-standing volunteers/committee members should be thanked or receive something for their service, to be carried forward to next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** confirmed for **Tuesday 3 Dec.**

Anne will circulate suggested dates for meetings in 2025

**WHATSAPP DECISIONS/INFORMATION SINCE LAST MEETING - FOR MINUTES**

**LEAGUE AND COMPETITION**

* + New kit for national league teams agreed as full kit for all 8 players on a 2 year cycle
  + National league teams entered in Divisions 1, 5 and 6
  + League for 2024/5 set up with 2 divisions of 7 and 8 teams, playing twice, with time for a competition at the end. 2 new balls available at the club per team. New WhatsApp groups set up for captains.
  + Team captains reminded to reset hall after Wednesday matches for Thursday mornings
  + £100 agreed for Danny for representing Scotland at ETTU champs in Austria. Graeme set up a GoFundMe for him. Recommendations for funding from Rotary, Lions and Holywood Trust.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

* + Office tidied, in part. New light tube needed.
  + Leaflet and A4 poster holders installed by kitchen. Poster for Juniors SERVE ethos have gone up.
* Weeds now cleared from front of club
* New tables in place. Dylan has done a video on correct use. Old ones have gone to schools.
* Having a damp course put in should resolve outside leak/wall damage. Cost is £750. Old fan holes to be bricked up.
* Debris has been cleared from gutters, which should solve the leak in the corner of the stairway. Do annually?
* Graham Gault is doing a maintenance plan.
* Light fittings have not yet gone to the tip.
* A new water meter has been fitted, to resolve previous issues with readings
* Decision not to put up an entry barrier for the downstairs kitchen
* Notices with emergency contacts for Gordon and Kenny have gone up
* Reuben will continue as club cleaner until next August.
* ‘Lost property’ clothing has gone to a charity shop
* Reminder to wear trainers ideally changed into at club, to avoid dirt and floor damage. WhatsApped to 50+
* From Kay, possible replacement air dryer, for agenda at Nov/Dec meeting

**CLUB AND DEVELOPMENT**

* Correspondence with Dumfries Academy re using the club – final result?
* Possible visit to club by Summerhill Community Centre (Gordon asked to phone, via Steve)
* New glue pot at the club, now £1a go obot has returned. Some glitches now fixed. Notice added that committee will supervise users. Tablet connected with the app on it.
* Macmillan coffee morning raised £303.50
* The Over-50s are now the 50+ Still Gamers
* Training shirts are on sale at £10 each. Also on club shop web page, with added female model.
* Elaine convened meeting with Parkinsons group, Some attend Still Gamers, but they may also like a separate taster session. John Maxwell canvassing views and will be in touch.
* Club events held for Scottish Women and Girls in Sport week 30/9 – 6/10: women-only 50+ coaching and women and girls taster. Senga and Shannon demos in local schools.
* Table + volunteers sent for sports session at Glasgow Uni Welcome week at the Crichton.
* Calum Morgan has made £100 donation, Secretary will ask to complete membership too.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

* + Dylan and Anne are now joint group admin for committee WhatsApp now Graham G has left it.
  + The committee WhatsApp is for club business and important messages, not chat.
  + Shannon has FB admin rights, especially for posting and answering queries re coaching
  + Graeme/Elaine to do FB feature on Still Gamers, social play

**COACHING**

* + Website updates made to website Coaching page (but Dylan/Norma please read and check)
  + Training camps with Dawid and Shannon organised for 15, 22 and 24 October.
  + Reminder for players to collect up all the balls after Monday evening coaching.