**DTTC COMMITTEE MINUTES - TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025 19:30 AT DTTC**

**PRESENT:** Anne Borrowdale, Graeme Boyd, Elaine Colquhoun, Gordon Duff, Kenny Lee, David Niven, Kay Solaja

**APOLOGIES**: Norma Brown, Dawid Sulkowski, Alison Telfer

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**: Minutes of meeting 22-4-25 agreed

**FINANCES & MEMBERSHIP (Kenny)**

* Bank Balances, charges etc.

\* Bank of Scotland £10,561.18

\* Hampshire Trust Bank Easy Access (3.87% variable) £17,507.92

\* Hampshire Trust Bank 1 Yr Saver (4.55% Fixed - Matures 12th November 2025) £70,000.00

For the month of April:

\* Total Paid In £1,613.23

- £250 Sponsorship

\* Total Paid Out £425.56

- £296 Gas/Electricity

Bank charges of £9.29 for the period 10th February to 9th March were taken on 21st April.

For the month of May to date:

\* Total Paid In £2,212.06

- £400 Sponsorship

- £600+ Prize-giving

\* Total Paid Out £1,604.54

- £700+ Prize-giving

Bank charges of £12.42 for the period 10th March to 9th April were taken on 20th May.

Solar export income should show on the next energy bill.

* Accounts for financial year end 2025 – in progress, Anne to keep nudging Kenny to complete!
* Funding opportunities:
  + Nithsdale Community Sports Grants available for individuals and clubs. Graeme has this information, Anne to forward email to David Niven for possible application from the club.
  + Funding for Parkinson’s sessions is available. Anne to forward link to Gordon and Elaine. The Parkinson’s sessions 2 – 3 pm on the 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month now seem established. Anne to add these on the website.
* Membership update: 138 members: 61 x £5 Basic, 50 x monthly £15/20, 16 x Annual, 3 lifetime, plus 8 where payment not confirmed. 113 are registered via our online form, 84 have signed up to the club email list. Sadly, one member, Maxine Gibson, has died.

Agreed we will mention members who have died in the AGM report. We also lost David Hughes in this membership year.

Some membership information is incomplete, where players have not registered or confirmed payment. Anne to put registration and payment on the AGM agenda (23-09-25), to review a year of using the online registration system.

* Online registration form and database – nothing further to report.

**CLUB MATTERS**

* End of Season Awards Night:
  + Very positive feedback for the venue and arrangements. We will repeat arrangements in 2026.
  + Being on a Saturday evening made it easier to organise, as volunteers weren’t at work.
  + Big thanks to Graeme and Alison for organising, Gordon for sorting out trophies, and Elaine for baking.
  + More volunteers from the committee – and wider club - would have spread the load. Asking individuals directly is more likely to be productive than making a general appeal for volunteers
  + Fewer raffle prizes, but of high quality, would be better for speeding up the raffle process.
* Update on referrals to PVG scheme membership:
  + PVGs are in progress for: Anne, Alison, Gordon, David N, Kenny, Elaine, Kay, Carol Graham, Robert McGowan and Reuben.
  + Once these have been processed, Anne will post them on the website Coaching page along with our other coaches’ PGV certificates.
* Skills List: Elaine will draw up an inventory of different skills offered by Still Gamers, so we can draw on them for jobs around the club, both small items and using their trade, if relevant. Flora Howie’s husband is willing to sort out the microwave shelf, adjust the noticeboard next to it, and do the sink splashback. Outstanding jobs needed in the club could be posted on the wall.
* Graeme is progressing the Who’s Who board, and is getting photos
* Committee responsibility for League and Competitions, and Teessport/Butterfly agency.
  + David Niven will take responsibility for League and Competitions, liaising with Kenny on the 365 league website.
  + Graeme will ask Dylan if he could continue to manage the Teessport/Butterfly agency.
* Code of Conduct: The coaching group is meeting shortly and will pick up the issue of reminding members and players of the TTS and DTTC Codes of Conduct, and displaying these in the club.
* Table Tennis Scotland AGM Sat 5 July, Edinburgh Sports Club. Gordon plans to attend, and will ask Graham Gault.
* Club Development and strategy - proposal from Dylan and David – held over till next meeting
* Free open sessions for Primary and Secondary School pupils 5 – 6 pm on Mondays 19 and 26 May with David and Senga. Small but enthusiastic attendance at first session, none from Secondary Schools, but a bad time of year. Plan is to repeat regularly.

**From WhatsApp** **– for minutes:**

* Dumfries Young Carers request for supported session Monday August 11 – Graeme to organise.
* Solway Disability Support taster 23 April 1.15 – 2.15 pm – David N assisted.
* David Niven has been added to Committee WhatsApp.
* Alison and Boyd represented the club at the Holywood Trust Spring Gathering on Friday 16th May.

**HEALTH & SAFETY (Alison)**

* First Aid
  + Anne to fix a Saturday with Stuart Robb for a training course. Priority attendees will be coaches without current certificates: Graeme, Dylan, Danny, Kay, David N, Reuben and Gordon, plus Elaine and Robert McGowan who help with Still Gamers and Disability sessions. Course is 12 maximum, and spare places will be offered to other club members who regularly help with sessions. Dawid S, Dave Denholm, Norma, Richard Ishmael and Senga all have current certificates.
  + Graeme will display our *What Three Words* *hubcaps.oaks.supper* at the club.
  + Graeme will list club First Aiders on the Who’s Who board*.*
* Alison is yet to update the Risk Assessment.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE (Gordon)**

* Front door:
  + Energy Saving Trust Application for front door is now approved. Anne to order door from Lockharts and check with Kenny on who signs the loan/grant agreement.
* Slippery floor issue:
  + Dylan has repaired the slippery area and says no need to refinish the whole floor at this time
  + Anne will buy a large doormat, with non-slip backing
* The committee approved Dylan’s proposal to refurbish the upstairs area with input from juniors. To be funded by approx. £2000 in the South of Scotland Table Tennis Development Association account, which a previous committee meeting agreed could be used for youngsters. The refurb could include:
  + TV on the wall with an X-box controller
  + Replacing the pool table
  + Upgrading lighting
  + Painting – one wall blue like the main hall, others white walls
  + Getting a folding table football table
  + Getting comfy chairs, especially around the games console area
  + Getting a Blutooth speaker to play music through
  + Getting a new dart board – with soft tip dart options!

Some chairs and could be stored under the stairs to free up space. Some chairs and tables would still be available for committee meetings, or for hiring the space out for other groups.

Anne to tell Dylan to go ahead.

* Outstanding jobs: who will do, as Iain Macleod now has a broken arm?
  + James Wallace and Pat Christie plaques – not allocated
  + Outside sponsor board – Graeme will ask if Dylan can do this
  + Shelf for the microwave and adjusting the noticeboard – Flora’s husband
  + Shelf in the office – not allocated
  + Splashback behind the kitchen sink – Flora’s husband
  + Large, simple shoe rack in inner lobby – not now needed, use the existing rack
  + Loose panel on changing room floor needs fixing – not allocated
* Disposal of old light fittings – will be gone by end of next week (7 June)!
* Update on cutting back trees at the rear of the club: no progress. Alison’s contact?
* Graham Gault is still awaiting information re outstanding issues of:
  + Condensation in hall
  + Boiler replacement/electric heating
  + Income from solar panels
* David N has repainted the fire door.

**From WhatsApp for minutes**

**COACHING (Graeme)**

* Monday night coaching: Graeme is now leading the Beginners session, with help, following Shannon’s withdrawal. David N is promoting these sessions with schools.

**LEAGUE AND COMPETITION:**

* David N will lead on League and Competition, liaising with Kenny for the league 365 website.
* World Table Tennis Day “Spring Smash” Wed 23 April went well. David will discuss with Anne running Smash events monthly through the summer.
* David N to co-ordinate and plan for competitions and the league for the year ahead, taking TTS dates into account.
* We will invite players to enter league teams in August, to start in October. We will specify 3 divisions to encourage more teams to enter, though this could need adjusting once we have numbers.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

* Club WhatsApp chats (Graeme) Held over to future meeting.
* Website: Anne still awaiting info for Disability group & possible Still Gamers page. Kay to nudge Dave Denholm, Elaine will provide blurb for Still Gamers.
* Promotion of open sessions - using an empty unit for Pop-up Play in the Loreburn Centre would help publicise the club, if volunteers can supervise the table(s).
* David N to ask Norma about a log-in for the coaching@dumfriesttc.co.uk email so he can respond to messages about coaching sessions.
* Graeme asked for more photos and stories from Still Gamers and the Disability Group to post on Facebook. Kay will discuss this with Dave Denholm, e.g. who played at the Perth & Kinross Disability competition.

**SPONSORSHIP**

* Your Move are now paid up. Graeme will chase up £50 sponsors who haven’t yet paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Cameron Hussain is keen to have a South of Scotland Disability competition next year. Anne to contact Senga about this, as she and Kenny were involved with running this pre-Covid.
* Dumfries carnival community artist project 2026 is seeking community groups to host an artist Oct – Dec, who will work with small groups of all ages. The theme is improving wellbeing and giving people purpose and structure throughout the winter by combating disconnection and isolation. Anne to forward information to Elaine, for the club to express an interest.
* Dave Fairholm has asked if we can promote table tennis at Moffat Primary Schools Health Week 18th, 19th, or 20th June. Anne to forward information to David N.

**AOB**

* Agreed Graeme could buy a card and £10 gift voucher for Keir, Olivia, Boyd and Evan as a thank you for their many extra hours helping out at the club.
* Agreed to remit fees for Danny when he practises at the club, as a thank you for the many free hours he commits to the juniors. Anne to contact Danny to tell him this.

**NEXT MEETING**: **Tues 24 June 2025**

**Future meetings: 22 July, 19 August, 7 October, 4 November, 16 December**

**AGM 23 September**