

DRAFT MINUTES OF DUMFRIES TABLE TENNIS CLUB AGM

HELD AT DTTC 19.30 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESENT: Anne Borrowdale, Paul Borrowdale, Graeme Boyd, Steve Cussell, Dylan De Silva, Gordon Duff, Kenny Lee, David Niven, Raymond Pirrie, Michael Shaw, Kay Solaja, Alison Telfer

APOLOGIES: Graeme Allison, Elaine Colquhoun, Jason Fleming, Flora Howie, Phil Jones, Adrian Mason, Chrissie McGeever, Shona Morton

MINUTES OF THE DTTC AGM MINUTES 2024 were approved

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

The following Trustees were re-elected, to be in office for a further 3 years from 23-09-2025:

President: Gordon Duff; Secretary Anne Borrowdale; Treasurer Kenny Lee

The two remaining trustee positions of Vice President and Director of Coaching are vacant. The committee was asked to consider nominations for these positions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

The following committee members were re-elected: Graeme Boyd, Norma Brown, Elaine Colquhoun, Kay Solaja, David Niven, Dawid Sulkowski, Alison Telfer.

The committee was asked to look for a junior representative, and to consider ways for club members to be involved in decisions without being full committee members.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT was received:

The last year/season was yet another very good one for DTTC. Membership/participation is on the increase with the club now having around 160 members. Details being provided within the secretary's report.

League

The season started again in early autumn which was again ably coordinated by Jason Fleming. His second and as it happens his final year organising this as he is currently taking a sabbatical from table tennis. We look forward to his return soon.

This season saw two leagues competing well for the titles with the following results:

Div 2 R/u Apple Crumble

Div 2 Winners - Double Trouble (Olivia Maxwell and Boyd Telfer.)
Leading individual was Iain McLeod

Div1- R/u Gaulty Towers

Winners - Top Bananas (Dylan and Reuben De Silva)
Leading individual was Dylan De Silva

National

Outside our local domestic events, there is regular attendance at national and occasionally at international events throughout the year. From Shannon Brown representing Scotland in Malmo, to multiple tournament wins and podium finishes across East Ayrshire and Blackpool. We wish Shannon all the best as she moves on from table tennis.

Our top player Danny Bajwa continues to strut his stuff.

Danny is currently ranked 5th in men's and made quarters of men's in Nationals. National men's doubles champ with Martin Johnstone and mixed doubles with Paula Callaghan.

He became Scottish student champion in singles for the third time and doubles for the second time.

This season he already won the first two Scottish competitions of the year, East Ayrshire open and North of Scotland open. Without dropping a set in either.

He will continue to compete in Scottish national league with Dumfries , Premier British League with Drumchapel and French League

Boyd Telfer has also done well over the past year. He qualified in 2nd place for the Scottish Primary School Competition and played as a part of the Scotland team in the British Primary School Championship in Wales this year. This was a great learning experience for him.

Boyd got into the top 8 in the Scottish Secondary School Championship.

He trains with the South of Scotland squad and the Scotland Pathway squad and was ranked 4th in U13 at the end of Table Tennis Scotland season.

Lots of our other juniors are doing well too, with a good cohort now regulars in the South regional squad. Thomas Brown and Lucy Palmer have just been added to this group, whilst Olivia Maxwell and Isaac Ishmael will be joining Boyd in the national pathway squad this season.

Many thanks to our Junior Sponsors Fusion Renewables, BonEco Property Management and Genesis OHS for their support.

Dumfries had 3 teams in the Scottish National League last season, sponsored by Genesis Occupational Health Services and competing in Divisions 1,4,and 6 with fixtures held in Bathgate . Our C team, all juniors, consisting of Boyd Telfer, Cory Dawson, Isaac Ishmael, Olivia Maxwell, Ewan Robertson and Ewan Robertson played well in their debut season without troubling the leaders. I am sure they will improve for the experience. The new season awaits!

Our B team consisting of Dylan and Reuben De Silva, Callum Morgan and David Niven had a great season, finishing runners up to secure promotion to Division 3 next season.

In Division 1 our A team consisting of Danny Bajwa, Dawid Sulkowski, Jason Fleming and sub Alan Dennison finished a strong 4th.

Thanks to all players who committed to play during the season and for the forthcoming season which starts next month.

Coaching

Coaching continues to take place on a Monday with Beginners and Intermediates, together with our Advanced players on a Thursday. Numbers continue to be encouraging with some showing potential and several new children signing up for the new season.

Many thanks to all the coaching team of Senga Thomson, Norma and Shannon Brown, David Niven, Danny Bajwa, Reuben De Silva and Dawid Sulkowski for their tireless work over the past year, ably managed by Dylan De Silva and Graeme Boyd.

Club Championships

The Dumfries TTC championships sponsored by Your Move and Fusion Renewables took place over the weekend of 1-2 March.

Fusion Renewables Junior Club Championships

Juniors:

U13 boys R/u- Thomas Brown

Winner - Boyd Telfer

U13 girls Winner Lucy Palmer

U15 boys R/u- Cory Dawson

Winner - Isaac Ishmael

U15 girls- Winner- Olivia Maxwell

U19 R/u Reuben De Silva

Winner - Shannon Brown

Your Move Senior Championships

Handicap Singles Band B

R/u- Keir Finlay-Duffy

Winner - Thomas Brown

Handicap Singles Band A

R/u - Olivia Maxwell

Winner - Steve Cussell

Handicap Doubles

R/u- Jean Campbell/ Gordon Duff

Winners- Conor Jones/Dylan De Silva

Vets Doubles

R/u- Steve Cussell/Raymond Pirrie

Winners

Paul and Annie Borrowdale

Vets Singles

R/u - Paul Borrowdale

Winner Gordon Duff

Open Doubles

R/u- Maria De Silva/Jason Fleming

Winners

Reuben and Dylan De Silva

Ladies Singles
R/u- Shannon Brown
Winner- Maria De Silva

Open Singles
R/u Dawid Sulkowski
Winner and Your Move Dumfries TTC Champion
Dylan De Silva

Isaac Ishmael was voted the club's junior most improved player of the year, with the O/50s most improved player Carol Graham. The most improved player from the disability group was Mason McMinn.
Well done to all.

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 O/50s group - the Still Gamers - which takes place each Monday and Thursday has never looked back since it started almost 3 years ago with 25-30 attending most sessions, with most becoming full members of our club. Due to its popularity the club is considering another session with just playing singles as an option. Thanks to Elaine, Jane and 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.

DTTC Development

In the last few months the club has agreed to take on our own David Niven as Club Development officer. An initial 6 month contract has been agreed and signed off. Early indications are that this is going to be a great success. Details of his achievements to date are provided in a very detailed report to the committee for each monthly committee meeting.
These include e.g. organising this year's league, a friendly with Carlisle, schools attending the club for taster sessions, meeting outside bodies in order to increase participations, and applying for funding in support of his role. The club is noticeably busier!
Well done!

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 has seen upstairs refurbished together with a new TV, dart board, pool table and table football added to pass the time after table tennis. Many thanks to Maria, Reuben and Dylan De Silva for all their hard work in making this happen. And thanks to all who also assisted with this venture.

We have very recently had a new front door fitted. Many thanks to Annie Borrowdale for taking this forward and who was heavily involved in securing funding towards its cost.

Many thanks also to our committee members/coaches who have stepped down from e.g coaching, assisting with coaching, committee membership and running the leagues, in Dylan, Graham (Gault), Jason, Norma, Shannon and Steve for all their efforts last season who have moved on to ventures new. We wish them well!

We are also of course delighted to have the support of our sponsors: Club Sponsor Your Move, Junior Sponsors Fusion Renewables, National League sponsors Genesis, along with Anderson's Kilts as well as our numerous contributors who support us through our friends' packages. The support that they 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 a fantastic success.

Thanks also to our equipment sponsor Teessport who give us excellent discounts on equipment.

End of season Event

This well attended event was held at Dumfries Railway 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.

Obituary

It was very sad to hear the passing of two of our friends/0/50s players last season. We lost both Davy Hughes and Maxine Gibson. They will be missed by everyone.

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 President

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT was received:

The club has upwards of 160 members, of whom approximately half are £5 annual members, and around half paying monthly or annually. We have yet to process a dozen or more who will be joining officially once our new registration form is ready.

Over the last year we've used an online registration form for the first time, which has given us a good database of members, though it was hard to get everyone to complete it and that is still a work in progress. We separately used Dreamhost to email members, which was fiddly and again not everyone completed the process.

We're now using Zoho for club emails, which works better to deliver them to inboxes and tracks whether they're opened. Anyone who isn't getting club emails should check their spam and add us to their safe senders list.

We will also be using Zoho forms for a redesigned registration form which will synchronise with our email list and going forward that's what new members will be asked to complete. I said last year that members

would only have to fill in their information once. However it would help if existing members complete the new form as well, as it will save a lot of extra admin. Zoho will enable us to automate the registration and renewal process from here on in. It will make admin much easier if we move to a rolling annual subscription which runs from the date of joining rather than 1 Oct.

I will email members with renewal details once fees have been decided.

The committee have asked me to remind people that they need to sign in the book or on a registration sheet every time they play, and make sure they pay each time they play if they are Basic £5 a year members.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT was received:

The signed off accounts were provided with the AGM papers and circulated at the meeting.

Membership and Session fees: The committee recommends these remain the same, but they may need to increase slightly next year to avoid a sudden large increase if the club's financial situation becomes less healthy. David Niven is looking at what sessions are included for the £15 monthly payment.

CONSTITUTION:

The full document is on the club website. Key changes highlighted were:

- Amending our objectives to replace the aim of getting premises to lease or own, with maintaining the one building we now own; and to add support for other community sports and groups where it does not compete with main objectives
- Including reference to online and social media rather than print newspapers and paper documents only
- Recommending that we have a rolling annual subscription in future rather than from 1 Oct.
- Adding a paragraph about reserves
A figure of £70k for reserves was proposed. After some discussion, this level was agreed for this year, but the committee is asked to consider whether this figure is too high, and whether we can have an alternative form of words rather than a fixed figure, so we do not have to keep amending the constitution.

The revised Constitution was approved, with the caveat that the committee is asked to consider whether the figure of £70k in the reserves is too high, and to seek an alternative form of words rather than a fixed figure, so we do not have to keep amending the constitution.

AOB:

Attendance at the AGM was only just quorate. The committee was asked to consider holding the AGM earlier in the year, and to possibly combine it with a social event, to encourage more members to attend.

The meeting closed at 20.28

Anne Borrowdale, Secretary, Dumfries Table Tennis club