

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

#### **1. ATTENDED BY**

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Chas Lefevre (CL), Merrill Trueman (MT), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Paul Armstrong (PA), James Walton (JW), Jon Slade (JS), Anthony Palmer (AP)

The minutes of the previous were approved. Proposed by CL and seconded by JW.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Matt Duncan (MD), Keith Warman, Peter Barham (PB),

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

Women's Squash Week – A squash training/playing session was held on the Monday evening which was a great event, well attended by 31 ladies.

Development fund – KWi has proposed that part of the fund is used for the following:

- Additional funding for the lower junior teams (who all came last during the previous season). Proposed for team specific training, including coaching. Committee were in favour of this proposal
- Additional funding for the ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team who are predominantly new to the game during the last few years.
  - o Court fees to be covered by the players, coaching to be covered by the programme.

#### **4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

MB proposed that we put up a sponsors board including logos of all the companies who have supported the PSA tournament over the last few years.

- Committee agreed

Masters Internationals – MB proposed that we have a board recognising our Masters international players.

- Committee agreed with this proposal
- JP suggested that if other members were to also have notable achievements (such as playing for their country) then this board should extend to them as well which committee agreed with. JP to draft a set of guiding principals of what achievements would make someone eligible to be on the board (based on longevity) and present back to committee.

AP proposed that there was also a board of the existing & previous Chairman's of the club to acknowledge their significant contribution to the club

- Committee agreed

At the AGM, MB discussed the charity proposal discussed at the last committee meeting which was agreed by members present at the AGM.

Squashathon to be held 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October. MB has requested members to support as they can (participate / sponsor).

Bar opening hours – extended hours licence approved from 8am to 12 noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> October for the rugby.

Cow Lane Roadworks in October 2019 - access to the car park will be maintained at all times but there will be delays and inconvenience.

Development plan on hold until end of Arnold Homes Tring Open and completion of migration to MMM. Capacity issues remain a focus.

## **B – TREASURER**

No update to the numbers provided at the last committee meeting & AGM.

## **C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Since the AGM there has been 2 new junior members and one new adult member. Membership subs now due – renewal taking place on MMM.

## **D – SECRETARY**

No report.

## **5. TEAM REPORTS:**

**Men's Captain** – The winter season start today, 1st October, our 2nd team are playing Gosling at the club at the time of this meeting.

As I have said previously there are three men's teams this winter, one in each of the top three divisions and the 1st & 2nd team have new captains, Alex Preston and Steve Malduca. I am offering support to all three teams as and when they need it but obviously I cannot help them all in the playing department!!

I'm sure that the Committee would like to wish all the teams the best of luck for the upcoming season.

**Ladies' Captain** – Two ladies teams entered again this year in the Herts and Bucks leagues. Season starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## **6. JUNIOR REPORT**

Herts County Championships took place last weekend with some great results for the Tring juniors who took part:

Results:

Herts U13 winner Sean Slade. With a good performance from Owen Davidson.

U 15 winner Ethan Duncan

U17 3rd/4th place Jacob Hendin  
5th place Callum Egan  
Bucks U17 winner Ryan Connor.

## **7. OTHER REPORTS –**

**House** – PIR external lighting fitting - to address safety concerns of bar volunteers locking up alone.  
Improved Shower lights installed.  
General repairs ongoing.

Following the last meeting, AP called the water company regarding the low water pressure. There were no reports regarding low water pressure in the area. In the meantime, the pressure in the showers has improved. Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

The committee room door has been found to be left open again overnight, possibly due to the fact that it can be difficult to close. MB to investigate new locking mechanisms.

### **Social –**

October 11th/12th - Squash-a-thon  
October 12th - England v France  
October 26th - Children's Party  
November 2nd - Oliver Rudd Party  
Nov 16th - Children's party  
Nov 16th - Ska Night  
December 14th - Band Night Attention Seekers  
January 18th - Private Party  
March 21st - Band Night

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AP mentioned table tennis at the club, acknowledging that it has become well supported. Currently 5 leagues of 5 people each. AP proposed that Table Tennis was added as an Agenda item to committee meetings. This was agreed, it would be covered in the minutes with only exceptions to be discussed at meetings.

There is a Bridge school taking place in the club on a Thursday afternoon for members & non-members who would like to join.

Bar prices – at the AGM, it was proposed that we could introduce higher bar prices for guests. Committee felt that it was not appropriate for the club at this stage, and would be hard from an administration perspective (the prices are displayed and they would need to be changed for every private event). Committee voted and the majority rejected the proposal at this time. This would be reviewed as/when funds are required for any development plan, or alternatively when it became easier from an administration perspective (i.e. if we ever use fobs to pay for drinks at the bar then members could get a discount on advertised prices if they paid with their fobs).

Arnold Homes tournament is fast approaching and it is looking like the event will be financially even

- Sponsorship c. £11.5k - £12k
- Ticket sales will raise £5.6k if fully sold out. Ticket sales on the day will be possible if not already sold out.
- C.£800 in incremental bar sales and BBQ
- Rose Hendin is organising stewards
- Bar needs a few more volunteers to support the rota'd barman
- Billeting – still need some extra beds, please let MB know if you can offer a player a bed.
- Dave Herron is running a tournament website again–  
[www.tringpsasquash.co.uk](http://www.tringpsasquash.co.uk)
- Video – planning to use Facebook live again. MB to speak to MD.
- Programme is being prepared by JD
- Food for the players has organised.

#### Sponsorship

- MB has been approached by a company who is interested in sponsoring a court & under court clocks.
- Team sponsorship – any companies sponsoring teams (for clothing etc) will be recognised with social media presence, their logo on the team page on the website, and on the newly proposed sponsors board.

#### Communications

- Committee felt that team captains should be promoting their own teams and should be responsible for ensuring that the fixtures lists are on the club boards, with results listed – all captains to be given access to the Tring Squash Club facebook page for social media updates.

New brushes to be bought for the courts (lots of red fluff at the moment). JW proposed that we purchase an automatic court cleaner and will send details through to MB

The ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team had requested whether the changing rooms could be switched over on nights when the ladies teams had home matches. This was discussed but there would be issues regarding the practicalities of a switchover on any day and deemed to be difficult to communicate which may lead to privacy issues and therefore was not supported by the committee.

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The meeting closed at 21:00

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary