

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2020 (REMOTE)

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Matt Duncan (MD), Merrill Trueman (MT), Keith Warman (KW), James Walton (JW), Peter Barham (PB), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Jon Slade (JS), Paul Armstrong (PA), Chas Lefevre (CL)

The minutes of the previous were approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anthony Palmer (AP),

3. MATTERS ARISING

PIR Sensors – MB enquired to the possibility of having the sensors. Feedback is that PIR is not a good solution for such a large area.

Energy meter – CL has had an energy meter installed so we have data to analyse going forward.

Return to Squash: England Squash Statement – The club is preparing as best they can for when we get the go ahead to open. Possibility of solo play has been enquired by MB to England Squash but that is not being considered at this point. When squash is allowed to return, the expectation is that hand sanitizer will be available. Tring SC has dispensers on order, sanitizer already in stock. The dispensers will be installed when they arrive so we are prepared for when we are allowed to open.

Another expectation is that we could track and trace who had been on the court – MMM provides this functionality if it was ever needed.

Signs reminding people to wash hands etc will be put up.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

House report has been published, the club has taken the opportunity of completing a lot of maintenance and improvement works while the club has been shut. A lot of the paintwork has been refreshed and lightened up, lighting has been improved and shower work has been scheduled.

MB is looking into getting a sign in the club entrance to welcome people to the club.

It has come to MB's attention that the cupboards by the loft are empty and will be taken away.

JS is still working on replacing the Honours Board and has a meeting with Amber Signs in Berkhamsted this week.

PSA sponsorship payment which was overdue is in the progress of being sorted.

Table Tennis coaching group – Groups is a feature of MMM. In addition to other benefits, it allows for group block bookings. MB presented that this needs to be considered alongside other groups requiring block booking of the courts. MB will confirm to the table tennis group that any block booking of courts needs to be signed off by committee ahead of time, and committee will consider any requests alongside other request for block bookings, including junior coaching (KWi to consider).

Availability of courts – MMM has the functionality for Tring Squash Club to alter the number of courts available and to limit the number of bookings any individual has therefore committee will consider this at the point of opening when the opening conditions are known.

Court 3 carpets – MB still looking into whether these should be replaced or not with some quotes received. MB to get a quote for a carpet only solution.

B – TREASURER

PB presented the management accounts for 31 March 2020 along with same period last year.

Bank balance as of 2 June - £169k. £25k grant received from government at a lockdown grant (will be in the accounts for the Qtr to June 30)

PB explained the main reasons for drop in profits 9m YTD TY vs LY as follows (the reasons are similar to as 6m YTD at Dec) :-

- 6,379.61 – Profit - 9m to March 2020
- 22,095.24 – Profit – 9m to March 2109
- 15,715.63 – Reduction

Main reasons:-

- 5,342.41 – Paypal drawdown 1/7/18 – artificially inflated last year's court booking income as related to 12m to 30/6/18.
- 4,294.00 – PSA tournament deficit – not held last year so no comparison
- 5,688.95 – more total costs (57,074.29 vs 51,385.34) – of which 2,681.26 is more repairs and maintenance (incl.4,640.00 Court Care UK (LED lights))

PB still has work to do to analyse out and split the MMM income properly between subs, court bookings, events, coaching etc, - therefore you have to add subs and court bookings together and compare TY vs LY in total.

Quarter to end of March was generally a normal quarter apart from about 7 days at the end due to the lockdown. For the 9 month period, court bookings and subs income slightly up YOY, Bar sales - £47k YTD vs £49k YTD 2019 and gross margin is slightly up yoy. Quarter to June 2020 has been affected by the lockdown, but £25k grant received. Employees have been furloughed during the lockdown.

JS enquired whether we would be able to gain clarity on the financial implication of moving to the MMM system which PB will look into.

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Total current membership: 381, including:

Adult: 244

Junior – 65

Life – 25

Social – 28

Student - 6

D – SECRETARY

JP had a follow up from the last meeting to check whether MMM could put a link to the website on the dashboard. The feedback is that this is tricky to do on an individual's dashboard, as they may be members of more than 1 club, however the link is already present on the club dashboard. If this isn't sufficient then they suggested that we could do a banner announcement for all members with the club website which would appear on their individual dashboard, but this would need to be manually updated every few weeks to ensure it stayed there.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain –

No report.

Ladies' Captain –

Final results for the Herts league have been published. Activeless and Tring tied for points at the top of the league, with Tring coming in 2nd place on countback.

Jo Preston won the Herts ladies best player of the season and was the winner of the Jan Ingham Trophy.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

No report.

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House – **Courts**

LED court lights have been installed on all courts and the balcony. The lights are much brighter and use much less energy.

All courts have undergone painting and maintenance.

Showers

A solution to improve the performance of the showers has been selected and is being installed. This work will be undertaken during June.

Roof & Drainage

Water has been accumulating on the roof. Work is being done to rectify this and drain surface water away more efficiently.

Honours Boards

The club is in the process of acquiring replacement Honours Boards as a number of the existing boards are full.

General Items

The loft has been cleared.

The foyer, changing rooms and showers are being painted.

More hand sanitiser dispensers are on order to be installed by each court.

An energy meter has been installed to allow us to monitor the club's energy use accurately.

LED lights are being installed in the foyer.

KW enquired whether committee were happy for the house manager to continue with additional painting jobs which the club was shut (such as the rest of the corridor). Committee were happy as long as the jobs were completed prior to July 1st, the earliest expected opening.

Social –
No update

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Emails / security – emails through MMM are secure, when emailing through MMM you are actually emailing the person in MMM, not their individual email address.

KW noted that we should remind members that the club, including all facilities, is currently closed and should not be used.

9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 21:07

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 6th July 2020.

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary