

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW), Joanne Preston (JP), Matt Duncan (MD), Chas Lefevre (CL), Merril Trueman (MT), Keith Warman (KWa), Jon Slade (JS), Peter Barham (PB), Anthony Palmer (AP), Katie Winterstein (KW_i), Hugh Dunford (HD), Paul Armstrong (PA)

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. MATTERS ARISING

World Squash Day Squashathon is going ahead overnight from 8pm on the 11th to 8am on the 12th with good support to date

- Currently 7 teams of 4 entered.

Extended bar hours during the Rugby World Cup

- Current opening bar hours are from midday – extended licence possible, needs application to go in 2 weeks before the required event and costs £28/licence.
- 9am on the 12th there is a rugby match (following the Squashathon) – will apply for a licence for this day. Looking to extend the bar hours for this day. Will consider popular opinion at the bar regarding matches on other days.

Winners boards – committee are still considering options for new winners boards for the bar area.

Fire visit – keyholders in the process of being updated (NK looking after)

Vending machine – removal is in process, will be gone from c. late September

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

AGM pre meeting - PB and MB met with Chris Langford.

- £4,700 fund available (plus £1,200 each year from Fullers) for the encouragement of new squash players to come through. Tring already run a numbers of events to encourage new players – adult coaching, juniors at Tring School etc. Committee considered options for how the fund should be allocated amongst members
 - o Committee agreed that the following suggestions the would be appropriate:

- subsidies for follow on coaching sessions from the 6 week free sessions for players who join as members
- Cap junior coaching prices at the current level, with subsidies to cover additional costs
- Other suggestions, including guiding principals for how to spend the money to be considered.

BT – has been renewed for a further year

Pendley – car park management system is now operational.

B – TREASURER

PB presented the draft annual accounts to the committee. Final accounts will be sent to members ahead of the AGM.

- Cash in bank up £25k to £150k
- Net profit of £21k, due to
 - Increase in bar sales of £2k to £68k
 - Gross Margin down 0.5% due to bar prices remaining the same, but bar costs increasing
 - Court bookings and tournament fees increase of £7k, partly due to an artificial increase in paypal drawdowns (£5.5k of which was drawdown in this financial year, but related to court bookings during the last financial year)
 - Subscriptions and entry fees also up £7.5k, partly due to the increase in fees but there was also a £2.5k increase in subscriptions yoy during the first 6 months of the year.
 - Coaching income up £1k
 - Expenditure decreases
 - No volunteers event held this year (bi-annual event)
 - £2k less in maintenance and repairs
 - Booking system costs up £3.5k – due to equipment costs for the new MMM system

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

PA welcomed as the new Membership Secretary.

c.450 members at the current time (currently 421 in MMM).

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain – Racketball – 2 teams in the Bucks league. 1st team finished 6th in the 1st div second team finished 4th in the 2nd div. Completed all the fixtures. Squash men's summer team came second, just missing out by a couple of points.

New winter squash team – 3 men's teams registered in Div 1, Div 2, and Div 3. Alex Preston will be running the 1st team (Thurs nights), KW running the second team (Tuesday nights) and MD running the 3rd team (now Wed nights).

Ladies' Captain – No ladies matches over the summer. We will be entering the ladies 1st team into the Herts Ladies league and the Bucks Div 1, and the ladies 2nd team into the Bucks div 2 again this year.

Women's Squash week 23-29th September. The events that Tring is holding will be covered under AOB.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

Season starting. Coaching to be held on Wednesday afternoons (starting the 11th) and Saturday mornings. Looking to have 4/5 teams again in the Herts leagues

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House – Court maintenance work underway and installation of 17" tins for the PSA tournament (with removable batons)

Shower pressure issues – limited by the external pressure coming in. AP to phone the water board understand if there are any issues. To be considered as part of the development plan.

Security issues – there has been regular occurrences where the committee room external doors or the fire escape external doors have been opened and left opened overnight. **Committee urged members to ensure that if they open doors, they shut the doors when they leave.** Additionally there have been occasions where the bar has been left opened when it shouldn't. MB to consider options for keeping the bar keys including speaking to John Kettle and security options using MMM fobs.

Social –

September 19th – Club AGM

September 28th 10:30am onwards – Ladies coffee morning

October 12th - World Squash Day

October 15th - 20th - Arnold Homes Tring Open

October 26th – Jamie Hough Children's party

Nov 2nd - Oliver Rudd Birthday Party

Nov 16th - Music - Ska Night

December 14th – Club Xmas Band night

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AGM – to be held at 8pm on Thursday 19th September 2019.

Club development plan – plan is taking shape. Initial thoughts to be presented to the committee in due course, and then subsequently to the wider membership.

MMM block bookings – MMM is being used for Sunday night club night. Proposed that it can also be used for Wednesday mornings club event and Saturday ladies morning. MB to speak to the organisers about using it.

MMM simple user guide to be distributed to members.

Arnold Homes Tournament (15th – 19th October) – entries close 3rd September 2019.

Looking for volunteers, please speak to MB.

- David Heron has offered to do the website again
- Looking for a first aider – Greg Proudfoot + 1 other
- Provision of food
- Billeting – will ask previous hosts / others
- Stewarding – Rose & her team
- Junior volunteers required to act as court sweepers
- MMM ticket sales being looked into
- Matches to be publicised on social media again.
- Sponsorship welcome. Up to c. \$15k confirmed. Looking for additional (£500+) – please speak to MB if interested.

Women's Squash Week – 23-29 Sept. Two events planned, all ladies welcome:

- Monday 23rd – all 4 courts for a variety of activities with drinks in the bar afterwards.
- Saturday 28th – coffee and cake in the bar at 10:30am following the ladies morning

Student membership

- Proposed to reduced to £35/year annual subscription and the definition of Student to be changed to include anyone in full time education (rather than under 23 years). £12 joining fee staying the same.

Herts closed 11th – 13th October at Radlett.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st October 2019

The meeting closed at 22:14

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary