

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 03 JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM**

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW) Andy Booth (AB) Jan Kerry (JK). Steve Malducca, Maddie Hughes, Ruth Proudfoot, Joanne Preston, Katie Winterstein.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Peter Barham (PB), Anthony Palmer (AP)

#### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

**Joint Tennis & Squash membership:** SM advised that on Sunday there was to be a junior open day at the tennis club and that junior members would get a 50% discount on membership. Squash club to arrange a reciprocal event in September. **RP to update the WhatsApp group on the website**

**Funding for squash in primary schools:** RP advised the panel that most funding is for deprived areas or to promote girl's squash. She had been in contact with all of the primary school in the area but had not had any responses. Tring School however are very keen to take up squash again and will update Ruth once they set their curriculum. Not sure how they will fund it.

**Graphic Designer:** RP to produce advert in CANVA

**Bar Improvements:** MB speaking to MH and asked for a timescale and a quote for the work. **MB to update next meeting**

**Court Heating:** first week of August before the maintenance work takes place. Cost anticipated to be £1500 per court for the equipment and £3500 for installation.

**First Aid** – MH advised that there were a variety of courses costing between £400 and £800 for small group of 12 for a 3 or 4 hour course. Other clubs offer training, but members paid £40 per person to do the course. British Heart Foundation offer a 15 minute online free course. Agreed to push the 15-minute online course and to get laminated posters put up around the club. **MB to send information out in the next newsletter.**

**Honours Board and Trophy Cupboard:** Cost £350 plus engraving and agreed that the alcove where the Guinness world record would be a good area for the honours board and trophy cub to be placed. Agreed need to pick a suitable trophy cabinet **MB & KW to do this.**

**Attendance at meetings:** there have been 3 meetings that were not quorate since the last AGM. Dates for future meetings to be agreed in advance and club to consider use of Zoom for people to attend when there were childcare issues

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

##### **A- CHAIRMAN**

MB extended thanks to Charles & Barbara Lefevre for running another successful club championship.

**Preparation for AGM:** MB proposing to keep subs and court fees unchanged, this was agreed by the committee.

Pre- AGM meeting to be arranged with Chris Langford, Pete Barham, Jan Kerry and Mark Bullard. **JK to arrange**

MB advised that Anthony Palmer would be standing down as a committee member and the committee wanted to thank Anthony for his contribution over the years in particular the introduction of the coffee machine.

In September club to be support venue for the Southern Regional Masters on 19/20 September.

Agreed to support the Pepper Event and to place an advert in the events programme.

Food waste in the kitchen – users to make sure rubbish is taken away following an event particularly the Wednesday group. Food left behind is causing ant infestations and goes to smell quickly during the summer months. **Signage to be put up in the kitchen**

Request has been made to re-instate Friday club nights. Committee support this and Dave Ashnell to liaise with KW to avoid clashes with the junior club night.

JP pointed out that it would be helpful if the signage on Cow Lane was correct. Time is 6pm not 7pm. **MB to raise this with Pendley Sports.**

Work in the carpark to take place 12/13/16/17 June to repair 40-50% of the carpark. This has been paid for by funds raised by film crews using the car park when filming events locally. The car park will remain open but parking maybe more difficult during this time. AB raised question of water runoff and will this be helped by car park repairs? It was thought to be unlikely

##### **B - TREASURER**

No treasurers report for this meeting.

##### **C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

## Membership numbers as of end of May 2025 (June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025)

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DE C	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Adult 1 yr	236	239	237	240	240	227	225	223	230	228	222	221	223
Adult 3yrs	14	14	14	14	13	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Adult (Mth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6
Family Jnr	33	31	28	28	27	28	27	27	28	27	26	29	30
Junior	36	36	34	34	37	35	33	32	34	32	34	37	33
Life	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	44	43	43	43	42	37	28	31	35	34	35	34	31
Student	10	10	11	11	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	8
Total	416	416	409	413	412	392	377	377	391	386	387	390	387

## Comments

- Multiple renewals ongoing
  - JAN: 9 new linked, 4 new adult & 5 renewals, 7 new junior & 1 renewals, 5 lost FOBs
  - FEB: 5 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new junior, 3 lost FOBs
  - MAR: 8 new linked, 7 new adult, 5 new junior, 1 lost FOB, 1 free Trial request
  - APR: 2 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new junior & 1 renewal, 1 account closed
  - MAY: 2 new linked, 2 new adult & 1 renewal, 1 new junior, 2 lost FOBs
  - JUN (so far): No changes
- Overall, membership numbers steady and averaging 385+, but below usual 400
- 2 New Adult 1 year membership with monthly payment; total of 6 new members signed up to this membership option so far.

## **D – SECRETARY**

No report

## **5 TEAM REPORTS**

**Men's Captain –Steve Malducca** No report for this meeting

**Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston** No report for this meeting

## **6. JUNIOR REPORT**

No report for this meeting

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

**House** -No report for this meeting.

**Social Report** (club events in green)

08 August 2025– private party  
06 September 2025 – private party  
18 October 2025 – Elton John Experience  
14 November 2025 – Charity quiz  
20 December 2025– Elvis Impersonator  
21 February 2026 – Coldplay Tribute  
02 May 2026 – private party  
16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute  
01 August 2026 – private party  
16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute  
19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Solar Panels:** cost estimated to be £30K but did not take into account fitting to the roof and there were concerns over damage to roof membrane. AB had met someone who could make a support frame for the panels. Committee agreed in principle to go ahead with the solar panels, but it would depend on costs and fitting. **AB, MB and JK to investigate further**

**Garden:** consider revamping the area outside, ideally would like to have a padel court. This is still being considered.

**Date for AGM:** 24 September. Calling notice to go out by 3 September. **JK to check PB and CL are available**

**Leagues:** Structure needs to be reconsidered as monthly cycle is not working. Needs to move to a 6-week cycle. **MB to discuss with CL**

**Whatsapp Group:** KW and RP are admin users but does anyone else want admin rights – **SM to also have admin rights.**

**KW Juniors:** 21 June is Family Festival and KW has booked 3 courts. The next Friday club night will be 13 June

**NK IT system** – so much of club's operations relies on IT, club needs to do a professional review as not sure it is fit for purpose. **AB to undertake professional review**

**MB** – moving club championships back to the original dates which will be 3 weeks after the easter holidays.

**JP** - Reminder to all need to park considerately in the car park area.

**9 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting schedules for Tuesday 22 July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.29pm

Jan Kerry  
Tring Squash Club Secretary