

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 06 JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), Pete Barham (PB), Jan Kerry (JK), Ruth Proudfoot (RP), James Walton (JW). Steve Malduca (SM) Joanne Preston (JP) Andy Booth (AB) and Emma Greenall (EG).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Maddie Hughes (MH) and Katie Winterstein (KW).

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Bar Improvements: On going finalising details (MB to update next meeting)

Update from Roof Working Part – Group arranged to meet again in January once received further quotes will report back at next meeting

Review of IT Systems: - MB wish to thank AB for providing a comprehensive report. Several options were set out with one recommended. Committee agreed to go with recommended solution.

Trophy Cabinet: - RP has found two options circa £1500. Need to check if power is easily available to light the cabinet. Update next meeting.

Men's changing Room modifications: Layout suggestions shared with committee. MB to liaise with PT re fitting.

4 OFFICERS REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Tring School were due to start using club facilities from today but due to inclement weather the school is to remain shut until next week.

Thanks: MB wished to thank all of those involved in the Elvis night which was a great success. MB also wished to thank those involved in decorating the squash club and creating a festive feel for the facility.

League participation: - participation in the club leagues seems to have increased with more players playing racquetball in particular. Encouragement needs to be kept up.

Team Squash: MB raised the issue of insufficient players to cover matches in all of the leagues the club has entered and is the club fielding too many teams. SM reported that there has been some issues with putting out teams to cover all of the leagues, which is not helped by the fact that for the men the Herts 2nd and Bucks Team play on the same night and 1st and 2nd team have been suffering with numbers. However, it was also noted that captains need to be more proactive with their teams and encourage them to take part.

Salary: Bar Staff received an inflation based pay increase.

B – TREASURER

PB reported club was 6 months into the financial year so it was a fraction too early for numbers . First 3 months showed a modest surplus . Currently Bank Balance £113.331 (of which £110,000 was on deposit). PB wished it to be known to all committee members that he is the sole signatory and as a result he regularly sends the bank statements to the chairman for him to review. PB will not be able to attend next meeting in February but accounts would be sent out for the meeting.

C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership numbers as of end December 2025 (Jan 05th 2026)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUN	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Adult 1 yr	230	228	222	221	223	221	218	215	217	206	201	204
Adult 3yrs	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	9	9
Adult (Mth)	0	0	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8
Family Jnr	28	27	26	29	30	30	30	31	32	27	29	29
Junior	34	32	34	37	34	36	37	37	38	42	40	41
Life	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	35	34	35	34	31	30	32	33	35	31	28	26
Student	9	10	10	9	8	8	10	9	7	6	7	9
Pro Player						3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Elite Player									1	1	1	1
Total	391	386	387	385	382	383	388	386	388	370	365	369

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: 1 new linked, 1 new adult, 2 new Juniors
 - JUL: 8 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new student & 1 renewal, 1 new Junior
 - AUG: 2 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new Junior
 - SEPT: 6 new linked, 2 new adults, 2 new Juniors, 2 Elite & 1 Pro Players (Alex), 2 Social
 - OCT: 12 new linked, 2 new adults, **5 new Juniors**, 1 new Social
 - NOV: 5 new linked, 2 new adults, 2 new Juniors
 - DEC: 4 new linked, 4 new adults, 1 student renewal, 1 Junior renewal
- Overall, membership numbers declining but averaging 365+, well but below pre-Covid & usual 400

Club Income by Years (MMM started end of 2029)

Years	Courts	Events	Other	Subscriptions	Total
2020	£13,063.76	£2,812.00	£0.00	£19,926.58	£35,802.34
2021	£13,889.44	£4,179.62	£0.00	£18,318.55	£36,387.61
2022	£23,046.87	£8,557.50	£0.00	£27,617.23	£59,221.60
2023	£24,328.86	£6,815.50	£30.00	£31,411.58	£62,585.94
2024	£27,913.19	£9,361.50	-£236.00	£32,675.51	£69,714.20
2025	£26,821.44	£6,632.00	-£333.69	£27,656.52	£60,776.27
Totals	£129,063.56	£38,358.12	-£539.69	£157,605.97	£324,487.96

Court Bookings by age in 2025

Ages	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
0-10					1			3	2	2		4	12
10-15	33	22	27	33	41	15	20	19	23	16	25	32	306
15-20	27	30	24	26	30	13	32	31	17	30	44	37	341
20-25	6	10	17	11	14	16	13	14	13	4		7	125
25-30	18	14	15	10	15	11	11	19	17	9	17	11	167
30-35	12	20	20	17	11	9	11	9	10	7	11	6	143
35-40	34	28	28	32	32	18	15	18	39	22	24	32	322
40-45	103	90	89	79	93	85	84	74	103	87	103	97	1087

45-50	159	126	148	138	164	142	132	96	132	126	115	123	1601
50-55	140	124	126	106	134	84	115	106	116	99	125	111	1386
55-60	86	91	89	88	93	86	83	71	88	114	97	93	1079
60-65	131	117	136	140	145	154	128	168	136	141	131	132	1659
65-70	112	101	97	103	85	101	93	98	86	101	97	110	1184
70-80	140	116	119	133	118	123	139	144	132	133	126	122	1545
80-90	20	26	29	30	24	30	25	22	22	15	19	22	284
90-100								1	2	1		2	6
Totals	1021	915	964	946	1000	887	901	893	938	907	934	941	

Comments

- Club has a health set of juniors (10 to 20 year olds)
- Ages of playing members is concentrated in the 45-50, 60-65 and 70-80 !!
- Club consistently has 900+ court booking per month 😊
- Fewer members in the Club overall in last 2 years but most of them are playing more

Discussion followed with ideas to try to boost club membership. PB due to meet with Bar Manager and will suggest handing out information on the music nights to boost club membership.

JP - Any free courses to be marketed and sent out via social media

SM - Possibly increasing subs (this cannot be done until the AGM) and when members renew they get two free drinks.

Agreed working party JK, RP and EG to meet to discuss further ideas.

D – SECRETARY

No report for this meeting

5 TEAM REPORTS

Men's Captain – Steve Malducca

No formal report but SM reported that team players were now participating in the club leagues which was having a positive impact.

Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston

Ladies second team are doing well 19 points ahead with a game in hand.

1st team doing better in Bucks league. JP reported that they were struggling to get teams out, not just TSC but across all of the clubs.

6. JUNIOR REPORT – Katie Winterstein

No report for this meeting. KW wished to raise the issue that equipment went missing last term and so the juniors needed a secure area that coaches could access to store equipment – to be discussed under AOB

7. OTHER REPORTS

House Report – Nigel Kerry

Please find below a list of things that have been done or are being worked on. They are in no particular order.

- Moss from roof of single story extension to be removed once snow and ice has gone. This will also involve clearing gutters. Probably next week
- Water came in through light fitting in foyer early last month. Once my knee is sorted will get into loft and see if I can track down the problem
- Emergency light test being done early this week. It always looks a bit strange as someone has to sit around for 3 hours doing nothing whilst emergency lights are on.
- Extractor fan due to be fitted to Gents and Ladies toilets soon.
- PAT is due to be carried out soon.
- I've been asked about cleaning the men's showers. They are due a power clean so will talk to Emma about this. Haven't done anything about buy Karcha jet wash yet.
- Oven is being cleaned on 8th January.
- Undergrowth down the side of courts 2 and 4 still to be cleared. Again once my knee is sorted I'll get that done.
- I'm not sure where we've got to with the trestle tables stored under Crt 3. The long ones were due to be disposed of or at least put outside. We now have more folding tables so there is no need for the long ones, and they are a nuisance to move and store. On that point. Please can the committee look at buying a shed so we can store all chairs and tables with ease. It could be based between lounge wall and Pendley fence. A bit of ground which is completely unused.

I have sent two estimates for work. One is for retiling the single storey roof (c £27K). The other is for replacing the heating in the men's changing room (c£5K).

The heating in the men's changing rooms is the most inefficient, expensive possible. It's the only part of the heating that isn't attached to the main boiler.

On the heating, I have no idea how the underfloor heating in the ladies is being controlled. I think it's a thermostat, but I have no idea if it's on constantly. If it is that's a bit of a waste of money.

The committee will be aware of the issues with the main roof and the costs involved in replacing it. We currently have a substantial sum on deposit but that is being eaten into by inflation. I think some thought should be given to us carrying out the replacement work sooner, rather than leave for another 5 years when the costs will have gone up considerably and our money will buy less.

8. Social Report (club events in green)

09 January 2026 – Private Party
12 January – P S Committee Meeting
16 January - Club Night
06 – 08 February Counties Squash Masters
13 February- Club Night
21 February – Coldplay Tribute
09 March – PS Committee Meeting
13 March - Club Night
04 April – Private Party
17 April- Club Night
18 April – Private Party
02 May – Private Party
09 May – Aqua Club Quiz
11 May – P S Committee Meeting
16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute
20 June – Private Party
27 June – Private Party
18 July – Private Party
01 August 2026 – Private Party
14 September – PS Committee Meeting
16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute
24 October – Private Party
09 November – PS Committee meeting
19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RP – All Levels Tournament 28 February from 2-6pm. Format 36 contestants 12 teams of 3 all level abilities welcome.

KW Secure locking system for junior equipment – agreed cupboard by ladies changing rooms NK to get keys for all coaches.

SM – reminder to all members if you use the Air Fryer you need to clean it.

MB- Bar stools quote being obtained to repair/relace upholstery which has started to come apart. Two of the blinds in lounge have been broken as people have tried to pull them down. They are ornamental not functioning blinds.

MB – Finals night 2026 clashes with a club tour. Committee agreed to keep with original dates Wed 6th and Fri 8th May 2026.

9 NEXT MEETING

Dates for future committee meetings:

Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 March at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.10 pm

Jan Kerry

Tring Squash Club Secretary