

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Andy Booth (AB), Jan Kerry (JK), James Walton, Steve Malduca

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anthony Palmer (AP), Ruth Proudfoot (RP), Peter Barham (PB), Katie Winterstein (KW)

The minutes of the previous were approved.

It was noted that this meeting was not quorate so no formal decisions could be made.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator – following a recent incident it was agreed that information needed to be put onto the website so that everyone would know how to best manage particularly if an incident happened when there may only be one or two members present. MB agreed to put information on the website and to notify members of its existence.

Court Heating – Overall costs for two courts £7.5K. Heaters £2000 each and installation £3500. It was hoped that these could be put in place by the end of November.

Bar refurbishment – on going but hope to have this put in place by end of the year. Electrics are in place, but it may mean the bar is out of use for a few days so needs to be scheduled when there are no club events pending.

Energy contract – MB reported that the contract had been renewed. 40% increase in costs plus standing charge costs. Club needs to factor this into overall future costs.

TNT Sport – contract renewed at a better price but cost to the club is £154 per month

EPOS System – this is working well for the club. Club teams are experimenting with paying their bar bills via MMM account. To do this via the EPOS System would require members data to be stored on the system. Two Tier bar pricing was also discussed but again members data would need to be stored on the system.

Soakaway – issues with the soakaway are ongoing but it is functioning and needs to be monitored to see how efficient it is.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

AGM – Thursday 3 October no AOB items to follow up on. Padel/Pickleball would be ideal for the club as it is very popular however space is an issue for the club. Members are open to any innovative ideas

Paul Carter Coaching – this is to be repeated

Introductory coaching courses – proposed change to format with mixed sessions rather than separate men’s and ladies sessions. Agreed to promote via social media as this was effective last year.

Bronze Masters Event – this is now moved to 22- 24 November 2024. Currently there are 24 registered with 9 of them Tring members.

Inter Counties events – this is no longer going to happen as it would require the use of too many of the courts

Constitution Changes to reflect MMM and renewal dates – JK to check this

Social Membership – this was discussed, and it was thought that 50 was the maximum number of social members. Need to check the charity status of the club and to reflect that the primary activity of the club was sport.

Lounge area – club wishes this to be an all-day space and need to rebrand as a potential work area, small fitness classes or social space for coffee and a chat.

Joint Junior Membership with the tennis club – SM to look into this

Future Projects – whilst the committee is open to ideas for new projects to improve the clubs facilities, they have a duty to keep a reserve of approx. £50,000. Current projects court heating and bar refurbishment need to be completed, and final costs made before any further projects are started

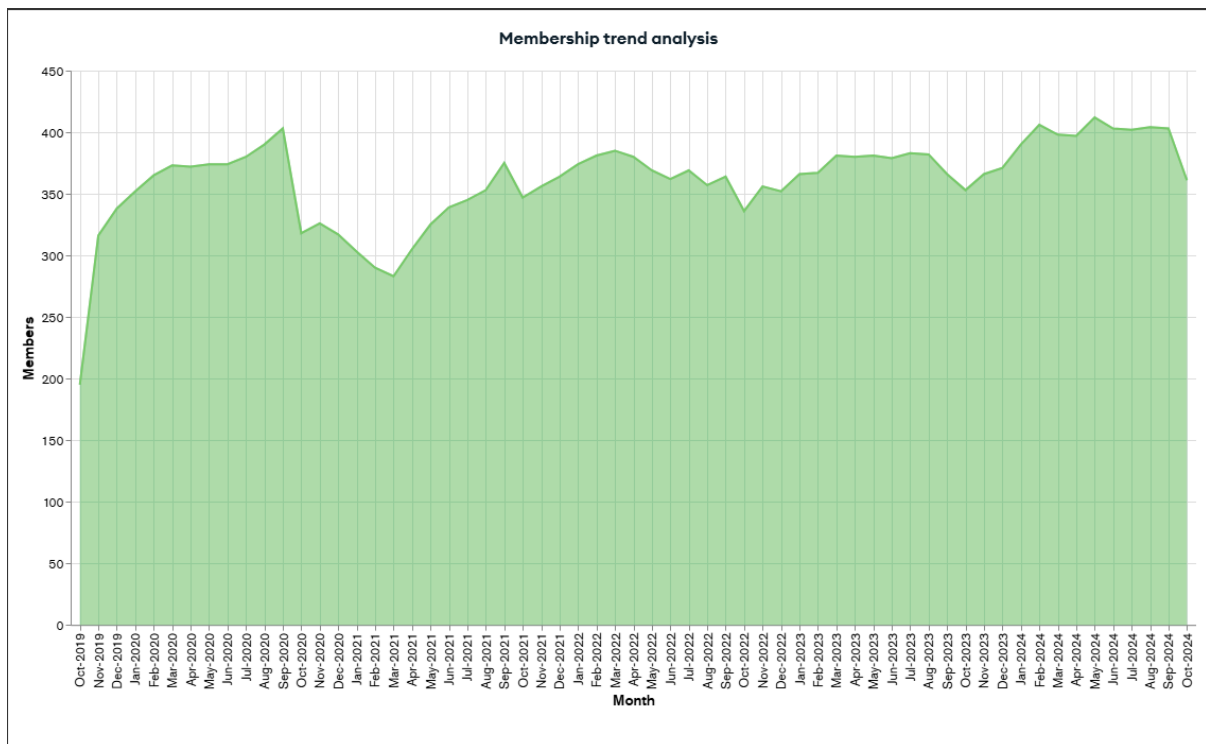
B – TREASURER

No accounts were produced for this meeting. Accounts had been presented at the AGM on 3 October 2024

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Andy Booth)

Below are the figures as of the 07 October 2024:

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Adult	203	210	213	223	234	233	231	236	239	237	240	240
Adult (3yrs)	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13
Family JNR	25	25	27	33	36	35	33	33	31	28	28	27
Junior	37	37	34	35	33	32	32	36	36	34	34	37
Life	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Social	36	40	40	41	41	41	42	44	43	43	43	42
Student	8	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	10
Total	355	375	378	399	411	405	403	416	416	409	413	412



Comments

- Multiple renewals ongoing
 - OCT: 5 new Adults (2 x 1st Team players) and 5 new Junior, 2 new linked
 - NOV: 9 new adults, 2 new Juniors, 1 re-join, and 1 new Social, 8 new linked
 - DEC: 6 new adults, 3 new juniors, 1 re-join, 4 new linked
 - JAN: 6 new adults, 5 new juniors, 2 re-joins, 19 new linked
 - FEB: 12 new adults, 4 new juniors, 1 re-join, 25 new linked
 - MAR: 3 new adults, 7 new linked, 1 unlinked
 - APR: 2 new Adults, 2 new juniors, 1 new social, 11 new linked, 4 unlinked !
 - MAY: 3 new Adult, 2 Adult renewals, 2 new junior, 1 new student, 8 new linked
 - JUN: 1 new Adult, 1 Adult renewal, 4 new linked
 - JUL: 3 new Adult, 1 new junior, 1 junior renewal, 2 new linked
 - AUG: 1 new Adult, 2 Adult renewal, 1 new student, 1 new Social , 4 new linked
 - SEPT: 3 new Adult, 1 new junior, 2 junior renewal, 13 new linked, multi auto-renewals
 - OCT: (so far): No change, but auto-renewal happening.

Overall, we are seeing membership numbers holding steady, with the odd new member (both Adult and Junior).

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain (Steve Malduca)

No Report

Ladies' Captain (Joanne Preston)

No Report

6. JUNIOR REPORT

No report.

7. OTHER REPORTS

No report

Social Report (club events in green)-

18 October 2024 – SKAmungas

02 November – private party

11 November – PSC Committee Meeting

16 November - private party

19 November – TSC Committee Meeting

22 November – Bronze Masters Event

23 November – Bronze Masters Event

24 November – Bronze Masters Event

30 November - private party

07 December – private party

14 December Club Xmas Party Abba Tribute

28 December – private party

2025

22 February – Back to 80's Tribute band

17 May – Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

18 October – Elton John Experience

20 December – Elvis Impersonator

Systems/Operations –

No report.

Pendley Social Club

No report

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A.B - MMM Is it possible to have monthly subscriptions rather than annual – AB to investigate.

JP – could social events be publicised to members first possibly in the newsletter to enable members to purchase tickets before non- members.

JW- does the club intend to have any future PSA tournaments. Whilst the club would love to do this it needs to be carefully thought out and requires a major sponsor. Chris Noakes who was involved in the previous event is now retired. To be discussed at a future meeting and subcommittee would be needed to manage this project.

JK – could reports for AGM be circulated in advance of the meeting to give members time to read them.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

Jan Kerry
Tring Squash Club Secretary