

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2017

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), Mark Bullard (MB), Keith Warman (KW), Matt Duncan (MD), Joni Duncan (JD), Jon Slade (JS), James Walton (JW) & Chas Lefevre (CL).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anna Ashwell, Peter Barham.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Committee thanked MD for organising a very successful Comedy Evening.

New flooring will be installed on 2/3 Feb (TV Room) and 6th Feb (Bar/Lounge). MB to arrange movement of furniture. BL to confirm with supplier whether they can install the floor with pool table in the room.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Iain Digby has requested that the club hosts the Bucks O45 tournament on Feb 4th. This was agreed.

The Ladies 6 week squash free introduction course to squash will take start 16th January. The equivalent men's course will commence 25th February.

PSA Event hosted at Tring Squash club

The date of the event (9th-14th May 2017) has been registered with the PSA. The club has until the end of February to confirm if the event is a M5, M10 or M15 event. M10 is looking the most likely. M designates a Men's event and the figure indicates a \$5K, \$10K or \$15K prize fund.

JD suggested online ticketing for the event. The committee would need to understand whether this is feasible.

JS asked about the event finances. In addition to the prize fund there are a number of administrative costs, which are being confirmed. The funding of the event is not dependent on ticket or bar sales achieving any target.

BL is pleased with the level of intra-club competition activity. KW suggested that the Handicap & Racquet-ball (Squash57) finals are held on the same night as the club championship finals. This was discussed and the meeting voted in favour, subject to checking with Malcolm Newton.

JW would like to introduce a Squash 57 handicap and junior competition.

B – TREASURER

BL read out PB's report, which indicated that the club's finances are in good shape. BL is very pleased on how the club's Treasury is working.

C – MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers: -

233 Adults, 44 juniors, 6 students, 26 Life & 38 Social Members.

D – SECRETARY

MB explained that the welfare policy has been published, with input from Nigel Kerry. Junior consent forms have been sent out. Completed forms are stored at the club and coaches have access to the forms.

MB has got a quote to extend the BT Sport service. The new offer is a slightly improved deal on the current one. The committee approved extending the service.

MB has registered the pot-holes on the car park cross over with Dacorum council. Case reference 201012479529.

MB raised the question about court heating as a member has written to the committee stating that court 3 was unplayable on 29/12/16 @ 17:00 because of the cold.

In the general discussion the following points were made:-

1. There was no known problem with the heating at this time and it should have operated as normal.
2. Is the frost setting set at the right level.
3. In general better signage is needed about the heating as the cleaning staff regularly find that the heaters have been turned off, presumably in error. Also it is apparent that members are not aware how the additional heating on courts 2 & 4 should be used.

MB to follow up.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

KW said the first team is doing well.

Following second team's first match showing since Xmas the skipper's view is that everyone enjoyed a substantial Xmas celebration.

Third team - Matt Oakes is moving for work reasons and Matt Duncan will take over as team captain. The third team has struggled to get a full team out at times during

the first half of the season, but this is a short term issue that will be addressed by giving players more notice of fixtures and team selection.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN - No report

H – Racquetball aka Squash57

HD informed the meeting that among Squash 57 players the preference is for a league rather than a ladder.

I – Leagues

HD has retained an enlarged P1.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Junior Coaching – No report

A – MAINTENANCE

- The boiler has been serviced.
- The fault with the heater on court 4 has been repaired.
- Bi-fold doors have been fitted.
- Glass back doors for the courts will be fitted imminently.
- The cooker has been replaced.
- The committee room tables have been replaced.
- Rod Lee will decorate the TV room.

B – SOCIAL

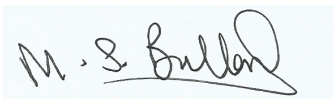
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The fire alarm by the front door was accidentally activated on 27/12/16. Better signage is required.
- More bar staff are required for Monday & Wednesday evenings.
- KW reported that the men's urinals smell bad. Suggestion that urinal sanitation blocks should be used.
- CL is offering to run a referee course. A time and courts will be allocated for this.

The meeting closed at 21:25.

9. NEXT MEETING

March 8th 2017



Tring Squash Club Secretary