

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH. 2015**

#### **ATTENDED BY**

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG), Mark Bullard (MB), Barry Knight (BK), Matt Duncan (MD), Joni Duncan (JD) Carole Booth (CB) & Steve White(SW) & Tim Delderfield (TD).

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

Keith Warman, Charles Lefevre

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015**

The minutes were agreed.

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

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

- Darren Withey & Sam Mueller will finish coaching at the club once the current junior, men's and Tring school courses are completed. TD will take over from 11/4/15. This change was discussed generally with the following points raised:-
  - CRB checks need to be undertaken or updated for anyone involved in the running of junior activities. MB to contact Emma Egan and Katie Winterstein about this. The club will pay the cost of the CRB check.
  - The club should provide cover for TD in the role of coach.
  - Local promotion of the coaching provided by the club is needed to increase the number of participants.
  - The club needs to demonstrate & communicate the structure of the coaching to prospective participants and where applicable parents of participants.
- BL proposed pay increases for the club's three salaried staff, effective from 1/4/15. The meeting approved these pay rises. Pay will be reviewed again 1/4/16.

##### **B – TREASURER**

- DG presented the latest accounts to the meeting. Current bar sales appear to be down and this will be checked.

##### **C – MEMBERSHIP**

- 23 life members
- 260 Adult members
- 64 Junior members & Associates

- 44 Social members

BL confirmed that the purchase of a PC for the membership secretary has been approved and should go ahead ASAP.

#### **D – SECRETARY**

- None

#### **TEAM REPORTS:**

#### **E – MEN’S CAPTAIN**

- 1st team will finish 7th and remain in Herts Division 1.
- The 2nd team is likely to finish 2nd or 3rd and remain in Herts division 2.

#### **F – VETS CAPTAIN**

- The Vets team is likely to finish 2nd.

#### **G – LADIES CAPTAIN**

- The ladies have been successful in both the Herts & Bucks leagues this season. CB will step down as captain and Anna Ashwell & JD will take over as joint captain.

#### **5. OTHER REPORTS**

#### **A – MAINTENANCE**

- KW informed the meeting the work to renovate the toilets will be deferred until after the club championships.
- MB to follow up on the replacement doors for the TV /Committee room.
- SW to obtain replacement bottle filler tap.
- Quote for the toilet redecoration, SW will talk to Rod Lee.
- The new sound system installation is nearly complete.
- No news on the replacement dishwasher.
- Members have commented on the time taken for the cisterns in the Ladies loos to refill.
- Court maintenance will start in May.
- BL informed the committee that if requested Gordon Huitson is happy to do paid maintenance at the club. He would prefer to wait until there were several things that needed doing, to ensure best value for the club and good use of time & resources.
- MD undertook to get number signage for the courts.

#### **B – SOCIAL**

- For the volunteer event this Saturday BL requested that the committee works together to get tables and chairs in place, clear up on the night and draw up a bar rota. MD volunteered to do the bar rota. A number of people will be at the club on Saturday morning to help get the club ready.

- The Hat club event was a success; 55 people attended.
- There will be a Squash-a-thon charity event on May 16th with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish and British heart Foundation.
- Tring Squash Club will co-host, with Aylesbury Squash Club, an inter counties Vets Tournament on March 21st & 22nd. The event will take place at Tring Squash Club. Teams from Bucks, Kent, Merseyside and Northumbria will take part with a number of Tring players (Ian Digby, Phil Yerby, Darren Withey, Rob Last?) representing Bucks.
- March 21st –Private Function
- May 17th is the Pendley Bowls competition, an inter club competition. CB was nominated as the squash club captain.
- July 10th 2015 is the date for the Golf Day to be held at Stocks, with dinner at the squash club.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The committee voted not to host an external event as the club is in use at the same time and would not be able to offer the appropriate facility.
- The committee agreed to pay Pendley Sports Centre a quarterly amount of £160 to cover annual service costs related to the common areas on the site.
- JW updated the committee with information from Beaconsfield Squash club about the potential revenue (and costs) of sponsor's banners on court. The meeting voted to pursue the selling on the space below the tin. It is proposed to offer the opportunity to club members first, before going outside the club.
- The new 1 hour court arrangement is working well.
- The club would like to organise another exhibition match for the autumn.
- BK suggested that the space by the bollards immediately outside the club should be kept free for ambulance access.
- BK will get some merchandise samples.
- BK to contact Dave Proudfoot about Tring Squash club logo car stickers.
- The racquetball tournament organised by Paul Hobday is underway. Trophies are on order.

The meeting closed at 21:35.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

29th April 2015