

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JAN 2016

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG), Mark Bullard (MB), Matt Duncan (MD), Barry Knight (BK), Hugh Dunford (HD) & Jon Slade (JS).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan, Anna Ashwell & Keith Warman.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting agreed that the Boot Camp will continue.

Extending the cheque signatories is ongoing.

BK presented the Sondico merchandising proposal, making the following points:-

- Sondico will set up an online Tring Squash club shop, with a link from our website
- There is no need to hold stock
- Products are on a 1-2 week lead time
- The club will earn a 10% commission on sales
- Basic shirt cost is £10.50. The products are modern & high tech.
- There is the opportunity to customise the shirt, e.g. with a logo

MD, JD & BK will agree the colour selections and styles. HD will provide costs of an alternative supplier.

The meeting voted in favour to proceed with the idea.

MB updated the committee on the application for glass back court funding. The club is now looking to apply in the June 2016 funding round.

At a meeting with Clive Birch the following points were made:-

- The estimate for the second project is on the high side because the second project would require less construction.
- Clive thought that the inflation rates applied to the actual cost of the original project are high.
- Clive made the point there is the opportunity to improve the Ladies changing room as part of this project.

The meeting discussed the Ladies changing room and agreed that it needs to be improved. It was also felt that this would strengthen our application as the funding is focussed on improving facilities. Improving the Ladies facilities is complementary to

Sport England's 'This Girl can' campaign to get more women involved in sport. MB to get an estimate for the work to extend the Ladies changing room.

The project has the support of the other PSC clubs.

There are a number of requirements to complete our application, on which the committee continues to work.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

BL thanked MD for organising the very successful Comedy Night. Another one will be arranged.

The environmental health inspection passed the club with a 5 / 5 rating. This means that the club will only have to undertake paper inspections for the foreseeable future.

B – TREASURER

DG informed the meeting that the accounts for the period October-December will be ready circa. 31/1/16. In summary the club's financial position remains sound.

C – MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers:-

250 Adults, 39 juniors, 23 Life & 40 Social Members.

D – SECRETARY

No report.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

No report

F – VETS CAPTAIN

No report.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

Have managed to field a full team for all but one of our matches to date.

- Played 10 matches to date (both Bucks and Herts league)
- Won 24 of the string matches and lost 24, 10 matches still to play
- Dates of club competition (over bank holiday period) means that ladies no.1 will be unable to play (as will men's previous winner)
- Ladies team Christmas get together is on Friday 15th Jan. Will be bringing

team shirts and taking photo so can update team photo on web site.

H – Racquetball

- The club racquetball competition is fully subscribed, with 16 entrants.

HD will arrange a racquetball taster session to introduce new players to the game. JW will promote racquetball activity on the squash notice board and provide details players willing to introduce racquetball 'newbies' to the game.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Leagues

HD reported that the leagues are working well.

Junior Coaching

HD presented to the Junior coaching update:-

- Weekend coaching continues, although numbers for the Sunday session are falling.
- There is a waiting list for the Wednesday session. Emma Egan will stop her involvement this junior session at Easter. Another coach is required.
- It is proposed to offer the Tring School pupils a coaching session on a Thursday afternoon. TD to coach ?
- 4 U.10s will be involved in a competition match at Stevenage in the near future.

A – MAINTENANCE

- Replacement of committee room internal doors - ongoing MB.

B – SOCIAL

- There is a quiz night on Saturday 23 January.
- A private function on March 19th.
- A private function on June 25th.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- MD to talk to Dave Suter to implement the online member's directory & contact details.
- The meeting agreed to propose an amendment to the constitution to reduce the period of grace for payment of subscriptions to one month. This will be presented at the AGM for approval.

The meeting closed at 22:00

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 @ 7:30.