

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2020

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Matt Duncan (MD), Keith Warman (KW), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Jon Slade (JS), Chas Lefevre (CL), Anthony Palmer (AP), James Walton (JW) – via phone,

The minutes of the previous were approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Peter Barham (PB), Merrill Trueman (MT), Paul Armstrong (PA)

3. MATTERS ARISING

Club opening update – Government has said indoor leisure will be open from 25th July, further details are expected from England Squash on the 14th July 2020 and the committee will consider the guidelines once they come out to determine the best way to open. Working party of MB, MD, KW and AP to review guidelines and produce plan for opening. JP offered to assist with signage.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Bar has opened, guidelines devised by MB, AP and MT. Initial feedback is that the policies are mostly being followed.

Beers – prices have been hiked up since lockdown hence the required increase in the bar prices as previously communicated to members. Committee reflected on the recent price increase and concurred that it was easier to have the beer prices at one level of £3 across all the beers on offer.

Staff – KW enquired whether the employees were given pay rises. MB confirmed that he would review salaries on a regular yearly basis.

Club is taking staff of furlough from July. Cleaning is currently being done 7 days per week to accommodate the current stricter requirements due to Covid-19.

MMM distribution list

- Recent issues with the mailchimp emails going into spam folders has been sorted.
- Discussion held regarding the distribution list as someone had received an email who wasn't a current member. The Mailchimp list is created by a feed from MMM of people who have registered with Tring. Mailchimp allows anyone to unsubscribe should they wish to not receive the emails.

Pendley sports centre –

- Quarterly contribution has increased from £200 to £300 (comparable increase for the other clubs). This is due to increased running costs.

- Tring Tornados have breached the land and created a car park over land not owned by Pendley Sports Centre. In his role on the Pendley committee, MB has met with the landowner and is trying to resolve. Survey is being done next week to define the boundary with next steps to be discussed.
- Tring Tornados have also requested permission to build temporary accommodation (within the boundaries of Pendley Sports Centre) which is being considered.

Sponsorship:

- The outstanding sponsorship money for the courts has been paid.
- MB has had enquiries from further companies interested in sponsorship and considering the options.

Replacement of results boards in the lounge

- This work is still ongoing, the company has been busy recently with requirements for Perspex items.

B – TREASURER

PB provided a brief report on the accounts:

- £146K in the bank at the financial year end June 30th - this is after spending considerable amounts on maintenance and refurbishing the club - basically the bulk (and more) of the £25k Covid-19 grant has been used up.
- MD has provided me the sales report I need for 12m to 30/6 to split out all the MMM bank drawdowns - so I'm ok with this now for the year end accounts.
- June qtr management accounts – in progress (awaiting 1st draft from bookkeeper David)

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Total current membership: 370, including:

Adult: 246

Junior – 65

Life – 25

Social – 28

Student - 6

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain –

No team news. KW attended the Herts AGM recently (via Zoom). It is possible that there won't be team squash in the winter season, depending on confidence around Covid-19.

Ladies' Captain –

No report

6. JUNIOR REPORT

No report

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House –

During the club shutdown the following works have been undertaken.

- Showers – Accumulator tanks have been installed to provide consistent shower performance. The loft area was tidied and strengthened to accommodate the equipment.
- Lights - LED lights have been installed on all courts, the balcony, reception and corridor area.
- Balcony – The old water tank cupboard has been removed and the viewing area for courts 1 & 3 widen to full court width.
- Corridor – A cupboard to enclose the consumer unit, electrical switches, MMM & Wifi equipment and court light controls has been installed.
- The entrance hall, balcony, changing rooms and corridor has been re-decorated.
- A deep clean of the changing rooms, balcony and corridor has been undertaken.
- The corridor has been tidied up.
- A new gulley and downpipe have been installed to prevent water accumulating on the roof. A small leak has been repaired.
- The doors to the corridor and bar have been stripped.

Ongoing

- The soakaway and the disposal of surface water is being assessed, to avoid the pooling of water outside court 2, which results in water ingress.
- Court 3 seating re-covering.

Committee expressed their thanks for all the hard work done over lockdown by Nigel Kerry and other members who have helped with the refurbishment work.

Social –

No report

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Herts Junior Squash

- There is a new person is running the junior squash within Herts. He is looking to ensure there is more coordination between the Herts clubs for the juniors and is looking to gather information regarding the junior

members across the Herts clubs. Personal information will not be shared, just numbers in age-groups etc. Committee were happy for KWi to gather information.

Membership

- Committee had a discussion regarding membership renewal this year in light of the Covid-19 shutdown and enquiries whether there would be a membership holiday. MB discussed that the membership cost for an adult is 24p per day with all the membership invested into the club (no one is taking the profit). There would be a constitutional issue and potentially an issue with our classification as a charity status to return cash back to members in cash or in kind.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 14th September 2020. AGM scheduled for Thursday 24th September 2020.

The meeting closed at 20:56

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary