

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), Jan Kerry (JK), Peter Barham (PB), Andy Booth (AB), James Walton (JW), Steve Malduca (SM). Katie Winterstein (KW) and Emma Greenall (EG) Rosie Coniglio (RC)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Joanne Preston (JP)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Bar Improvements: Agreed to review again in the next financial year.

Update from Roof Working Party: Working group has met and there are a number of options. First supplier quote ranged between £97 and £181K for an all singing all dancing product including solar panels. 2 supplier has quoted £50K to replace the membrane and provide 120 mm of insulation.

Decision – Committee agreed to £50K with 2nd supplier

Men's Changing Rooms: Product is on site showers will be out of action for a few days and needs to be completed by 13 June

Coaching Job Description:

Q. JW – what do we expect the take up to be?

A. KW – When RD was here 14 sessions per week. There is a retainer of £400 per month.

Q. SM – Is the idea that the coach looks to find new opportunities?

Q. KW – Yes, and members will be able to book private sessions or small group sessions via MMM

Q. MB – How will the retainer be funded

A. KW – the idea is that it should be funded by running group sessions so 6 people at cost of £16 per week should cover the cost.

Q. MB – Where do we promote it is it social media

A. KW – Yes and anywhere else that anyone thinks might be useful

Q. JW - There was a company you spoke to that organises coaches did you get any further with them

A. KW – No they are based in London and work mostly with clubs there

Decision – Committee agreed to go ahead with advertising for a coach

Welfare Policy:

Decision- Committee agreed policy JK to update and put on website and club notice board.

Minutes on the Notice Board: JK confirmed that she was putting minutes on the board and would also put welfare policy there as well.

4 OFFICERS REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Warm welcome to Rosie Coniglio who has agreed to join the committee.

Club Finances :

Recent newsletter reflected what we had said in our previous meeting and that while the club has many plans they cannot all be accommodate because of financial restraints e.g. energy costs increase is 272%, and bookkeeping and software charges are up 12%.

Club is going to increase subscriptions and court fees at the AGM as agreed at the previous meeting. Some people are using the courts but have not paid their membership and a warning has been sent out.

Bar prices are to increase:

Committee agreed bar prices were to increase, and that this may well have to happen on an annual basis as costs rise.

Action: RP & MH to liaise with the Bar Manager to try to get a different supplier to get in better quality wine.

Club Championships – increase entrance fee from £3 to £5

Decision: Committee agreed price increase.

Chairman wished to thank KW for organising the 30 match versus Berkhamsted on 13 June

Q – If we were to run the counties game again could we charge for this e.g. £10 per entrant?

Decision – agreed and RC to organise

The chairman reported that Tring School want to continue to use our faculties to be able to offer squash for their students and thanks to RP for organising this.

Q. RP think the school should pay something for the service particularly if we have a coach in situ.

Decision: Agreed in principle and RP to work out what it costs the club to run these sessions and come up with some costings

Pendley Sports Committee:

Tring Athletic Football Club has a development plan which they have shared with other clubs and are looking to get support from the clubs prior to going to planning. Plans are to develop the land within their lease, there will be minimal loss of car parking space, improved visual and advertising space and a proposed padel or pickleball facility . They are asking for club approval

Decision: Committee agreed to support TAFC

B – TREASURER

Club is down on all income streams and costs are up. Club is showing a loss of £2.5K for the 9 months of this year which compares to a profit of £19.5K for the same 9 month period last year.

Main factors are:

Less bar sales, court bookings, subscriptions and junior coaching so 4 main income streams are all down total £14,645.47 and there is an increase in overall costs of £10,337.09 of which £5,920.55 is increased spend on repairs and maintenance. The club needs to market itself better and should have a marketing budget. The route problem is declining numbers.

C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership numbers as of end April 2026 (Mat 11th 2026)

	MAY	JUN	JUN	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Adult 1 yr	223	221	218	215	217	206	201	204	204	200	199	199
Adult 3yrs	11	11	11	11	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Adult (Mth)	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	9	10	9	9
Family Jnr	30	30	30	31	32	27	29	29	32	24	23	23
Junior	34	36	37	37	38	42	40	41	39	39	37	42
Life	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	31	30	32	33	35	31	28	26	26	26	28	29
Student	8	8	10	9	7	6	7	9	8	8	8	10
Pro Player		3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elite Player					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	382	383	388	386	388	370	365	368	370	359	356	364

Comments

- Renewals ongoing
 - JAN: 4 new Adult & 4 adult renewals, 6 FOB issues
 - FEB: 2 new Adults, 3 new JNRs, 2 FOB issues, 8, Linked, 3 Unlinked
 - MAR: 1 Adult renewal, 3 Linked, 2 new JNRs, 1 FOB issue, 2 Social renewals
 - APR: 2 new Adult, 3 new JNRs, 1 new Student, 1 Unlinked, 1 Social renewal
 - MAY (so far): No change so far
- Fall in Adults and Family JNRs in FEB & MAR & APR 2026
- Overall, membership numbers have increased slightly in the last month

D – SECRETARY

No report for this meeting

5 TEAM REPORTS

Men's Captain –no report for this meeting

Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston

No report for this meeting.

6. JUNIOR REPORT – Katie Winterstein

No junior report.

7. OTHER REPORTS

House Report – Nigel Kerry

Please find below a list of things that have been done or are being worked on. They are in no particular order.

- Dishwasher has been serviced and cleaned. Engineer reminds me it's a dishwasher not a garbage disposal unit. Signs to be posted to make sure it gets used properly. Cost will be c£100. Replacement machine c £400. I'll investigate a commercial version, but I suspect cost will be too high
- Had a closer fitted to ladies changing room door. Needs adjusting before door handle falls off
- Court heating to be turned off this w/e. Lounge heating temperature will be turned down this w/e, then off at end of month. I can't figure out how underfloor heating in ladies changing room is controlled so can't turn it off – yet!
- Rooves. Mark will give a résumé of where we are with these
- Phone chargers fitted in 3 places. It will be interesting to see how long it is before someone rips the cables off the wall and takes home.
- Still searching for new storage container for coaching kit to go on balcony.
- Rubbish still down the side of court 2 and 4. I will get onto this.
- Thanks to Andy for repairing the table footie.
- We need to decide whether to have courts 3 and 4 cleaned this autumn. Keith and I agreed to do 2 courts each year but will leave that with Steve M to decide if they need doing and if so to arrange.
- I have found a volunteer to carry out the fire alarm testing each week. Unlike other helpers Rosie has managed this without breaking anything.
- I haven't been involved with the changes to the men's showers so will assume that this has been thought through carefully. I think the work is due to start at the end of this month.
- Lots of fire related notices to go up around the place.

Decision: Cleaning of courts SM to book

8. Social Report (club events in green)

16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute

06 June – Private party am

06 June – Private Party pm

20 June – Private Party

27 June – Private Party

17 July – TSRC Golf Day

18 July – Private Party

01 August 2026 – Private Party

12 September – Private Party

14 September – PS Committee Meeting

30 September - AGM

16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute

24 October – Private Party

09 November – PS Committee meeting

19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

Questions:

JW – Does everyone pay their deposit when booking a function

MB – Yes

RP – Bookings should not be free to members

MB – It's not actually free , have to pay for cleaning, and 3x bar staff

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PB – Need to check president is available for 30 September and to book pre-meeting – **JK to follow up**

RP – Increased cost of energy use does this include running the bar and are we able to determine how much that might be?

RC – Club needs an events co-ordinator one point of contact for private parties /tournaments so that those booking know what is involved. **RC agreed to come up with document setting out do's and don'ts**

Website out of date – **JK agreed to go through it and ask DS to update**, although the club needs a new website that is a bit more dynamic. MB agreed to see if there was anyone within the club who could do this.

9 NEXT MEETING

Dates for future committee meetings:

Wednesday 01 July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.36pm

Jan Kerry

Tring Squash Club Secretary

