

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Chas Lefevre (CL), Matt Duncan (MD), Anthony Palmer (AP), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Peter Barham (PB), James Walton (JW), Jon Slade (JS), Paul Armstrong (PA), Keith Warman (KW)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Merril Trueman (MT)

3. MATTERS ARISING

Emergency meeting held to discuss the club's response to the recent events related to the Coronavirus outbreak and specifically the advice given by the government on the 16th March 2020 regarding new guidance around social distancing.

To date, Tring Squash Club has been following the government's unequivocal advice, including the installation of a hand sanitizer and encouraging members to wash their hands often.

The club has two main areas of use – the playing courts and the social aspect. The committee had a lengthy and involved discussion regarding the most recent government guidance and the implications related to the use of the club.

Members remain individually responsible for maintaining social distancing etc. The committee firmly believe that the government guidance should be followed at all times and anyone displaying any of the symptoms or with family members displaying any of the symptoms should follow the issued guidelines and not enter the club for the advised times. Members attend the squash club at their own risk and the club cannot take any liability for anyone entering the club.

Committee acknowledged that the decisions made in this meeting are government by the current advice and the position could (and is likely) to change at any point. Committee agreed that they were aligning with the government policy and Tring Squash Club would continue to adhere to the advice by the government as and when that changes.

Votes held & decisions made:

- **Club overall:**
 - o Will remain open
- **Squash courts**
 - o Committee agreed unanimously that the courts should be kept open
- **Junior coaching –**
 - o Committee agreed that junior coaching should be cancelled for the foreseeable future given the perceived increased risk due to the number of people (children and parents) required in the club for the coaching to proceed.
- **Bar**

- Committee agree by majority to keep the bar open.
- Committee agreed that the bar is for members and non members should not be allowed into the club to use the bar facilities from this point forward until the guidance changes.
- **Food preparation (including use of the kitchen facilities)**
 - Committee agreed unanimously that no food should be permitted to be prepared and consumed at the club at the current time. This was decided based on the view that it is a higher risk of contamination and it encourages increased social interaction.

There were a few points of note which will be followed up at the next committee meeting:

- Social – bridge club, private parties etc to be discussed whether they should be allowed to continue at the discretion of the individual's involved
- Temporary replacement staff to fulfil the paid roles at the club (bar management and cleaning duties) if current employees need to self isolate.

4. NEXT MEETING

24th March 2020 as previously scheduled– to be held remotely.

The meeting closed at 21.29

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary