

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025** **AT 7.30PM**

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), Anthony Palmer (AP), Andy Booth (AB) Jan Kerry (JK), Ruth Proudfoot, Joanne Preston.

#### **1. POLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Peter Barham (PB), James Walton (JW), Steve Malducca (SM), Maddie Hughes (MH) and Katie Winterstein (KW). It was noted that the meeting was not quorate.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

**Joint Tennis & Squash membership:** reduced membership has been offered and an invite to the monthly Friday night junior sessions.

**Bar Improvements:** MB has spoken to Matin Harding and got samples. Measurements need to be taken as glass has to be cut to size. Bring back to next meeting.

**Court Heating:** the front court heaters are being raised in September and heat shields installed. Work is due to be done on 29/30 September.

**Solar Panels/Roof Leak :** as a result of recent rain, we are aware that the leak we hoped was fixed isn't. A video survey has been undertaken by a specialist company and it is more complicated than just putting on solar panels. Remedial work needs to be undertaken to fix the leak. There then needs to be a detailed survey of the rest of the roof. It is a very complex situation and a subcommittee have been formed to look at this MB, AB, NK and Clive Birch. Potentially this might mean a new roof which means better insulation can be put in, but in the first instance the remedial work needs to be done so we are in the process of getting a quote for this. The committee in agreement that the work needed to be done and that to put solar panels on an unsound roof was not an option. As the meeting was not quorate no decision could be made. Bring back to next meeting or circulate via email

**AGM:** the accounts are being prepared, and a review of the roof reserve has been considered as the figure is now out of date £25K increased to £50K.

**Amendment to the constitution:** this is being made to the to clarify membership. All current members will be able to become social members should they wish to but for others it will be subject to committee approval and a maximum of 50.

**IT Review:** a report have been received and thanks to AB for producing this. Andy has provided a summary of where we are and provided a number of options going forward. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 18 November..Please provide an invoice for your costs.

**Leagues and overall engagement of members:** From 1 October leagues will now be 6 weeks with 5 people per league. SM is to remind the better players to engage in league participation.

**First Aid Options:** MH has provided MB with new links and poster are up. MB expressed his thanks. AP reminded MB that he was coming off the committee and that MH needed to take over the defibrillator maintenance, he would however be willing to continue to help out if he was available.

**Funding for squash in primary schools:** RP reported that she had not heard anything from the schools. AP asked how much do schools have to pay as could the club afford to do this for free as the sessions would take place when the courts are not being used, and could they also offer racket ball as an option as it was an easier game to play. Committee agreed this as an idea. Bring back to the next meeting for approval.

**Extra Honours Board;** agreed this to go on the balcony

**Trophy Cupboard:** ongoing

**MMM Screen:** on order should be here soon. Small amount of maintenance to fit it

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

##### **A CHAIRMAN**

**Showers privacy screens:** being investigated and are not too expensive. Discussed issue of cubicles v screens and whilst the committee recognised this would mean a reduction in the number of showers it was agreed that it would be preferable to have all cubicles as this is what is generally expected and the club wants to attract younger members. Bring back to next meeting.

**Dangerous Players:** ball is rolling on this one and issue has been raised in the newsletter. Making sure everyone feels safe is key to reviving club nights.

**Honours Boards:** Winners this year were Open – Ethan Duncan, Ladies Jo Preston, Juniors George Ogden, Racket Ball Alex Preston. Congratulations to them

## **B - TREASURER**

No formal report for this meeting.

## **C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**

Membership numbers as of end of August 2025 (Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2025)

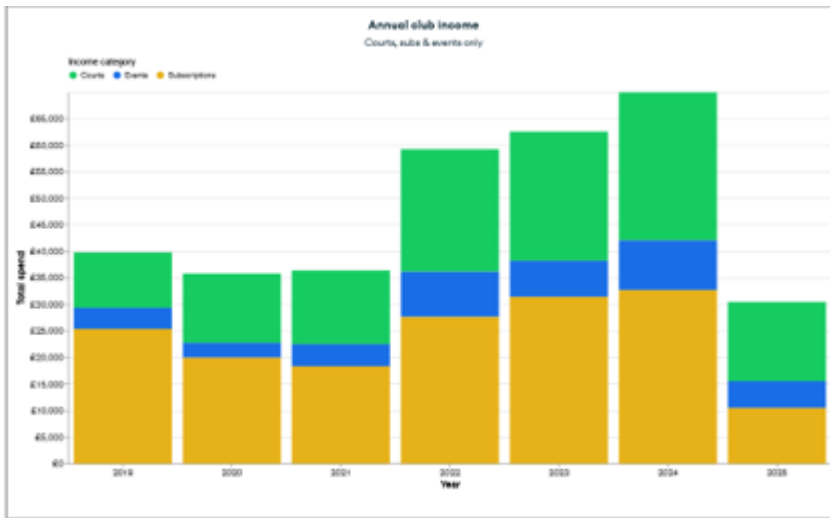
	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUN	AUG
Adult 1 yr	240	240	227	225	223	230	228	222	221	223	221	218	215
Adult 3yrs	14	13	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Adult (Mth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6	6	6	6
Family Jnr	28	27	28	27	27	28	27	26	29	30	30	30	31
Junior	34	37	35	33	32	34	32	34	37	34	36	37	37
Life	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	43	42	37	28	31	35	34	35	34	31	30	32	33
Student	11	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	8	8	10	9
Pro Player											3	3	3
Total	413	412	392	377	377	391	386	387	385	382	383	388	386

#### Comments

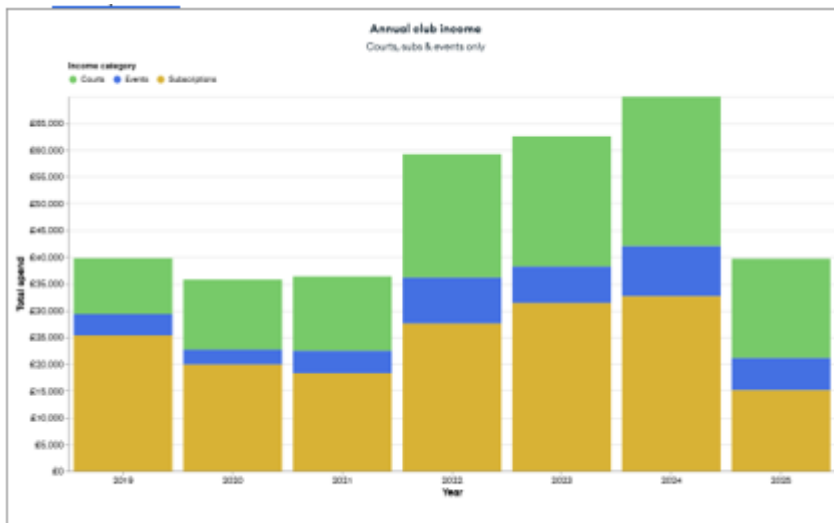
- Multiple renewals ongoing
  - JAN: 9 new linked, 4 new adult & 5 renewals, 7 new junior & 1 renewals, 5 lost FOBs
  - FEB: 5 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new junior, 3 lost FOBs
  - MAR: 8 new linked, 7 new adult, 5 new junior, 1 lost FOB, 1 free Trial request
  - APR: 2 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new junior & 1 renewal, 1 account closed
  - MAY: 2 new linked, 2 new adult & 1 renewal, 1 new junior, 2 lost FOBs
  - JUN: 1 new linked, 1 new adult, 2 new Juniors
  - JUL: 8 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new student & 1 renewal, 1 new Junior
  - AUG: 2 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new Junior
  - SEPT (so far): 6 new linked, 2 new adults, 2 new Juniors
- Overall, membership numbers remain steady and averaging 385+, but below usual 400
- We are in the renewal season, September and October, so much may change in this and next month.

## Fun Facts

Courts, subs & events only  
As of mid July

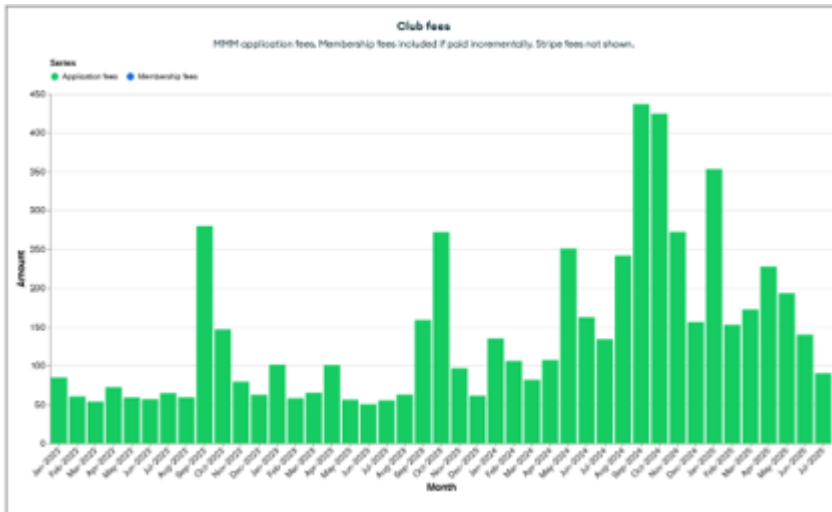


As of mid September

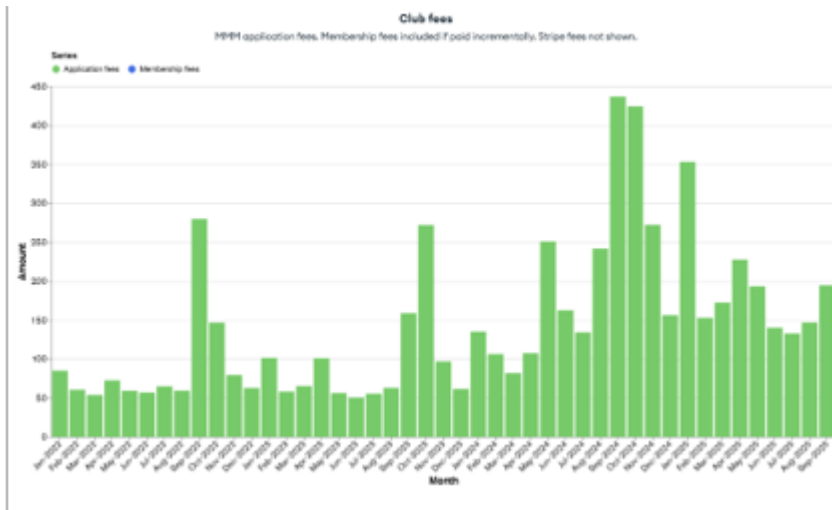


For 2025: Court = £18,531.94 (Green), Events = £6,041 (Blue), Subs £15,139.53 (Yellow)

As of mid July

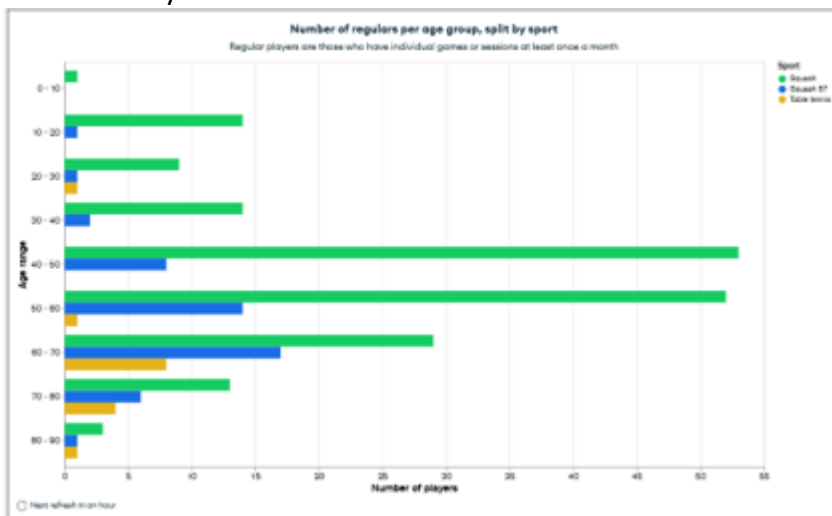


As of mid September

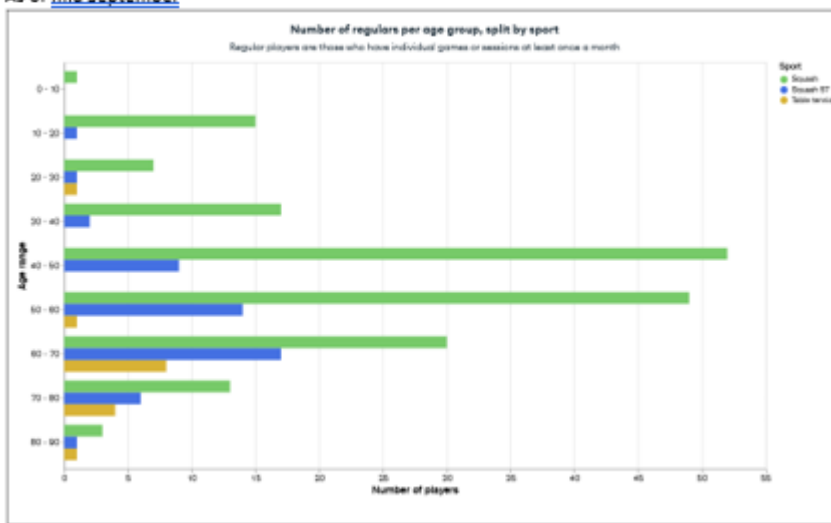


Regular players are those who have individual games or sessions at least once a month

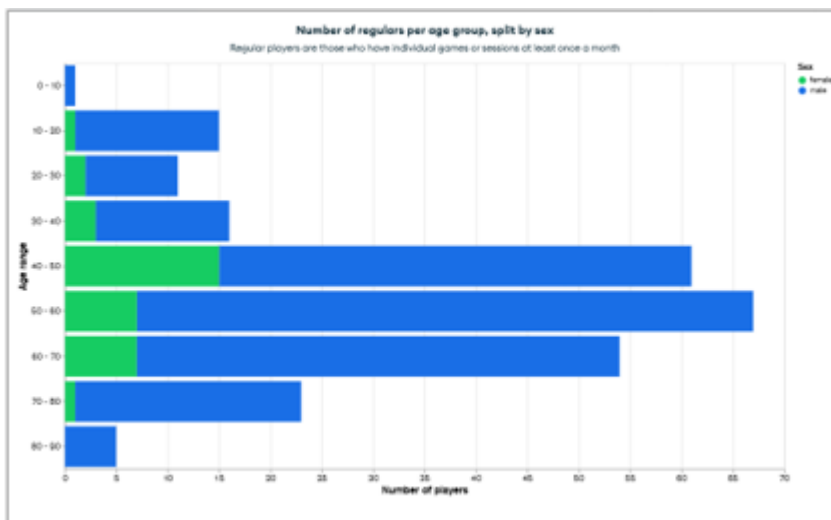
As of mid July



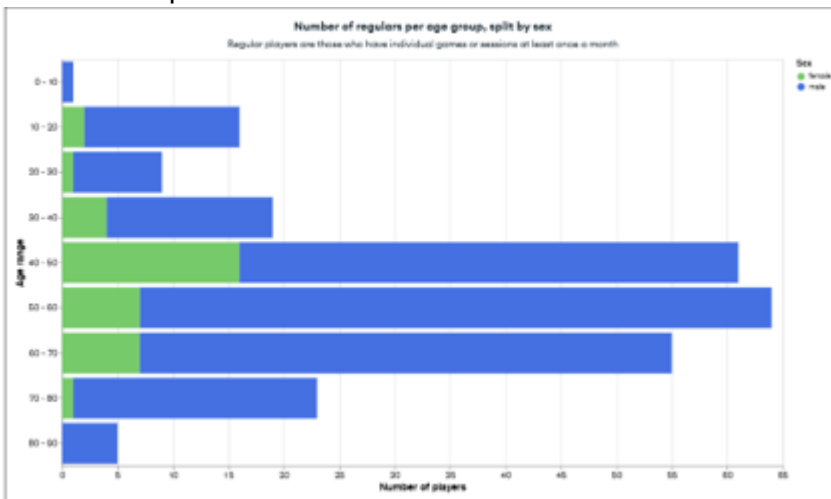
As of mid September



Regular players are those who have individual games or sessions at least once a month  
As of mid July



As of mid September



## **D – SECRETARY**

No report for this meeting report to be provided for AGM

## **5 TEAM REPORTS**

**Men's Captain – Steve Malducca** No report for this meeting report to be provided for AGM

**Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston** No report for this meeting report to be provided for AGM

## **6. JUNIOR REPORT**

**Coaching:** Sam Mueller is continuing as coach of wed and sat sessions. The timings of the sessions have changed to accommodate her availability.

Current sessions are:

Wed - Minis 4.20 - 5 pm Will be taken by assistant junior coach under supervision ( no charge)

Grp 1 beg : 5.40 - 6.40 pm

Grp 2 int : 6.40 - 7.40 pm

Sat : advanced group 11-12 pm

beg / int group 12-1 pm

**Junior club night ( fri 5-7 pm):** attendance is variable at the moment. Hopefully this will pick up as season kicks off. Currently have two courts. Do not want to reduce this at present with the offer for the Tennis club junior to come along and trial. I will monitor up until Oct half term and review.

Generally numbers have dropped and we could do with some advertising / spreading the word about sessions.

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

### **House Report:**

No report for this meeting

### **8. Social Report** (club events in green)

04 October – private party

10 October Friday Club Night

18 October 2025 – Elton John Experience

07 November Friday Club Night

14 November 2025 – Charity quiz

16 November – private party

12 December Friday Club Night

19 December 2025– Elvis Impersonator

06 – 08 February Counties Squash Masters

21 February 2026 – Coldplay Tribute

02 May 2026 – private party

16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute

27 May – private party

01 August 2026 – private party

16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute  
19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

### **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

KW wants to hold a junior event inviting local schools to put forward pupils to partake in a taster session. Mid week term time **Committee agreed this a good way of encouraging more young people to play squash.**

AB. raised oven cleaning is arranged for 8 January but could someone clean debris around the fire exit – MB to speak with Emma to be an additional cost

JP raised deep Clean of Men's and Ladies Showers - agreed this would be a good idea MB to speak with Emma to be an additional Cost. AB could bring power jet if required.

MB – need to approach more members to join the committee this will be announced at the AGM.

### **9 NEXT MEETING**

#### **Dates for future committee meetings:**

Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm

Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.42pm

Jan Kerry  
Tring Squash Club Secretary