

TRING SQUASH CLUB

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Jan Kerry (JK), Steve Malduca & Ruth Proudfoot (RP)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anthony Palmer (AP), Peter Barham (PB), Katie Winterstein (KW), Joanne Preston (JP), Andy Booth (AB) & James Walton (JW).

The minutes of the previous were approved.

It was noted that this meeting was not quorate so no formal decisions could be made.

3. MATTERS ARISING

MMM Payments – AB has explored the possibility of offering members a variety of alternative ways of making their subscription payments which were in line with options offered at many other clubs and gymnasiums. The committee would need to speak with Alex Preston to discuss transaction fees. The members present at the meeting felt that this was something that could be further explored when the meeting was quorate as it made the clubs fees more affordable particularly for families. MB thanked AB for the work, he had done on this. Action – to bring back the next committee meeting

Joint Tennis and Squash Membership – SM reported that he has spoken to the chairman of the tennis club who was keen to explore this further. Whilst this may not be of huge financial gain to the club it was a means of encouraging younger players to play squash and tennis, and it was hoped that this exposure could result in future players for both clubs.

Action – SM to meet with chair of tennis club for explore all of the options.

Padel Court – the club still wishes to continue to explore the possibility of installing a padel court particularly with the potential new build being approved for Tring and the requirement of sporting facilities for the increase in population – ongoing

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

SKAmungas event was a success but MB reported that there was an issue with the EPOS system on the evening which resulted in the system being overloaded. This is being investigated to try to ensure this doesn't happen at the next event.

It was also reported that the club was left in a poor state the following day so additional cleaning is required for all large events - this is being investigated. Ticket prices for events should reflect the additional cleaning costs associated with holding large events.

When the stage is in place the exit sign on the doors to the garden are covered so an additional sign will be needed to direct people via the games room.

Action – NK to investigate

The squash club annually puts an advertisement in the Pepper Magazine however the advert now looks very old and tired and needs to be more up to date to inspire people to take up squash. Action – to find a graphic designer within the club that might be able to help with the update (All)

Ladies changing rooms – new tiles have been chosen and club is chasing the builder to come and get them fitted. Whilst the black mats are making the area safe it would be nice to get the changing room finished – ongoing.

B – TREASURER

PB provided members with the Sept '24 quarter management accounts, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss a/c for the corresponding period Sept'23 (these have been circulated to all members.

The profit for the Sept quarter this year of £7,833 compares to £940 last year. The main reason for the £6,893 increase is:-

- £4k higher Bar sales (£18.7k vs £14.4k) – and at a higher gross profit due to the bar price increases. (Both Subscription income of £8.2k and Court Booking income of £5.2k are comparable to last year)
- £2k lower costs (£18.0k vs £19.9k)

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Andy Booth)

Membership numbers as of November 2024 (November 12th)

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT
Adult	210	213	223	234	233	231	236	239	237	240	240	227
Adult 3yrs	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13
Family Jnr	25	27	33	36	35	33	33	31	28	28	27	28
Junior	37	34	35	33	32	32	36	36	34	34	37	35
Life	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Social	40	40	41	41	41	42	44	43	43	43	42	37
Student	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	10	9
Total	375	378	399	411	405	403	416	416	409	413	412	392

Comments

Multiple renewals ongoing

- NOV: 9 new adults, 2 new Juniors, 1 re-join, and 1 new Social, 8 new linked
- DEC: 6 new adults, 3 new juniors, 1 re-join, 4 new linked
- JAN: 6 new adults, 5 new juniors, 2 re-joins, 19 new linked
- FEB: 12 new adults, 4 new juniors, 1 re-join, 25 new linked
- MAR: 3 new adults, 7 new linked, 1 unlinked
- APR: 2 new Adults, 2 new juniors, 1 new social, 11 new linked, 4 unlinked !

- MAY: 3 new Adult, 2 Adult renewals, 2 new junior, 1 new student, 8 new linked
 - JUN: 1 new Adult, 1 Adult renewal, 4 new linked
 - JUL: 3 new Adult, 1 new junior, 1 junior renewal, 2 new linked
 - AUG: 1 new Adult, 2 Adult renewal, 1 new student, 1 new Social , 4 new linked
 - SEPT: 3 new Adult, 1 new junior, 2 junior renewal, 13 new linked, multi auto-renewals
 - OCT: 3 new linked, more lost FOBs
 - NOV (so far): 1 new linked, more lost FOBs
- Overall, membership numbers dropped a little as many members renew in OCT; when they remember.

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain (Steve Malduca)

Men's 1st Team – Herts Div 1

The 1st team currently sit bottom of Div 1 after 5 games. We have struggled to get Ben, Harry and Katie to play for us this season due to injury and other commitments. We also have played quite a few away games which has not helped.

My hope is that we get stronger teams for the home matches in 2025 so members can watch some great squash.

Division 1: Winter League 2024/25

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Stortford 1	★	5	4	1	0	78	42	0	78
2	Biggleswade 1	★	6	3	3	0	68	74	0	68
3	Radlett 1	!	5	3	2	0	65	47	0	65
4	Berkhamsted 1	!	5	3	2	0	62	56	0	62
5	Harpenden 1	★	6	2	4	0	61	79	0	61
6	Stortford 2	★	5	3	2	0	58	57	0	58
7	Harpenden 2	★	5	2	3	0	53	71	0	53
8	Nuffield 1	!	4	2	2	0	50	43	0	50
9	Tring 1	!	5	1	4	0	46	72	0	46

Men's 2nd Team – Herts Div 2

The 2nd team (captained by Iain Digby and James Armstrong) are having a stronger season and remain unbeaten after 3 games

Division 2: Winter League 2024/25

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Nuffield 2	★	5	4	1	0	81	35	0	81
2	Tring 2	★	3	3	0	0	53	21	0	53
3	Berkhamsted 2	★	4	1	3	0	43	55	0	43
4	Letchworth 1	★	4	1	3	0	39	50	0	39
5	Haileybury 1	★	3	2	1	0	38	29	0	38
6	Harpenden 3	★	3	2	1	0	35	35	0	35
7	Gosling 1	★	4	0	4	0	11	75	0	11

Men's Bucks Team – Bucks Div 1

The Bucks Team (captained by Mike Pearce) are mid-table after 6 games with 3 wins and 3 losses

Standings		Fixtures	Players	P-W-L-D: Fixtures						
R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent			
1	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: First	84	5	5	0	0	■■■■■			
2	Beaconsfield Squash: Lions	81	6	4	2	0	■■■●■			
3	Holmer Green SRC: First	76	7	3	4	0	■■●■■			
4	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: First	73	5	3	2	0	■■■■■			
5	Aylesbury Tennis & Squash Club: First	64	6	2	4	0	■■■■■			
6	CBLTSC squash: Hawks	62	5	3	2	0	■■■●■			
7	Tring: Men's 1st Team	57	6	3	3	0	■■■■■			
8	Gerrards Cross Squash: First	46	5	1	4	0	■■■■■			
9	Beaconsfield Squash: Trojans	42	5	1	4	0	■■■■■			

Men's Summer Racketball 1st & 2nd Teams – Bucks Div 1

During the summer the Men's Racketball 1st team narrowly missed out on their 1st League title, losing on the final match against the champions of the past 5 years, Aylesbury Heat. The shootout with Heat came down to games won after the match finished 3-3 (9 games to 11) with Heat securing the vital 4 points for the win and the title.

The 2nd team (captained by Paul Hobday) made their debut in the Div 1 having won Div 2 last season. A stronger finish to the season meant they did really well to avoid bottom spot and will go from strength to strength over the next few seasons.

Standings		Fixtures ▾	Players	P-W-L-D: Fixtures ▾				
R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent	
1	Aylesbury Squash Club: Heat	280	16	14	2	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
2	Tring: 1sts	272	16	14	2	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
3	Aylesbury Squash Club: 3rds	245	16	12	4	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
4	Aylesbury Squash Club: Choppers	210	16	10	6	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
5	Beaconsfield Squash: 1sts	175	15	7	8	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
6	Racquets Fitness Centre: 1sts	136	16	4	12	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
7	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: Peacocks	102	14	4	10	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
8	Tring: 2nds	97	16	4	12	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
9	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: 1sts	74	15	1	14	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	

Ladies' Captain (Joanne Preston)

We're at the halfway point of the season for the Hertfordshire league and the Ladies 1st team continue to retain their position at the top of the table. In the Bucks division, we have a few more matches to go until the mid-season Christmas break.

The ladies 1st team are sitting mid table, but the ladies 2nd team are holding a joint top place, with 4 wins out of 4 to date. Thanks to Katie for organising the recent coaching sessions which are well attending by the ladies section.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

No report.

7. OTHER REPORTS

No report

Social Report (club events in green)-

22 November – Bronze Masters Event

23 November – Bronze Masters Event

24 November – Bronze Masters Event

30 November - private party

07 December – private party

14 December Club Xmas Party Abba Tribute

28 December – private party

2025

04 January – private party

22 February – Back to 80's Tribute band

28 February – Charity Quiz Night

17 May – Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

05 July – private party

06 September – private party

18 October – Elton John Experience

20 December – Elvis Impersonator

Systems/Operations –

No report.

Pendley Social Club

MB reported that Tring Athletic has got approval for an artificial pitch. As a result, the place will get busier, and car parking may become an issue. A long term plan for parking needs to be considered by all of the clubs using the facilities.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Behind the bar improvements – MB reported mirrors are sourced and currently speaking to a supplier about shelving. Action – to be discussed at the next meeting

Court heating – this is progressing, and it is hoped to install in January but is dependent on the number of days it might take to install. The quote for installation is approx. £3,500.

KW wishes to do a Xmas graded tournament on 13 December. Members agreed this can go ahead but needed to be mindful that the stage may well be up for the Abba event on 14 December

Paul Carter sessions – some feed back indicated that whilst the coaching was very good the cost was a potential issue particularly as you had to book and pay for all 5 sessions and not everyone was able to attend. Currently there were two sessions one for ladies and the other for men. Could possibly look to have two mixed sessions as this could work better with members work commitments. Action - MB to feed back to KW

KW getting availability from Sean Slade for January beginner sessions, with mixed racquetball and squash sessions. When dates are agreed information could be posted on Facebook and WhatsApp.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 January 2025.

The meeting closed at 20:45.

Jan Kerry
Tring Squash Club Secretary