

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th May 2019

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW), Joanne Preston (JP), Matt Duncan (MD), Merrill Trueman (MT), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Jon Slade (JS), Hugh Dunford (HD), Peter Barham (PB), Chas Lefevre (CL), Keith Warman (KWa)

The minutes of the previous were approved. Proposed by Jon Slade, seconded by Matt Duncan.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan (JD), Anthony Palmer (AP)

3. MATTERS ARISING

Pendley Committee - Car parking changes ongoing. Car park management company on schedule, effective from c.1 June (may be delayed slightly). Signs to be put up. Oversize vehicles to be taken into consideration (and not penalised). Focus on cars blocking emergency exits and blocking others in.

Chris Langley (Chairman of Pendley) is standing down, Bob Winter from the football club will be taking over as Chairman.

Request for Anthony Palmer to extend licensing hours during the rugby world cup (to cover morning games) to allow for flexibility.

MMM – equipment has been purchased, necessary electrical changes made, cabling needs to be done to progress installation further. Meeting tomorrow evening with MMM to progress further. As part of the installation, wifi throughout the club to be improved. 269 members already signed up to the system (through the leagues and tournament), with about 40, already signed up for payments. Existing credit on the current system to be migrated over. Notice needs to be provided on the existing system.

World Squash Day (12th Oct) – Will D’Arcy has proposed running a charity squash day with his company (Atos).

Vending machines – MB has reviewed vending machine options:

- Existing machine: £413 last year, £360 lease costs plus costs of goods (est 33% of sales) – therefore a loss per year
- New options – significant increase in purchase would require an increase of sales to over £3k to make a profit which the committee agreed was not reasonable.

Majority of the committee felt that given the existing machine was making a loss, and we should be promoting healthy living, we will remove the existing machine.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

The committee wanted to pass on its thanks to Malcolm Newton for another successful and enjoyable tournament. The winners board are filling up, MB suggested getting new wider boards which would include the previous winners names but also space for another 30 – 40 years. Proposal to look at what options are available, including potential more modern boards, and the associated costs. JS to research options.

MB to start promoting the 2019 Arnold Holmes Tournament (w/c 15th October), targeting a \$20k tournament. Arnold Holmes will be the main sponsor again, looking for other sponsors. KW to chase on quotes for putting in the required 17inch tins on the tournament courts 3 & 4 (potential to get sponsorship for the cost if any interest). Option to choose 1 or 2 wildcards for the tournament. Committee felt that as we don't have any local players connected to the club, one wildcard is sufficient. KW has subsequently advised that the maintenance and tins work (if undertaken) on courts 3 & 4 will be undertaken the w/c 2nd September.

Club development works – MB has met with Clive Birch re options for developments at the club. Drawings expected soon which should cover the main issues raised by the members (ladies changing room and second glass back court). To be discussed with an Architect.

Risk assessment by Fire Officer in June – expecting that stairwell will be required to be blocked in. To be discussed if raised.

HD is moving to Thailand for a few years from August 2019, so we need a new league secretary. CL has offered to take this on. Suggestion to get people to link to Squash Levels (enabled via MMM) to help determine levels.

Membership Secretary position still required to be filled. Please speak to MB if interested in the role.

Club member Mike Walsham has published a book, Monique which MB will mention in his next club email.

B – TREASURER

Financial year end is the end June 2019.

As of 20/5/2019 £148k cash in the bank.

9 month period to end March 2019:

- Net Profit of £22k, up £3.5k on same period in 2018
- Due to Bar sales, up 2% yoy to £49k
- Court bookings and tournament fees almost identical yoy
- Subscription and entry fees up £6k yoy to £32k
- Junior coaching up £1k to £4k
- Wages up £2k to £15k

- Booking system costs up £1.5k due to purchase of equipment due to enable MMM integration
- Repairs and maintenance up to £9.5k (from £5.9k in the same period in 2018)

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

438 total membership currently, an increase of 16 in the last month.

MembershipType	20-May
Adult Player	277
Junior League Player	8
Junior Player	78
Life Member	14
Life Player	19
Social Member	33
Student Member	9
	438

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain – Squash- Into the summer league, 3 man team. Defending last year's title. Struggling for players.

Racketball – two 4 men teams in the Bucks league (Div 1 and Div 2). Div 1 is very strong so we're struggling. Second team is doing well.

Ladies' Captain – No ladies matches during the summer. Ladies evening held on the 1st April. Very successful again – 23 attendees, including 2 older juniors and 6 from the beginner sessions held in Jan/Feb 2019. Request for 4 courts next time given the regular high attendance of these events.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

No report.

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House – The current 3 year electricity supply contract has been renewed for a further period (almost three years) to co-terminate with the gas supply. The next renewal will be a joint gas/electricity contract which should improve the club's negotiating position. The electricity tariff has gone up 30% under the new contract.

The pool table legs have been repaired. Many thanks to John Markwell and Alan Needham for getting this done. The cushions have been replaced. The table is now level and plays well.

A fault with our BT lines has been rectified. This fault is likely to have been the reason for a number of booking system glitches. However the booking system doesn't always recover from power outages.

4 new bar stools have been supplied to replace damaged ones.

5 new trestle tables have been ordered to replace the existing ones that are in poor condition.

PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) testing has been undertaken and the certificate is valid for 5 years, to 2024.

Numerous repairs have been undertaken. Many thanks to Nigel Kerry and his team of helpers.

Anything you notice in need of repair should be e-mailed to housemanager@tringsquash.com

Social –

May 21st - Jim Sedgewick Kodak Reunion

June 8th - Betty Longhurst Charity Hog Roast

June 12th - Chris Langford Rennie Grove event

June 15th - Sarah Slade Party

June 29th - Chilterns Live / Private Party TBC

June 30th - Pendley Shield Bowls Comp. Brain Paske is captaining the Squash club team.

July 5/6th - Chilfest

July 13th - Children's Party

July 20th - Children's Party 10:00 to 14:00

July 20th - Music - Tiny Tina.

July 26th - TSC Golf Day

August 4th - Children's Party

August 24th - John Markwell Party

October 12th - World Squash Day

October 15th- 20th - Arnold Homes Tring Open

Nov 2nd - Oliver Rudd Birthday Party

Nov 16th - Music - Ska Night

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ladies Coaching / Sessions:

- Request from 10th June for 6 weeks – ladies coaching session – 2 courts from 8pm – 9:20pm. Committee were supportive.
- Committee were also supportive of the ladies having 4 courts for ladies sessions twice per year

England Squash: Request from England Squash to get details from coaching sessions etc. to register on app. Committee felt that we should support England Squash in this initiative and would promote it.

Future finals night court scheduling: Committee agreed that the scheduling of Finals night should aim to have the 4 main draws held on the show court (Junior, Vets, Ladies, Open) from 6:40pm on a rolling basis and if scheduling conflicts then aim for the other matches to be moved around the main draws. All main tournament finals should be par to 11. Committee agreed that the Tournament Director has final discretion for any conflicts.

Vintage tournament – JW to speak to Malcolm Newton about the possibility of holding a Vintage tournament (over 55).

Men's changing rooms – air circulation system is not effective in the summer and the changing rooms are too hot. Committee agreed to look at options.

The meeting closed at 21:36

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th July 2019

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary