

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH 2018

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), Mark Bullard (MB), Matt Duncan (MD), Peter Barham (PB), James Walton (JW), Chas Lefevre (CL), Keith Warman (KW), Anthony Palmer (AP), Jo Preston (JP) & Hugh Dunford (HD)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan

1. MATTERS ARISING

MB updated the meeting that a biometric safe to store the bar keys is possible. However discussions around the future of the booking system might offer a more integrated solution. The item is on hold for the time being.

Table tennis court usage continues to be monitored.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Sponsorship for the Arnold Homes Tring Open is on track and we are not far short of the money needed to sponsor.

- MB will handle billeting & trophies
- MB/JD will handle the event program/posters.
- BL will handle tickets, stewarding and food.
- Chris Noakes is the tournament director.

Options for the exhibition match on day of the final are being considered to ensure a sensible balance of cost and local interest.

The club has been disturbed to learn a player has stated to the PSA that the club is asking players to pay for a local pick slot. This is definitely not the case.

The work with Tring School is leading to increase in the number of juniors joining the club.

The Ladies section is increasing as a result of the adult beginner courses that the club runs.

Betty has been in contact with Clive Birch who acted as PM on the glass back project to initiate discussions about future plans. Clive is a PM professional with Buro Four.

B – TREASURER

There is little to report other than that the club's good financial position continues to strengthen.

C – MEMBERSHIP

21st March Figures:

Adult Player	259
Junior Player	82
Life Member	11
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Social Member	36
Student Member	8
	413

In March 2017 we had just under 40 junior players. The committee wishes to thank Katie, who runs the junior sessions, which have contributed significantly to the growth in numbers. The decision to work with Tring School is paying dividends with many new juniors joining.

D – SECRETARY

MB informed the committee that Pendley Sport Centre (PSC) is looking at car park management options to address the car parking issues. The shortage of car parking is the biggest issue facing PSC. PSC is looking to ensure that all available parking is utilised effectively, as well as making the local authorities and other sports bodies aware of the issues.

The feedback from the committee is for PSC: -

1. To clearly communicate to the council our concern that the current situation will lead to a tragic accident.
2. To continue to press the councils to help find a meaningful solution.
3. To ensure that PSC is doing everything it can to alleviate car parking problems, e.g. through maximising availability of all the car parks and stewarding.
4. To ensure any car parking management measures deployed address the real problems we face, and not be unnecessarily severe.

The committee recognised the need for meaningful action.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

KW apologised to the committee about his behaviour during a recent club match and assured us that it won't happen again.

The 1st team's fixtures are completed and they will finish 3rd/4th in Herts Division 1. The team reached the final of the Senior Cup but had to concede their place in the final due to not being able to field a team.

The 2nd team is likely to finish 2nd

The 3rd team will finish mid-table.

VETs – all OK

G – LADIES CAPTAIN –

Both teams have had good seasons.

The 1st team will finish 2nd/3rd in the Herts league and 2nd in the Buck League.

The 2nd team have a 50% win ratio and are currently 2nd in the Bucks league. Many of the second team have only taken up squash in the last 2 years through the adult beginner sessions that the club has run.

Junior Squash

Junior club sessions will increase in frequency over next half term on Sundays 3-5 pm.

Below are the current results for the Junior inter-club leagues.

U11 div 1

Team	Played	Score	Place
Harpenden A	3	8	1 st
Radlett A	3	7	2 nd
Nuffield	3	5	3 rd
Tring	3	3	4 th
Berkhamsted	4	1	5 th

U11 div 2

Team	Played	Score	Place
Harpenden B	3	6	1 st
Radlett B	3	3	2 nd

U13 div 1

Team	Played	Score	Place
Radlett A	5	13	1 st
Nuffield	4	7	2 nd
Tring A	5	6	3 rd
Berkhamsted A	4	1	4 th

U13div2

Team	Played	Score	Place
Harpenden	5	9	1 st
Radlett B	4	8	2 nd
Tring B	3	4	3 rd
Berkhamsted B	4	3	4 th

U19 div 1

Team	Played	Score	Place
Harpenden A	5	10	1 st
Radlett A	3	7	2 nd
Berkhamsted A	3	4	3 rd
Nuffield	5	2	4 th

U19 div 2

Team	Played	Score	Place
Tring A	4	9	1 st
Berkhamsted C	3	7	2 nd
Gosling	3	5	3 rd
Radlett B	3	5	3 rd
Berkhamsted B	3	3	5 th
Harpenden B	3	0	6 th

U19 div 3

Team	Played	Score	Place
Radlett C	3	8	1 st
Tring B	4	6	2 nd
Ickleford	3	5	3 rd
Berkhamsted D	2	2	4 th
Harpenden C	2	0	5 th

Racquetball

The summer leagues start on 11/4/18.

The 1st team will be captained by Ross Proudfoot and will play 18 matches.

The 2nd team will be captained by James Walton and will play 8 matches.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

The courts will be cleaned in preparation for the PSA event 8-12th May.

The meeting voted in favour of new flooring for the thoroughfare outside of the courts. The flooring choice is one that can be re-deployed if future changes affect this area.

Shoe markings have appeared on court 1. Members are reminded to ensure that they, and any visitors, use non-marking footwear.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Membership survey

The results of the membership survey have been collated. The committee will have a dedicated meeting (11th April) to discuss the results and agree the steps needed to respond to the member's feedback.

The club will brief architectural/construction professionals to produce an overall design and a set of stages to deliver a plan, to be approved by the membership.

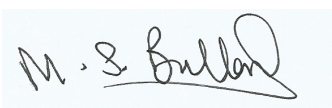
The aim is by the AGM in September to have in place a plan to put to the membership for approval, or least be on the way to producing that plan.

A message needs to go to the membership thanking them for their input and that this is how the committee is taking things forward.

The meeting closed at 21:12

9. NEXT MEETING

11th April

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. S. Bullard", is written on a light blue rectangular background.

Tring Squash Club Secretary