

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2015**

#### **ATTENDED BY**

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG), Mark Bullard (MB), Carole Booth (CB), Keith Warman (KW), Tim Delderfield & Matt Duncan (MD)

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Joni Duncan (JD), Barry Knight (BK).

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd June 2015**

#### **3. BootCamp Proposal**

Anna Ashwell and Nicole Pistak , a Bootcamp trainer, presented a proposal to use the club for an early morning boot camp. The session will take place on Wednesdays between 6-7 a.m. between September and March for 5-10 participants. The session only uses light equipment e.g. cones that would be placed on the floor. The Bootcamp instructors are all insured.

The committee voted in favour of the club hosting the event with the following comments:-

1. Only non-marking shoes and non-outdoor shoes are to be worn on the court, i.e. participants will need to change their shoes for the session.
2. No drinks to be taken on court.
3. The club will reserve one court for the session and charge £5 per session.
4. There will be a three months trial.
5. If any court damage results the event will be terminated immediately.

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

MB to source a new CD player.

MB raised with PSC the issue of pot holes at the entrance to the car park. This is being investigated by PSC as it is thought that it is the responsibility of the Highways Agency. This has been raised with PSC and will be raised at the next PSC meeting, scheduled for September. Ongoing.

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

BL asked how Chilfest went from the club's viewpoint. MB reported that the parking arrangements for Saturday was not as agreed by the PSC committee.

Team court fees will continue to be paid for by the club.

KW will become a key holder for the online booking system along with BL, JD & Mark Luscombe.. This was approved by the committee.

The new Employers Pension Contribution obligation is unlikely to affect the club.

### **B – TREASURER**

- The Club accounts have now been submitted to the Club auditor. Once they have been approved they will be sent to the committee for scrutiny and then circulated to members prior to the AGM.

### **C – MEMBERSHIP**

Current membership numbers:-

Adult - 278

Juniors playing in the league - 11

Junior Players – 48

Life Members – 10

Playing Life members – 13

Social – 44

Student – 11

Total - 415

Numbers are increasing and this is generally as a result of the free coaching and word of mouth.

### **D – SECRETARY**

- Emma Egan successfully completed the DBS process which the modern equivalent of the old child protection procedure. MB to follow up with Katie Winterstain and TD.
- The AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th September 8 p.m. at the club.

### **TEAM REPORTS:**

#### **E – MEN'S CAPTAIN**

- The third team for the winter league will be aimed at developing club members not currently involved in team squash.
- Two teams are playing in the summer leagues, Div 1 & Div 2, captained by Greg Proudfoot & KW respectively. Getting numbers for the first team is proving difficult.
- The committee discussed its responsibility to ensure that sufficient court time is available to all members. Adding another team should still leave sufficient time for club players.

#### **F – VETS CAPTAIN**

- Iain Digby is now the Vets team captain.

### **G – LADIES CAPTAIN**

- Anna Ashwell is now the Ladies captain.
- A team will be entered into the Herts & Bucks winter leagues.

### **H – Racquetball**

- JW reported that the first team finished 2nd from bottom0 and so stay up. The second is typically 2nd /3rd in the leagues it competes in. Paul Hobday has stood down as captain.
- JW initiated a discussion of how to further develop the game within the club. JW commented that we're falling behind progress at other clubs. Ideas discussed were:-
  - Encouraging Racquetball participation at club night
  - A racquetball specific club night
  - Taster sessions

## **5. OTHER REPORTS**

### **A – MAINTENANCE**

- The contractor for the toilets renovation is not contactable. KW is looking for alternatives.
- The kitchen was re-decorated.
- Fire doors at the back of the club on both levels will be replaced in September.
- The annual fire alarm check showed that the fire extinguishers needed replacing. Three fire extinguishers have been replaced.
- BL ran through the maintenance commitments made at the last AGM.
- Benny Trueman does not think that the cellar needs extending. It does need to be thoroughly cleaned.

### **B – SOCIAL**

- The next Hat club event will in the Autumn. The Giles Hedley event had a disappointing turn out, but there were a number of local event that evening.
- There is a private function at the club on 25th July.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- BL updated the committee on the question of PIR lighting. It would appear that LED lighting suits the needs of the club better while meeting the goal of reducing the club's energy usage.
- MB proposed that the bar keys are stored on site in a safe as part of a solution to support the early bar opening. The proposal needs further discussion to confirm viability.

- MB to see if the club has kept the building regulation drawings for the committee room construction as part of the investigation into the replacement doors for the TV /Committee room. Ongoing.
- MB suggested a self-service coffee facility be made available to encourage more members to use the bar.
- DG, TD, JW, BL, KW, MD, MB & JD confirmed their willingness to continue on the committee.
- DG raised the presentation of the accounts at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 30th September 2015 @ 7:30.