

## TRING SQUASH CLUB

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW) Andy Booth (AB) Jan Kerry (JK), Maddie Hughes, Ruth Proudfoot, Joanne Preston.

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

Peter Barham (PB), Anthony Palmer (AP), Steve Malducca (SM) and Katie Winterstein (KW).

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

**Joint Tennis & Squash membership:** Squash club to organise a reciprocal event to invite junior tennis players to the squash club to participate in a squash taster session. This has been agreed for September **SM & KW to liaise**

**Bar Improvements:** MB speaking to MH on 24 July and will pin him down on a timescale and costs. **MB to update next meeting**

**Court Heating:** equipment all on site, installation to start first week of August before the maintenance work takes place. Courts 2 and 4 have each been blocked out for 2 days week beginning 5 August, so reduced court availability.

**Solar Panels:** further investigation needed bring back to next meeting.

**IT Review:** to bring back to next meeting

**Club Advert for Pepper Foundation Magazine:** MB thanked RP for this. Advert has been updated to give a more modern look.

**First Aid Options:** MH to provide MB with the link to the 15-minute online course which will go out in the next newsletter. The club is suggesting that all members should watch this video to enable them to do CPR if required. **MH & MB**

**Funding for squash in primary schools:** RP updated the committee The Cottlesloe School feel that Tring is too far for them to be able to use the facilities, however Tring School have advised that they are interested. RP & MB to meet with school to show them the facilities and agree dates and times for school use. **RP & MB**

**Leagues and overall engagement of members:** League participation is dropping. MB has spoken to Charles, and it has been agreed that leagues should be extended to 6 weeks ending with a weekend. This will allow those who play team games and play in the leagues to fit in their games. The club supports the teams but is now suffering as a result of players choosing to play league games elsewhere. The

committee feel that all team members should play in the leagues at Tring therefore increasing the quality of play available. **MB to speak with SM.**

JP pointed out that there are also members who put their names down for the leagues but never actually play and need to take themselves out of the leagues if it is not their intention to play.

JW asked how many leagues there were, and it is 11 but numbers playing in the leagues have dropped from 90 to 54.

**Extra Honours Board and Trophy Cupboard:** It was agreed that the two additional boards should go on the balcony (girls under 19's and the juniors)

**Trophy Cabinet:** it was agreed to ask Tim Delderfield to quote for the cost of making it. **KW to speak to TD.**

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

##### **A CHAIRMAN**

**Dangerous Players:** the club has been made aware of a few players whose reckless play is causing concern for others. This was discussed fully at the committee and it was agreed that a protocol should be drawn up and made available to all members. All playing members of the club are encouraged to wear safety glasses when playing. Glasses are available to purchase from behind the bar. Players are also to be reminded that it is their responsibility to take out personal liability insurance via England Squash. Personal Liability information to be put up on notice board – **NK**

**Bar Stools:** a number of these are showing signs of wear and tear as they are regularly used. Agreed for an upholsterer to come to the club to look at repairs or re-covering the seats. **MB to arrange**

**Preparation for AGM:** 24 September is the agreed date. Pre-date to be arranged with Chris Langford, Pete Barham, Jan Kerry and Mark Bullard. **JK sent potential dates to all**

**Pendley Sports Club:** MB reported that car parking surface work had now been completed.

JW noted that there was a lot of unsightly vegetation along the outside wall where the exit is from the balcony. **JW to contact the house manager about this.**

##### **B - TREASURER**

No formal report for this meeting but PB reported that the cash balance was currently £121k

##### **C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Membership numbers as of end of June2025 (July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025)

	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OC T	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Adult 1 yr	239	237	240	240	227	225	223	230	228	222	221	223	221
Adult 3yrs	14	14	14	13	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Adult (Mth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6	6
Family Jnr	31	28	28	27	28	27	27	28	27	26	29	30	30
Junior	36	34	34	37	35	33	32	34	32	34	37	34	36
Life	30	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	43	43	43	42	37	28	31	35	34	35	34	31	30
Student	10	11	11	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	8	8
Total	416	409	413	412	392	377	377	391	386	387	385	382	385

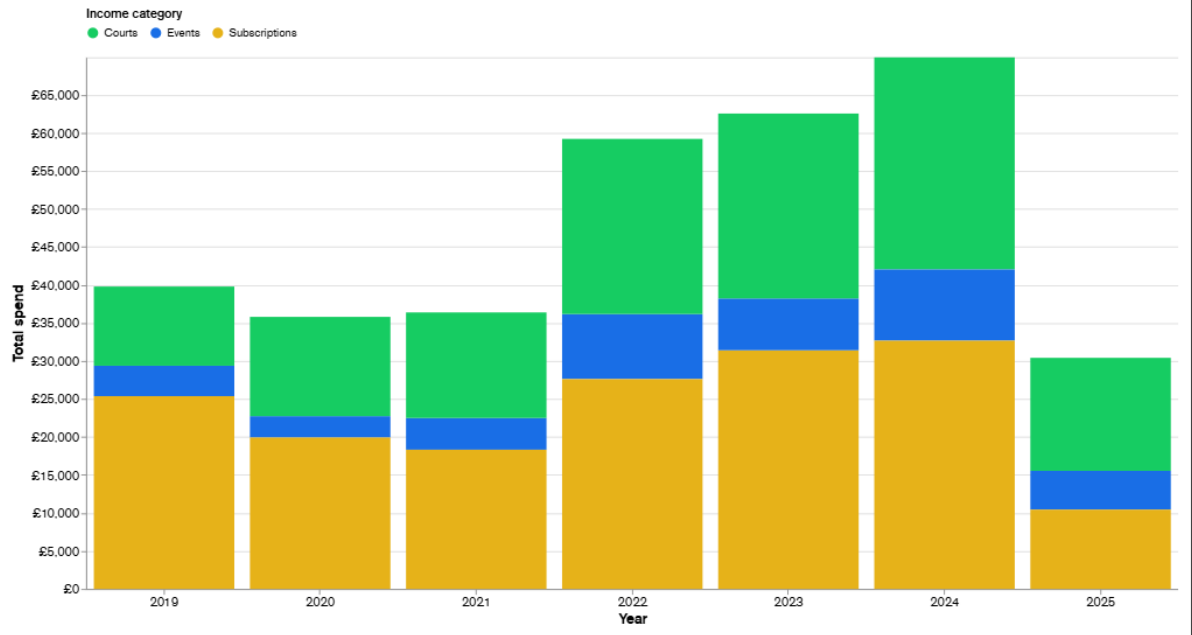
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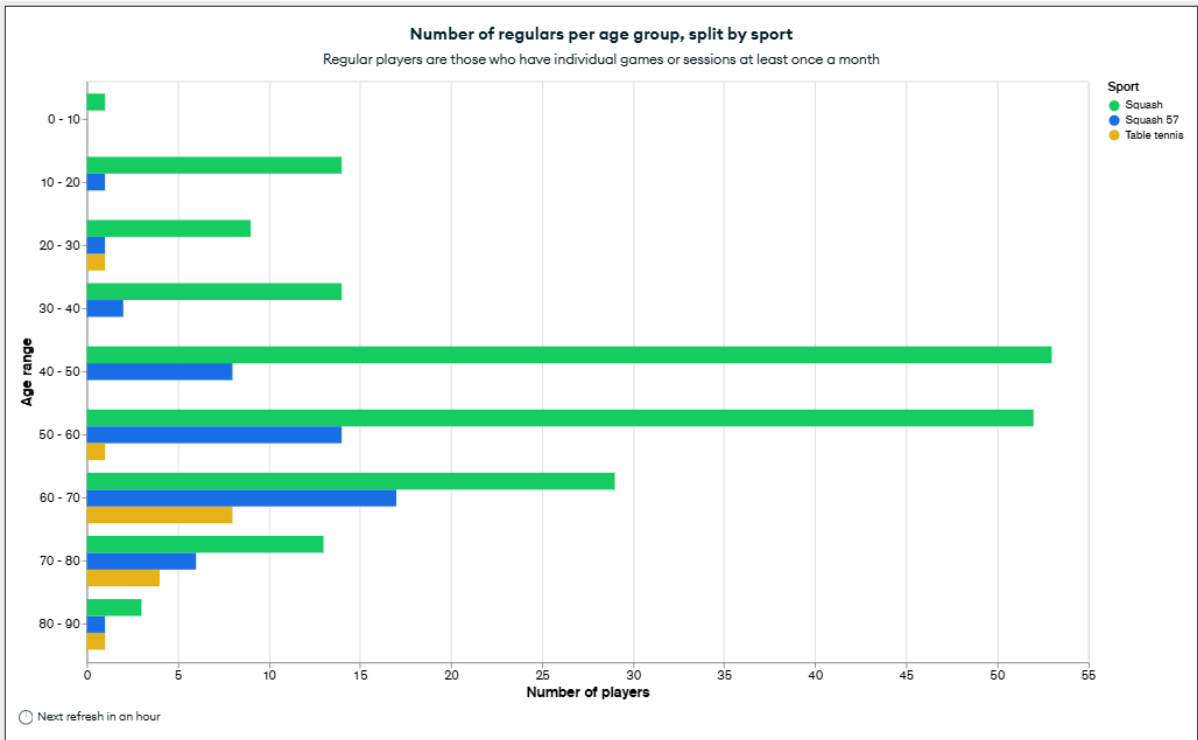
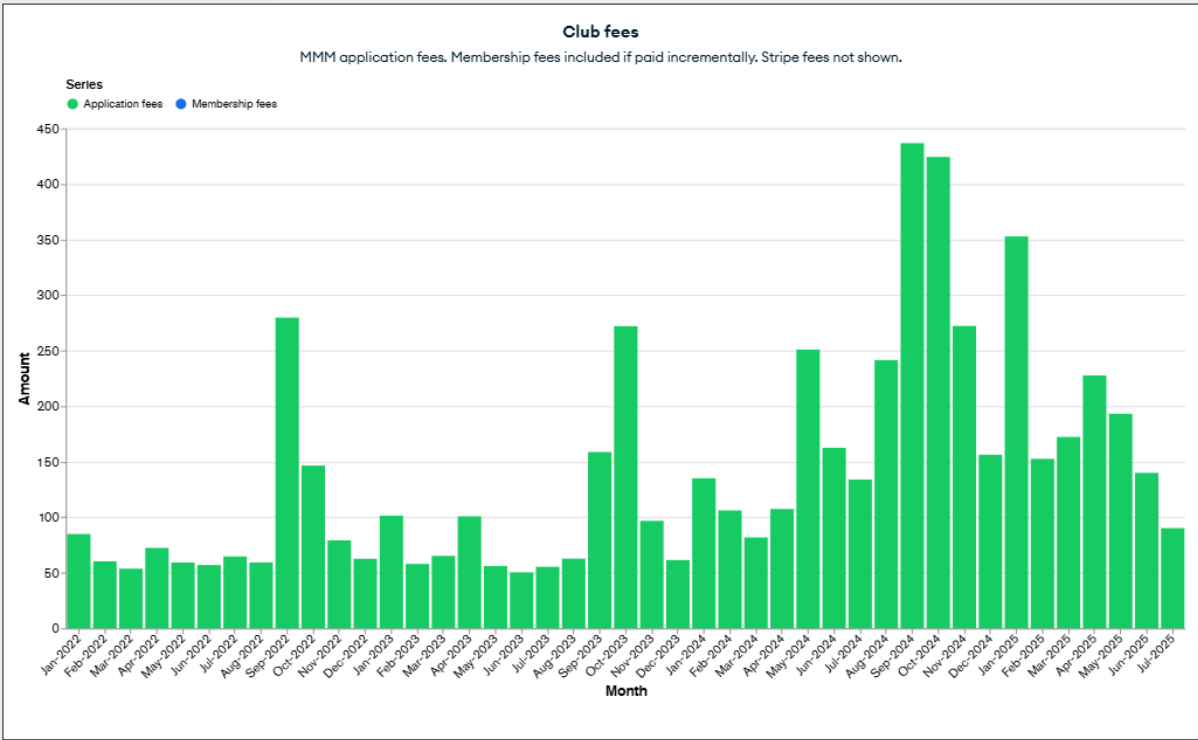
- Multiple renewals ongoing
  - JAN: 9 new linked, 4 new adult & 5 renewals, 7 new junior & 1 renewals, 5 lost FOBs
  - FEB: 5 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new junior, 3 lost FOBs
  - MAR: 8 new linked, 7 new adult, 5 new junior, 1 lost FOB, 1 free Trial request
  - APR: 2 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new 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 (so far): 6 new linked, 1 new adult, 2 new student & 1 renewal, 1 new Junior
  
- Overall, membership numbers steady and averaging 385+, but below usual 400
  
- Summary per Committee period: 2 New Adults, 3 new Juniors, 2 new Students and a Student renewal.

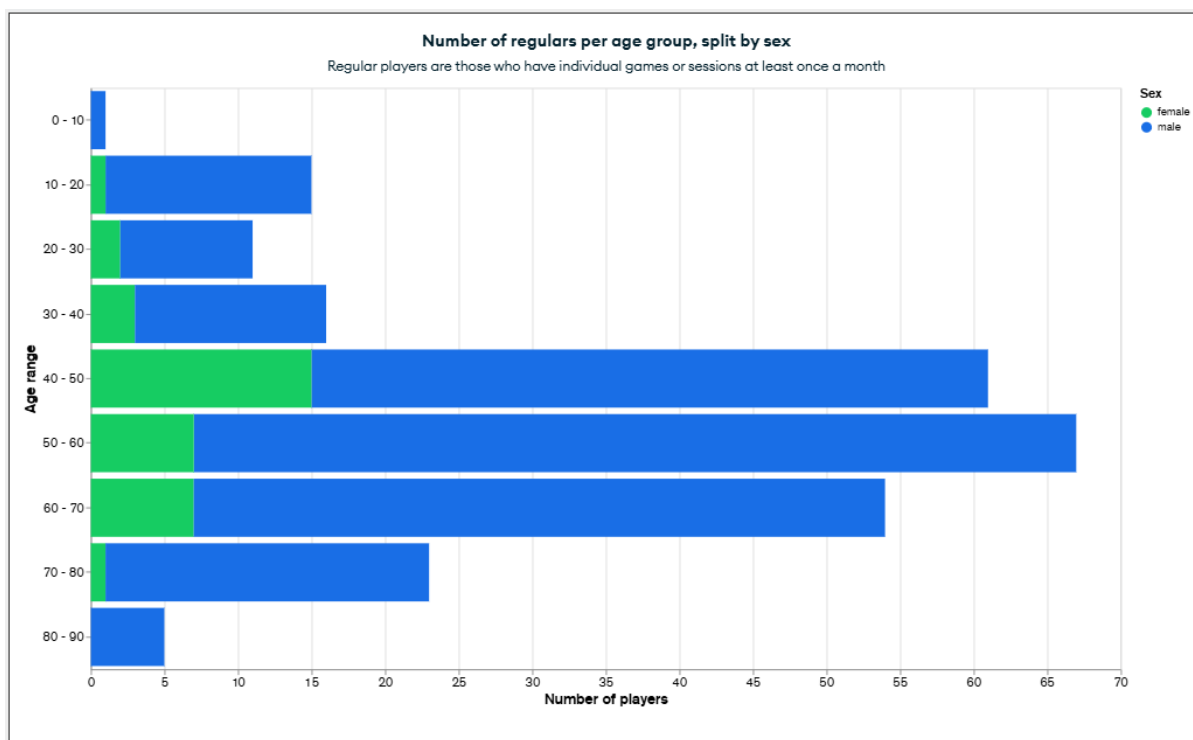
AB reported that reviving club nights might be a good recruiting ground for encouraging members to join the leagues. Maybe the Sunday club night could start earlier from 4pm rather than 7pm. **Agreed to review start times for Sunday club nights**

Fun Fact

### Annual club income Courts, subs & events only







## **D – SECRETARY**

No report

## **5 TEAM REPORTS**

**Men’s Captain – Steve Malducca** No report for this meeting

**Ladies’ Captain – Joanne Preston** No report for this meeting, but JP reported that ladies team nights are to remain Mondays and Wednesdays.

## **6. JUNIOR REPORT**

No report for this meeting

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

### **House Report:**

New heaters being installed in a couple of weeks.

Leak – waiting for it to rain to see where the leak is coming in.

JP raised concern that if the roof is leaking this could be a concern if the club were to go ahead with solar panels.

Maintenance booked for Courts 2 and 4 but RP reported an issue on Court 1 – **RP and MB to check**

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

08 August 2025– private party

06 September 2025 – private party

18 October 2025 – Elton John Experience

14 November 2025 – Charity quiz

20 December 2025– Elvis Impersonator

21 February 2026 – Coldplay Tribute  
02 May 2026 – private party  
16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute  
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. **Committee agreed this a good way of encouraging more young people to play squash.**

### **9 NEXT MEETING**

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

Thursday 18 September 2025 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm

Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.56pm

Jan Kerry  
Tring Squash Club Secretary