

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM**

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW) Andy Booth (AB) Jan Kerry (JK). Pete Barham (PB).

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

Steve Malduca (SM), Ruth Proudfoot (RP), Jo Preston (JP), Maddie Hughes (MH), Anthony Palmer (AP), and Katie Winterstein (KW)

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

**Alternative ways of paying subscription:** This has been implemented and some members now paying monthly, there is some cost to the club, but this is minimal. Expect more to pay monthly as they renew.

**Joint Tennis & Squash membership:** No update so this will be raised at the next meeting – SM

**Funding for squash in primary schools:** update from RP at the next meeting.

**Graphic Designer:** MB thought KW might have found someone bring to next meeting.

**Bar Improvements:** waiting for Martin Harding and asked for a timescale and a quote for the work. MB to update next meeting

**Court Heating:** Hopefully August but will need to check with SM so as not to clash with court maintenance - MB

**First Aid** – to be brought to the next meeting – AP and MH

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

##### **A- CHAIRMAN**

**Electronic Notice Board** – AB to investigate the best place to put this so that club members can see what games are being played and league data. Ideally at the bottom of the stairs if there is sufficient room, or possibly where the notice board is in the foyer.

**Request for additional funds to run more courses:** £850 been granted from Dacorum to assist with this, members present agreed the club could fund anything on top.

**Additional Honors Boards:** this was discussed, and a possible suggestion was Court 3, MB to discuss with KW.

**Trophy Cupboard:** Ideally in the bar but space was now limited, another suggestion was up on the balcony to be discussed at next meeting.

**Payment of £50 cleaning charge:** committee discussed how this should be paid and agreed that it should be added as a new product on the till. AB to ask MD to do this

**Club Championships:** Numbers entering are down on previous years, the ladies in particular are very low. MB to put out an email reminder about squash, racquetball and table tennis championships.

## **B - TREASURER**

PB distributed the quarterly accounts to the end of March, nine months through as year-end is June. The club has three main income streams, Bar Sales (including events, and it should be noted that the profit from the 80's night was circa £1500), Court bookings and tournament fees and Subscriptions.

The club made a modest profit of £904.71 for the quarter, but PB noted that there had been heavy maintenance fees this quarter – fire alarms, glass washing machine and door alarm etc £6.5K. Overall profits to date are up from £6, 871.57 to £19, 566.26, but it should be noted that whilst bar profits including events are up court bookings ( 2024 = £21,877.67, 2025= £20, 036,54) and subscriptions (2024 £30,377.43, 2025 = £26,433.03) are down. Overall, there is a decline in the clubs core business sport but the social income is up.

## **C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

AB had provided a report in advance.

Membership numbers as of end of March 2025 (April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025)

	AP R	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DE C	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Adult 1 yr	231	236	239	237	240	240	227	225	223	230	228	222	221
Adult 3yrs	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	11	11	11	11	11	11
Adult (Mth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Family Jnr	33	33	31	28	28	27	28	27	27	28	27	26	29
Junior	32	36	36	34	34	37	35	33	32	34	32	34	34
Life	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	42	44	43	43	43	42	37	28	31	35	34	35	34
Student	10	10	10	11	11	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	9
Total	403	416	416	409	413	412	392	377	377	391	386	387	387

## Comments

- 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 (so far): 2 new linked, 2 new adult, 1 new junior & 1 renewal
- Overall, membership numbers steady and averaging 385+, but below usual 400

- New Adult 1 year membership with monthly payment; 5 new members signed up to this membership option

## **D – SECRETARY**

No report

## **5 TEAM REPORTS**

**Men's Captain** – Steve Malduca

### **Racketball Teams (Summer 2025)**

3 teams have entered the Bucks Summer Racketball leagues and games have just started.

Division 1: Tring 1 captained by Steve Malduca (won 1 lost 1)

Division 2: Tring 2 captained by Paul Hobday (won 1 from 1)

Division 3 (new developmental league to grow participation): Tring 3 to be captained by Stephen Jones and Anthony Palmer (won 2 from 2)

## **Squash Teams**

### **Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Herts Div 1**

A strong finish with 4 wins from the final 4 games saw the 1<sup>st</sup> team finish mid table, just pipped by Nuffield into 5<sup>th</sup> position.

A slightly more difficult season compared to last season but great to see Ben and Harry continue to enjoy representing the club and hopefully we can do the same next season.

Squad: Ben Hedger, Harry Wyld, Katie Maliff, Charlie Yerrell, Alex Preston, Steve Malduca, Simon De Coninck, Callum Egan, Nick Lavery, Ed Bottrill and Chris Davey.

## **Division 1: Winter League 2024/25**

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	<a href="#">Stortford 1</a>	★	16	13	3	0	255	108	0	255
2	<a href="#">Radlett 1</a>	★	16	12	4	0	229	139	0	229
3	<a href="#">Stortford 2</a>	!	15	9	6	0	193	170	0	193
4	<a href="#">Berkhamsted 1</a>	★	16	9	7	0	192	178	0	192
5	<a href="#">Nuffield 1</a>	★	16	8	8	0	185	187	0	185
6	<a href="#">Tring 1</a>	★	16	7	9	0	184	191	0	184
7	<a href="#">Harpenden 1</a>	★	16	6	10	0	182	198	0	182
8	<a href="#">Biggleswade 1</a>	★	16	5	11	0	153	225	0	153
9	<a href="#">Harpenden 2</a>	!	15	2	13	0	81	258	0	81

### **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Herts Div 2**

The 2nd team (captained by Iain Digby and James Taylor) started the season strongly and dropped away towards the end, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> with 1 more match to play although that won't have an impact on their final position.

Squad: Simon De Coninck, Callum Egan, Tim Delderfield, Nick Lavery, Martin Harding, Iain Digby, Matt Doody, Keith Warman, Jo Preston, James Taylor, Matt Duncan, Pete Quarman, Paul Wilcock, Simon Roberts.

## Division 2: Winter League 2024/25

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Nuffield 2	★	17	13	4	0	258	140	0	258
2	Berkhamsted 2	!	17	11	6	0	242	171	0	242
3	Letchworth 1	!	18	9	9	0	225	196	0	225
4	Tring 2	!	17	10	7	0	213	190	0	213
5	Haileybury 1	!	17	9	8	0	201	209	0	201
6	Harpenden 3	!	16	8	8	0	195	187	0	195
7	Gosling 1	!	18	0	18	0	87	328	0	87

### Men's Bucks Team – Bucks Div 1

Nothing if not consistent! the Bucks Team (captained by Mike Pearce) also finished mid-table in 5th.

Squad: Katie Maliff, Ethan Duncan, Alex Preston, Steve Malduca, Simon De Coninck, Callum Egan, Richard Carr, Ed Bottrill, Mike Pearce, Chris Davey, James Taylor.

Division 1										
Standings		Fixtures		Players		P-W-L-D: Fixtures				
R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent			
1	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: First	243	16	13	3	0	■	■	■	■
2	Beaconsfield Squash: Lions	205	16	10	6	0	■	■	■	■
3	Holmer Green SRC: First	203	16	9	7	0	■	■	■	■
4	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: First	193	16	9	7	0	■	■	■	■
5	Tring: Men's 1st Team	172	16	8	8	0	■	■	■	■
6	Aylesbury Tennis & Squash Club: First	168	16	7	9	0	■	■	■	■
7	CBLTSC squash: Hawks	167	16	6	10	0	■	■	■	■
8	Beaconsfield Squash: Trojans	148	16	5	11	0	■	■	■	■
9	Gerrards Cross Squash: First	147	16	5	11	0	■	■	■	■

### Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston

A massive congratulations to the ladies 2nd team who won the Bucks 2nd division by a clear 26 points, winning 11 out of the 12 games they played all season. Thanks to Ruth and Maddy for their excellent organisation of the team all season and well done to them and all the other players who contributed to the team's success.

The ladies 1st team just missed out on a 3rd consecutive title in the Herts league, coming 2nd by 2 points despite winning the most matches of any team all season. The Bucks league was tougher, but the team came a respectable 4th out of 7 teams.

## **6. JUNIOR REPORT**

No report for this meeting

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

**House** - I finally found a chippy to carry out the changes to the door to the cupboard where the bar keys are kept. Unfortunately, the door became locked with the MMM handle not working. Most importantly the bar keys were locked inside. Panic

The reason for carrying out this work was so that a manual override of the MMM lock could be installed. I'm hoping this will get done in the next week.

A hole has been discovered in the floor between the ladies changing room and court 3 door. The flooring can be lifted to check out what's beneath, but we've decided to leave it for another month to see if gets bigger.

SM will provide an update on court maintenance. I note in the minutes of the last meeting there are dates in May showing for court maintenance. I know nothing about these.

Still looking for a decorator

The Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) was carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> April. It was an interesting exercise with the club being shown to be in a good state.

I have attached the full report, but in short:

- Signage – lots of work to do here but none of it too onerous
- Emergency lights- Courts 1,2 & 4 need one installed above the doors
- The front door can be recognised as a fire exit. Needs signage
- Evacuation procedure needs to be carried out annually. I'll pick a nice warm, dry night in the summer and see what happens. There are issues with knowing who's onsite. As mentioned in my last report we will be carrying out one just for the children at some point.
- Employees need to have training. For the purposes of TSC this will include the committee. More information about this in due course.
- Fire extinguishers need to wall mounted near exits.
- Events – There is no issue with the fire-exit in the lounge being blocked. It isn't ideal but there is sufficient exit capacity with the front door now included.

I wasn't able to show documentation of recent H&S work carried out so the report shows, in some cases, that this needs to be done e.g Safety Light testing is an annual event and ours was done late 2024. All these certificates and reports should be on the TSC web site. I will ensure they are loaded asap.

There are plenty of things on the report to look into but now we have it we can start working our way through them.

MB – raised some concerns over the report to be discussed with the house manager in first instance

**Social Report** (club events in green)

03 June – committee meeting

07 June – private party

28 June – private party pm & early evening

12 July – private party

06 September – private party

18 October – Elton John Experience

14 November – Charity quiz

20 December – Elvis Impersonator

**System/Operations** – See Matters Arising

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Attendance at meetings** – this was raised as a concern as a number of meetings in the last year have not been quorate.

**9 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 03 June at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.21pm

Jan Kerry

Tring Squash Club Secretary