

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 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) & Katie Winterstein (KW)

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Joni Duncan, Jo Preston, Hugh Dunford, Anna Ashwell & Jon Slade

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **1. MATTERS ARISING**

The air extraction system in the men's changing rooms was cleaned and serviced in January 2018.

The Wi-Fi service is back, although there remains work to be done which Andy Booth is addressing.

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

Sponsorship for the Arnold Homes Tring Open is on track.

- 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.

The Tring School squash sessions are going very well. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of continuing the program for the next academic year.

The current Ladies introductory squash program is drawing a lot of interest.

##### **B – TREASURER**

PB confirmed that the court booking income anomaly was due to the timing of a Paypal payment.

PB distributed the second quarter report and took the meeting through key items. Performance is generally in-line with last year and the club's finances remain sound.

There are some issues with the card payment daily reconciliation not being done by all the bar staff. In general the committee concluded that it needs to make sure that instructions are clear and where they need to be and to ask the team leaders to check that their team is aware of the process.

## **C – MEMBERSHIP**

18th Jan Figures:

Adult Player	251
Junior	1
Junior League Player	8
Junior Player	69
Life Member	11
Life Player	17
Social Member	37
Student Member	8
	402

## **D – SECRETARY**

MB contacted Pendley Hotel about the trees bordering the club. The hotel has agreed to that some pruning is needed.

The TSC golf day is set for Friday 13th July.

## **TEAM REPORTS:**

### **E – MEN'S CAPTAIN**

The 1st is going well and is managing to field a team.

The 2nd team has had 2 walkovers in recent weeks.

The 3rd team is performing steadily and is likely to remain in Division 4.

VETs – all OK

### **G – LADIES CAPTAIN –**

The Ladies first team are sitting in 3rd place in the Bucks league and 2nd place in the Herts league. We're struggling for players at the moment though injury and games are having to be postponed..

The 2nd team are still sitting top of the table in the Bucks 2nd Division.

## **Junior Squash**

The internal league is up and is well supported.

The club is hosting an U.19 & U11. event on the 25/2/18.

## **Raquetball**

The racquetball tournament is underway and has 17 entrants

The handicap tournament is underway.

BL requested that team captains update the notice boards with team results.

AP requested that the internal league results are posted on the notice board.

JW suggested a match board to display match details, e.g. team names, player names and scores

## **5. OTHER REPORTS**

### **A – MAINTENANCE**

The floor areas outside the courts will be carpeted.

KW said that the spectator seating on the glass back needs to be cleaned.

MD reported that the door handle on the glass back needs attention.

The gutters have been cleared. The broken guttering will be fixed.

The tin on court 3 is a temporary fix.

### **B – SOCIAL**

JW is planning a HAT club event for 31/3/18

27/1/18 – Member's Party

3/3/18 – Children's Party

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PB/CL agreed to organise a quiz night.

MB to get dates of the England World Cup matches on the calendar.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Membership survey - is ready to go out. The meeting unanimously decided that it would go out without a suggested project list to avoid 'leading the witnesses'.

It was decided that paper copies should be made available for inclusivity reasons.

Table Tennis – People using the courts to play TT must be full playing members.

With regard to playing times most of the TT playing is taking place in off peak hours. The committee is agreed that the club's core activity is squash and racquetball and they should not face competition for peak usage courts with non core activities.

The same approach would be applied should the committee be approached to provide court time for other activities.

The committee will continue to monitor court usage.

### Exercise Equipment

The committee agreed that the provision of some exercise equipment should be considered. The concerns are safety & equipment being treated as a children's plaything.

Key points:-

- A risk assessment would be need to be carried out.
- Only appropriate equipment for an open and unsupervised area will be deployed.
- No use by children
- MD to investigate.

KW updated the meeting about the Paul Carter proposal. Paul has declined the club's proposal, but there is the possibility of him holding ad-hoc training events at the club. The level of interest need to be determined.

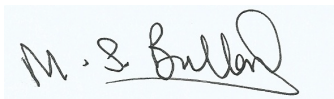
AP raised the question of tea time bar opening as now there is no social member who regularly opens the bar. It is a popular squash time with players wanting to use the bar. The issue is that a set of keys is not always available, but bar trained staff are. MB suggested and will investigate the use of a biometric safe to address the problem and as a means of managing the keys. Ideally the safe needs to be able to produce an audit report and operate within set hours.

KW requested that the frost setting should be raised to 15C. The meeting agreed to trial this.

The meeting closed at 22:05.

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

14th/21st March TBC



Tring Squash Club Secretary