

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 **AT 7.30PM**

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), Jan Kerry (JK), Peter Barham (PB), Andy Booth (AB), James Walton (JW), Steve Malduca (SM). Katie Winterstein (KW) and Emma Greenall (EG)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ruth Proudfoot (RP) Joanne Preston (JP) & Maddie Hughes (MH)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Bar Improvements: Ongoing no further updates at this time.

Update from Roof Working Party: group are meeting next week 31 March. Clive Birch (CB) has got some alternative quotes and the group will be looking at the options. There has been some recent leaks but the remedial work that has been done seems to be working.

Men's Changing Rooms: MB reported that Peter Thornhill was looking at the end of April beginning of May to commence work. KW pointed out that this might co-inside with the club championships. MB to liaise with PT to avoid these dates. **Action MB**

Increasing Membership and retaining junior players– subcommittee report: JK & EG reported that they had met and felt the biggest issue the club has is there is no resident coach. Club offers lots of taster sessions to new squash players but there was no further coaching available to them if they joined the club to enable improvement other than joining the leagues. Many new players not confident at doing this and would value additional 1:1 coaching or small group sessions for players looking to improve their game. There needed to be a Tring Squash Club Pathway particularly if the club wanted to retain its juniors.

Club could offer a voucher to all full members which they could spend in the bar and hopefully promote further use of this facility but not sure that this would necessarily increase the use of the bar facility. Think this could be generated via MMM.

Club does already advertise on Facebook – 537 followers and 46 WhatsApp members. Could the club's website be improved, does the club have any web designers amongst its membership who might be able to help.

Club needs to increase membership, court fees and bar prices.

4 OFFICERS REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Subs & Court Fees: recognise that these need to go up, currently this has to be agreed by the AGM. SM suggested that there should be a change in the constitution to say that “the committee reserves the right to set the expectation that the cost of courts and subs would go up each year in line with inflation.” It was also suggested that there should be a change of timings for peak and off peak courts as people’s playing habits had changes and courts were now busiest between 4pm and 8pm. PB pointed out that the club is likely to make a loss by the end of the year as only £700 profit and the majority of subs had now been paid. All income streams were down.

MB proposed in principle an increase in Adult membership of 12.5% (£15 per year) to be confirmed at the AGM but it could potentially be more. Court fees to go up to £4.00 for off-peak and £5.00 peak, but to keep junior fees at £3.

Minutes of meetings: there has been a request for these to be put on the board in the entrance foyer as well as on the website. **JK to Action.**

Pendley Social Club Representative – Filming funds are now depleted and are looking to increase the quarterly costs which are currently £300. Pendley are also looking at exploring solar cover in the car parking areas to switch to a more sustainable income.

B – TREASURER

PB explained that the club was likely to make a loss by the end of the year. Currently the club had made a profit of £700 and all income streams were down and costs were rising. Suggestion was to delay the start of some of the projects and to look at all of the current projects and to prioritise which should be done first.

C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership numbers as of end February 2026 (Mar 25th 2026)

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUN	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Adult 1 yr	222	221	223	221	218	215	217	206	201	204	204	200
Adult 3yrs	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	9	9	9	9
Adult (Mth)	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	10	11
Family Jnr	26	29	30	30	30	31	32	27	29	29	32	24
Junior	34	37	34	36	37	37	38	42	40	41	39	39
Life	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	35	34	31	30	32	33	35	31	28	26	26	26
Student	10	9	8	8	10	9	7	6	7	9	8	8
Pro Player				3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elite Player							1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	387	385	382	383	388	386	388	370	365	369	371	360

Comments

- Multiple renewals ongoing
 - JAN: 4 new Adult & 4 adult renewals, 6 FOB issues
 - FEB: 2 new Adults, 3 new JNRs, 2 FOB issues, 8, Linked, 3 Unlinked
 - MAR (so far): 1 Adult renewal, 3 Linked, 1 FOB issue
- Fall in Adults and Family JNRs in FEB & MAR 2026
- Overall, membership numbers declining again these last 2 months

D – SECRETARY

No report for this meeting

5 TEAM REPORTS

Men's Captain –Steve Malducca

Men's 1st Team – Herts Div 1

The 1st team currently are and will finish 7th helped by a stronger set of results in the 2nd half of the season. We also reached the semi-finals of the Senior cup, losing to a very strong Broxbourne team who won the final recently.

Squad: Ben Hedger, Harry Wyld, Alex Preston, Simon De Coninck, Steve Malduca, Darren Withey, Rob Dunford, Chloe Foster, Declan Osborn, Ethan Duncan, Callum Egan, Charlie Yerrell, Ed Bottrill, Chris Davey

Division 1: Winter League 2025/26

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Radlett 1	★	16	13	3	0	255	102	0	255
2	Stortford 1	★	15	11	4	0	234	98	0	234
3	Broxbourne 1	!	15	11	4	0	224	96	0	224
4	Berkhamsted 1	★	16	9	7	0	188	180	0	188
5	Stortford 2	★	15	9	6	0	187	148	0	187
6	Nuffield 1	!	14	6	8	0	145	185	0	145
7	Tring 1	!	14	5	9	0	124	200	0	124
8	Biggleswade 1	★	15	4	11	0	113	213	0	113
9	Harpenden 1	★	16	0	16	0	57	305	0	57

Men's 2nd Team – Herts Div 2

The 2nd team (captained by Iain Digby and James Taylor) are mid table (6th) but have been competitive winning over 50% of their games.

Squad: Declan Osborn, Simon De Coninck, Steve Malduca, Ed Bottrill, Mike Pearce, Chris Davey, Martin Harding, Iain Digby, Matt Doody, Jo Preston, Keith Warman, Matt Duncan, James Taylor, Ross Proudfoot

Division 2: Winter League 2025/26

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Berkhamsted 2	★	16	11	5	0	235	137	0	235
2	Stortford 3	★	16	11	5	0	233	145	0	233
3	Nuffield 2	★	15	11	4	0	231	133	0	231
4	Radlett 2	★	15	11	4	0	229	130	0	229
5	Ickleford 1	★	16	7	9	0	185	192	0	185
6	Tring 2	★	13	7	6	0	152	152	0	152
7	Gosling 1	★	16	6	10	0	150	227	0	150
8	Haileybury 1	★	16	3	13	0	108	259	0	108
9	Harpenden 2	★	15	2	13	0	102	250	0	102

Men's Bucks Team – Bucks Div 1

The Bucks Team (captained by Mike Pearce) are bottom of the league but are finishing strongly with 3 wins in the last 4 matches and may move up the league now they have added Ben to the squad.

Squad: Ben Hedger, Alex Preston, Sam Watts, Darren Withey, Simon De Coninck, Rob Dunford, Richard Carr, Ed Bottrill, Mike Pearce, Chris Davey

Division 1

Standings								P-W-L-D: Fixtures	
R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent		
1	Aylesbury Tennis & Squash Club: First	159	11	9	2	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
2	Holmer Green SRC: First	142	12	6	6	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
3	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: First	132	10	6	4	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
4	Beaconsfield Squash: Lions	130	11	5	6	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
5	Beaconsfield Squash: Trojans	128	10	5	5	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
6	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: First	92	10	3	7	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
7	Tring: Men's 1st Team	82	10	3	7	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		

Bucks Racketball

Leagues have been created just this week Tring have entered 3 teams, 1 in each Division. Great to see a lot more developmental teams in Div 3 extending the reach of Team Racketball to more players across the county

Captains are:

Tring 1 – Steve Malduca

Tring 2 – Ross Proudfoot

Tring 3 – Stephen Jones

Division 1

Standings

Fixtures ▼

Players

P-W-L-D: Fixtures ▼

R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent
1=	Aylesbury Squash Club: Alley Cats	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Aylesbury Squash Club: Dynamos	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Aylesbury Squash Club: Heat	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Beaconsfield Squash: Gorillas	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Tring: 1	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Division 2

Standings

Fixtures ▼

Players

P-W-L-D: Fixtures ▼

R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent
1=	Aylesbury Squash Club: Kittens	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Beaconsfield Squash: 2 Buffalos	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: 1	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: 2	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Tring: 2	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: Peacocks	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Division 3

Standings

Fixtures ▼

Players

P-W-L-D: Fixtures ▼

R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent
1=	Aylesbury Squash Club: Mavericks	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Beaconsfield Squash: 3	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	CBLTSC Squash: Raquetbois	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Holmer Green SRC: 1	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Tring: 3	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Watlington Squash and Racketball Club: 1	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
1=	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: Pheasants	0	0	0	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston

Congratulations to the 2nd team ladies who have won the league. 1st team have one more match to play.

6. JUNIOR REPORT – Katie Winterstein

No junior report.

7. OTHER REPORTS

House Report – Nigel Kerry

No House report

8. Social Report (club events in green)

11 May – P S Committee Meeting
13 May – Committee Meeting
16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute
06 June – Private party am
06 June – Private Party pm
20 June – Private Party
27 June – Private Party
17 July – TSRC Golf Day
18 July – Private Party
01 August 2026 – Private Party
14 September – PS Committee Meeting
16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute
09 November – PS Committee meeting
19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M.B/W Club Coach – MB & KW had looked at possibility of having part-time coach. KW has spoken to an agency who could do the whole thing for the club. KW is meeting with her again to discuss options company are called Accelerate Squash. Could employ a coach part-time they would be self-employed with a retainer. Could look at someone from within club. KW is looking at a job description. Hourly rate is £35 - £40 per hour and the retainer is £4000 approx. KW to meet with agency mid-April and will feed back at next meeting. Cost could be covered by increasing membership fees & sponsorship. **Action KW.**

Tring School training sessions have gone well

JK – presented Welfare Policy for discussion. Agreed to look at other club policies and check what Squash England advise is particularly in respect of shower usage. JK to bring to next meeting. **Action JK**

JW – Court advertising should we be using this as a way of increasing income. The Lennon's advertisement needs to come down JK to speak with House Manager. Brad Sinfield to take over this space £500 for 12 months.

EG – Please could notification go out in the newsletter about muddy shoes on court

9 NEXT MEETING

Dates for future committee meetings:

Wednesday 13 May at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.37pm

Jan Kerry
Tring Squash Club Secretary

