

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd MAR 2016

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG), Mark Bullard (MB), Matt Duncan (MD), Hugh Dunford (HD), Keith Warman (KW), Tim Delderfield (TD) & Jon Slade (JS).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan, & Barry Knight.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

MB gave an update on the Sport England funding application. Outstanding items are:-

1. Get an estimate for the cost to modify the Ladies changing room. Action - MB/BL to talk to Gordon Huitson early April.
2. Gathering evidence of community support to address Sport England's success criteria. Action - MB/BL to liaise.
3. Produce a financial projection of the club's finances to October 2017. Action - DG.
4. Agree the financial structure of our bid. Action – the committee.

The Tring Squash online club shop is up and running. HD brought examples for the merchandising to the meeting. The committee was pleased with the quality of the products. BL thanked BK, HD, MD & JD for their efforts to make this happen.

BT Sport is now available and awareness of it is steadily growing and people are watching the events.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Child Protection – the SRA. BL is looking to appoint a welfare officer.

The following discussion points were made:-

1. The SRA policy needs reinforcing at the club.
2. Who are the best candidates for the role of welfare officer – one of the coaches , a parent, etc.
3. The web site should carry information about the child protection policy.

The men's free coaching sessions have just started and there are 6 participants.

The women's free coaching sessions have just finished and there were 12/14 participants.

B – TREASURER

DG announced that he intends to step down after the July meeting and after presenting this year's annual accounts.

Peter Barham has agreed to talk over the role as Treasurer and attend meetings quarterly.

DG informed the meeting that the key figures of bar sales, court bookings and cash at the bank are in line expectations based on previous year's figures.

DG covered the major invoices that had paid recently, Payne Automation and the work on the Ladies & Gents toilets.

In summary the club's financial position remains sound.

The Committee thanked DG for his work as treasurer.

C – MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers:-

261 Adults, 46 juniors, 23 Life & 39 Social Members.

D – SECRETARY

No report.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

First team is doing OK and should stay in Herts division 1. Greg Proudfoot is doing a great job.

The second team expects to stay in Herts division 2

The third team will get promoted to Herts division 4 and is pushing to be promoted as champions. They have won all but one match.

The Vets are doing well.

The club championship this year will be missing the reigning men's champion , Alex Preston and one of the Ladies finalists , Jo Preston.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

No report.

H – Racquetball

- The club racquetball competition is at the semi-final stage.
- There are now 3 leagues.

KW encouraged squash player to play racquetball as it is beneficial to their squash. He cited the fact that many of the club's best squash players are regular racquetball players.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Junior Coaching

- Saturday & Sunday numbers are increasing.
- Emma Egan will stop her involvement this junior session at Easter.
- It is proposed to offer the Tring School pupils a coaching session in addition to Squash as one of their PE options. Wednesday 4:20 – 5:20 is being considered.
- Some junior players are looking for the opportunity to play some competitive matches. Ideas considered are:-
 - a Junior club session , along the lines of the club night.
 - A junior league /ladder.
 - HD will gauge interest.
- 4 U.10s will be involved in a competition match at Stevenage in the near future.

A – MAINTENANCE

- Replacement of committee room internal doors - ongoing MB.
- Pipes, gully s and the flat roofs have been cleared.
- The work on the Ladies toilets has been completed along with replacement of 3 doors.

B – SOCIAL

- The quiz night was a success. Many thanks to Dave & Alison Ashall.
- There is a private function on March 19th.
- There is a private function on April 22nd.
- There is a private function on June 25th.
- April 2nd – The Hat Club – Mr. Jukebox.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- MD updates the meeting about the online member's directory. The problem is that there is no solution that can:-

1. Use the booking system to provide the login security
2. and hold all information in one database (to ease admin. and prevent inconsistent data being held)

Another approach would require considerable work and cost.

- KW asked for more powerful heaters on court 4. BL said that there was feedback to say that the heaters were working well.
- JW/BL suggested that the club considers glass doors on all courts.
- Car park pot holes. BL/MB to raise at the next PSC meeting.
- The PA equipment has been delivered.

The meeting closed at 21:20

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th April 2016 @ 7:30.