

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2017

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), Mark Bullard (MB), Keith Warman (KW), Matt Duncan (MD), Peter Barham (PB), Jon Slade (JS), James Walton (JW) & Chas Lefevre (CL).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Anna Ashwell & Joni Duncan.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Bucks Counties O45 tournament needed some supervision as games over ran in the afternoon session.

3. PSA Squash event: 9-14th May 2017

Sponsorship for the PSA event stands at approximately \$13,000 in the form of cash donations and products.

This is made up of: -

£5K – Main Sponsor – Arnold Homes

£3.5K – raised by Chris Noakes, the Tournament Director.

£1600 – TSC Club members

£150 – John Lewis rebate

Products to the value of £300 – Fullers

Products to the value of £500 – Tring Brewery

The meeting discussed whether to upgrade the event to a M15 (\$15,000) from a M10 (\$10,000 prize pot).

There was a general discussion where the following views were aired:-

1. Better players would be attracted to a M15 event.
2. Keeping the event as a M10 means that the committee can now concentrate on the other things needed to organise the event.
3. The club could afford to underwrite the shortfall to put on a M15 event if no further sponsorship was offered.
4. If the club chose to make this a regular event putting on a M10 event would be easier from a sponsorship raising point of view. It would be disappointing if future events could only be a M5 event.

The committee voted 5-3 in favour of keeping the event as a M10.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Thresholds for the doorways between the TV room and bar will be installed.

Metal covers have been installed on the heaters to prevent members turning them off.

The new glass doors will be stippled to make them partly translucent.

The decision about a glass door for court 4 will be deferred to allow for more feedback about the glass doors on courts 1 & 2 and to see if the project to create a glass back on court 4 is likely to happen.

£1200 has been received from Grass Roots for coaching.

B – TREASURER

PB covered the club's finances for the first 6 months. The club's finances remain in good shape.

In comparison to last year court booking revenue is down. The meeting briefly discussed whether we should be doing something to encourage people to use the court times that are lightly used.

PB updated the committee about the introducing card payments at the club, including contactless payments. He outlined the costs and based on our current turnover and a 50% card usage, the cost would be 2.5% of the transaction value.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of proceeding with card payment introduction.

C – MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers: -

243 Adults, 53 juniors, 8 students, 26 Life & 39 Social Members.

D – SECRETARY

Sport England has announced their new funding programs. There appears to be funding for facilities. There is also a more straightforward process to get projects assessed for likely approval. MB to explore further.

The BT Sport service has been renewed. For 12 months we have a free trial of Barbeats, a music streaming service. Thanks to Brain Paske & Steve White who set up the service.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

KW said the first team is doing well and will remain in Division 1.

The second team is having a steady season and could finish between 2nd & 5th in their league.

Third team – People are responding to call to arms and the team is able to field a full team. They will remain in the current league.

The third team is in the Junior league Cup final on 31st March.

The U 11 team has W1, L1. The U 13 team has W1, L1.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN –

MB read out the ladies team report, verbatim including typos which amused him at least:-

Now completed all matches in Hertfordshire league and came second overall. Only missed out on first place by 2 points due to the fact that the top team got a double-header walk-over (40 points) for their last match. We got a total of 178 points, nearly 50 pints above 3rd placed team.

Katie Winterstein had best player stats winning 9 out of the 10 games she played (4th out of 25 players overall)
Still have 2 matches to play in Bucks league so can't say where we will come in that one.

Slightly weakened team since Kelly Graveson had her appendix out at the weekend which puts her out for the rest of the season and probably the club championships

Some new ladies entering the ladies tournament, which is good to see

H – Racquetball aka Squash57

The Squash57 final is at the semi-final stage and the final is scheduled for March 15th.

I – Handicap Tournament

Handicap Tournament has been a great success, evidenced by the number of participants (75) and the range of player ability participation. It helped to improve the social mix in the club.

The date for the final is TBC.

CL said that the tournament has worked well. There are a few adjustments that would improve the tournament. It was felt that +12 is too high a handicap and this will

be adjusted for future tournaments, probably to +10 or +11. The handicap of 3 points per league is appropriate.

CL said that the handicaps of non-league players who are assimilated in the competition should be monitored and adjusted if required.

The Club Championship entry is open.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

- The Fire doors will be replaced

B – SOCIAL

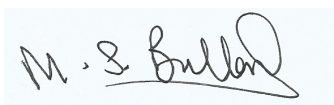
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- MD felt that the lighting around the club should be improved to improve club security.
- KW said that the crèche users are parking inconsiderately. MB to raise this with PSC along with other car park related issues.
- For a two-month period Table Tennis players will be able to book courts. Players must clear the court by minute 40. The club will monitor feedback and comments from members.
- JS has had an enquiry from a Yoga teacher to hold a class at the squash club. Committee approved following this up (and others) with an indicative court hire rate of £20 per hour.
- JW suggested that the club creates a ‘therapy’ area.
- KW pointed out the potential risk of large overhanging trees falling on the club grounds and building. BL to approach Pendley Hotel.
- JW requested that there is a Squash57 honours board.

The meeting closed at 22:10.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

April 5th 2017 and 3rd May 2017.



Tring Squash Club Secretary