

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH Dec. 2014**

#### **ATTENDED BY**

Betty Longhurst (BL), Keith Warman (KW), James Walton (JW), Matt Duncan (MD), David Gray (DG) & Mark Bullard (MB) & Charles Lefevre (CL).

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

Barry Knight, Joni Duncan Carole Booth & Steve White.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th November 2014**

The minutes were agreed. Proposed JW & seconded MD

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

- Junior club is starting in January. It will take place on Wednesdays between 4 & 5 p.m. , at a cost of 50p per head. The aim is to give junior players the opportunity to experience competitive play.
- Details about the Junior session needs to be corrected on the website.

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

- CRB checks needed for Emma Egan & TD. This cost £9, which the club will pay. CL has recently gone through the process and can forward details.
- Adult Squash introduction courses, funded by Grass Roots, (£17,000 over three years is allocated) are planned: -
  - Ladies commencing Jan 10th 2015 for 6 weeks.
  - Mens commencing Feb 21st 2015 for 6 weeks.
- A further £1000 for coaching / introduction for year 10 & 11 students.
- 11 members attended the CPR/Defibrillator course. This number was disappointing but the committee voted to run further courses. For future courses the full scope & general applicability of the course content will be promoted to encourage a better take up. The committee would like to publish the names of the newly qualified members within the club, but only with their permission.
- Lucy Bell is covering for Benny Truman while he recovers from his knee operation.

##### **B – TREASURER**

- The handover from EE to DG is ongoing.

## **C – MEMBERSHIP**

- 23 life members
  - 235 Adult members
  - 56 Junior members
  - 44 Social members
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- BL will write to the members who have not renewed to encourage them to continue their membership.
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- An email will be sent to all members reminding them of the membership rules and the importance that they are being followed.

## **D – SECRETARY**

- No report

## **TEAM REPORTS:**

### **E – MEN’S CAPTAIN**

- First team Herts Div 1 is particularly strong this season, but team spirit is good. The committee was concerned that a match had to be forfeited, as we could not raise a team.
- Second team has had 6 wins out of 8.

### **F – VETS CAPTAIN**

- Played 4, won 4.

### **G – LADIES CAPTAIN**

- Have played 2 matches since last meeting, won one and the other we are 1 all and need to reply other 3 games as Joni et al got stuck behind crash on A41.
- Have 2 games to play before Christmas.

MB to contact team captains to request that fixture lists are on the notice board and that results are added to the list.

## **5. OTHER REPORTS**

### **A – MAINTENANCE**

- KW provided a revised quote for the refurbishment of the men’s toilets (£12,230 ex. VAT). The new quote showed the changes that have reduced the cost. If this contractor is selected the work will go ahead late spring 2015.
- KW provided a quote to implement the steam extraction for the men’s showers, which is £850 plus VAT. The committee discussed this solution extensively as we want to ensure that any further expenditure delivers a working solution that meets the reasonable expectations of the members. MB, KW & BL to agree an

approach to the contractor that gets the work done effectively and in timely fashion.

- The tiling in the men's showers is dis-coloured. Committee will try to determine the cause.
- Investigation of the lounge bar heating has found a leak, which needs to be fixed, and that the system requires a service.
- MB to obtain costs of bi-fold doors for the TV room.
- The committee discussed the court temperature during the morning as it was raised that they are very cold. The discussion centred on whether the cost of heating the courts all day could be justified given the low court usage in the mornings. The question was raised as to whether the heating could be linked to the court booking system.
- The bottle filler tap on the drink's fountain is not switching off correctly.
- The front door is not snecking. MB to talk to Geoff Ransley.

## **B – SOCIAL**

- New Year's Eve party update:
  - Music sorted
  - Sound System sorted
  - CB has offered to do the food
  - 44 people have signed up.
  - Posters will be put up , tickets £5 per head.
  - 2 bouncy castles will be provided.
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- The quiz being run by David Ashall is confirmed for 24<sup>th</sup> January.
- The brewery trip to support Jason Pennington's charity, Make-a-wish was well supported and successful, raising £600. BL thanked BK for organising it.
- 40 people attended The Hat Club event on 15th November. Next event is being planned for March 2015.
- Volunteers Evening is planned for 14th or 21st March 2015.
- Squash-a-thon is planned for Jan 31st 2015.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- MD explained the club's social media presence, Facebook ,Twitter and the webpage and how they are linked. MD provided examples of how we are using this capability to communicate with members and to raise the club's

profile, e.g. by following celebrity squash players and getting them to re-tweet and endorse our collective musings.

- MB to get Brian Paske to confirm the final quote from the new sound system
- JW raised the point of member contact details, as agreed in the last meeting. The details of where this data should be held needs to be checked to ensure that it is not available publicly on our website. Ongoing.
- DG put forward the suggestion of a club visit to play a club in France. This is not something the committee would get directly involved in but members could organise.
- Charles Lefevre introduced himself to the committee. He is an international squash referee, as well as being a current squash player and has spent 40 years in Belgium. He is interested to help club members who want to improve their knowledge of refereeing. He may well be refereeing at the Canary Wharf classic next year.
- The meeting closed at 22:00.

## **9. NEXT MEETINGS**

14th January 2015

11th March 2015

13th May 2015