

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH NOV. 2014

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), Carol Booth (CB), Keith Warman (KW), James Walton (JW), Matt Duncan (MD), David Gray (DG) & Mark Bullard (MB).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Barry Knight, Tim Delderfield, Joni Duncan & Steve White

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st July 2014

The minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Matt Duncan, David Gray and Charles Leferve will be joining the committee.

Proposed CB, seconded JW, and the committee voted in favour.

DG introduced himself to the committee and described his accountancy experience.

CRB checks are required for members involved in coaching of junior players.

A new battery for the defibrillator has been fitted.

A Defibrillator and CPR training has been arranged for 3rd December. Members are invited to sign up for the course, numbers are limited to 16.

The new 1-hour court arrangement is now in place.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

- BL proposed that the club purchases a laptop for JD to run the membership software. Proposed BL, seconded MB and the committee voted in favour.

B – TREASURER

- No report.

EE is stepping back from the treasurer role and DG will be taking responsibility for accounting aspects of the Treasurer's role. MB will pick responsibility for BACs & cheque payments.

C – MEMBERSHIP

- 254 Adult members
- 63 Junior members
- 48 Social members
- Still to pay subs are 41 adult, 14 junior & 5 social members. Four reminders have been sent out to those who haven't paid. The constitution gives members until the end of November to pay, before sanctions could be imposed, e.g. disabling of FOB key.

D – SECRETARY

- Minutes will be posted on the board and made available for posting on the web site. Members have requested MB for this.
- Access to the mailing list is through JD and Mark Luscombe. The committee discussed the concern about the overuse of e-mail to communicate with members (see AOB for news about Facebook).

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

- KW expressed concern about second team players becoming tied to the first team if they play more than 3 matches.
- Second team has had 3 wins out of 4.

F – VETS CAPTAIN

- No report.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

- 2 wins, 1 defeat this season.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

- KW has a quote for the refurbishment of the men's toilets (£14,000 ex. VAT). The committee felt that alternative quotes should be sought. KW shared with the committee alternative options to reduce this cost.
 - The cost to install PIR sensors in the club is £2-3,000.
 - BL indicated costs for the work needed in the ladies toilet is ~£2,500.
 - A potential supplier has assessed what is required to address the heat recovery exchange system in the men's changing room and presented his thoughts to the committee. A steam extraction system is required in addition to

the heat recovery system. Quotes will be provided. The committee voiced the club's concern that the present solution is not fit for purpose and recompense should be explored.

- Court 4 will be re-plastered at some point as will the back wall of court 1.
- Other jobs being considered are the re-decorating of the balcony area and the re-staining of the external windows.
- MB to obtain costs of bi-fold doors for the TV room.
- BL proposed that Benny Truman is engaged for a further 1 hour per week to undertake laundering of bar towels and checking / replacing bulbs.

B – SOCIAL

- It was agreed that the New Year's Eve Party should follow the same format as last year.
- The quiz being run by David Ashall is confirmed for 26th January.
- The brewery trip to support Jason Pennington's charity, Make-a-wish was well supported and successful.
- The Hat Club is holding an event on 15th November.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Brian Paske explained to the committee, both the need and the proposed solution for a new sound system. The committee discussed the proposal and will let Brian know what options should be pursued.
- 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.
- JW raised the point that a lot of content of the club website is out of date. There are no address details on the site.
- BL has spoken to Darren Withey & Sam Mueller about junior coaching to ensure that all sessions are balanced and well attended.
- The committee supported Emma Egan's proposal that court is made available to allow junior player to get game/match experience.
- The committee agreed that the use of Facebook to promote the club and to communicate with members is something that will be pursued.

9. NEXT MEETING

- The meeting closed at 22:10.

