

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2016**

#### **ATTENDED BY**

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

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

Hugh Dunford & Anna Ashwell.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

Handicap Tournament – CL will talk to Malcolm Newton about organising this event.

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

David Horne has taken on the book-keeping task.

Court heating will be turned on this week.

Boot Camp will start up again this week.

The club won't take part in the World Squash event this year.

The club will ask playing members to keep an eye on the bar early evening before the barman arrives. If necessary members should pull the shutters down rather than leave the bar unattended. More cellar fobs have been requested.

Under new government legislation the club is currently not obliged by to provide pension enrolment for the employed staff.

##### **B – TREASURER**

PB will soon be a signatory. PB soon to have online access to the club's banking. The Treasurer role transition from EE to PB is underway.

PB proposed that the club undertakes a stock take near the financial year-end to make the club's accounts more accurate.

HSBC Tring has closed and the club's banking facility is now at the Aylesbury or Berkhamsted branches.

Contactless payment for the club is being investigated.

## **C – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership numbers: -

273 Adults, 51 juniors, 23 Life & 39 Social Members.

Numbers who have paid this year's subs (Oct 2016-Sep 2017), 100 Adult, 15 social, 22 student/juniors. There are 24 life members.

The AGM voted to reduce the period of grace from 2 months to 1 month. The club will reduce the time before fob cut off to 7 days after the subs due date.

The club has a new laptop primarily to maintain the membership records.

## **D – SECRETARY**

MB gave the committee an update of the club's welfare policy. The sub-committee needs to meet to agree the draft proposal (which has been created). Once the draft proposal is agreed this will be put to the committee for approval.

MB reviewed the AGM matters arising:-

1. Members contact details – ongoing
2. Scoring – PAR to 15 is the default scoring system. CL pointed out that the default scoring system in all competitions is to 11.
3. Sky Sport subscription - this was investigated and was found to be too expensive. BT Sport has been installed at the club as this is a more affordable option.
4. Late payers – the AGM voted in favour of the proposed constitution change.

## **TEAM REPORTS:**

### **E – MEN'S CAPTAIN**

Alex Noakes is playing for the first team this year. So far the team has played 1 and lost 1.

The 2nd team has P1 & W1.

The 3rd team has P1 & W1.

### **G – LADIES CAPTAIN**

P1, L1 thus far

### **H – Racquetball**

### **I – Leagues**

HD will post the current leagues on the board to make it easier for members to follow league activity.

## **5. OTHER REPORTS**

### **Junior Coaching**

There are 42 juniors over 6 sessions. The club would like to increase the junior coaching numbers. The committee approved the spending of money to market junior coaching, e.g. on flyer drops and taster sessions. JD will produce a campaign flyer.

The club needs to ensure the taster sessions are well structured, supported and enjoyable to maximise their success.

Recent successes for the juniors are:-

Ethan, Sean, Josh and George won the Team U11 in Herts last season to be promoted this season.

Ethan Duncan won the U11 Herts County Closed (ranked no. 1)  
Sean Slade came 3rd in U11 Herts County Closed  
Josh Bond came 4th in U11 Herts County Closed

Ethan Duncan came 3rd in U13 in Herts County closed  
Callum Egan came 4th in U13 Herts County Closed

### **A – MAINTENANCE**

- Extra heating will be installed on court 2, similar to the additional heating on court 4.
- The fire doors will be replaced.
- BL / JD will make selections for the new carpet and flooring.
- The meeting discussed the installation of glass back doors on the courts. The meeting was in favour with the proviso that the doors are etched or opaque to prevent any distraction to the players.
- Bi-fold doors ongoing.

### **B – SOCIAL**

Members can book the club for social events after having been a member of the club for a year.

- December 2nd – Comedy Night
- Private function 17th December
- Private function 24th December

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

JD reminded the committee to inform her of information that needs to be added to the online club calendar.

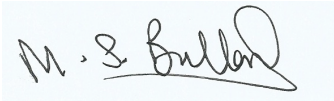
Dogs in the club are welcome, but should be on a lead with their owners at all times.

Congratulations to our juniors for their recent successes in the Herts county tournaments (see Junior coaching section report above).

The meeting closed at 21:50.

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

November 23rd 2016 (TBC)

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Tring Squash Club Secretary