

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th NOV 2015

ATTENDED BY

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Barry Knight, Joni Duncan, Anna Ashwell & Tim Delderfield.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Court used by Boot Camp was left in an unsatisfactory state, i.e. wet & grassy. The organiser has been made aware.

Tim Delderfield has completed the DBS clearance process.

Extending the cheque signatories is ongoing.

MB presented an update on the application for glass back court funding. There was a general discussion where the following points were made:-

- The committee needs to know how long any funding offer would be valid.
- Ensure that the club will be ready to proceed with the project (an option would be to defer the application to a later funding round).
- MB/MD will continue to compile the application, with input from the committee, and keep the committee informed of progress.

MB updated the committee on the cost of SKY/BT Sport. Sky is prohibitively expensive, but BT Sport is affordable. The committee discussed the idea of trying BT Sport for 12 months and was in favour with the main points being:-

- Technical considerations, need to be confirmed to ensure that the booking system and other club services will not be affected.
- Does the BT Sport service need BT broadband or a dedicated telephone line.
- The TV will remain in committee room.
- The service is being introduced for the benefit of members, not as money making or cost recovery exercise.
- Everyone accepted that the uptake of the service will be monitored and any decision to extend the contract would be based on how its popularity and support.
- BT Sport events will be promoted around the club and supporting promotional activities should be considered, e.g. curry night to coincide major BT Sport events.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

BL met with Chris Vine (of the SRA) to discuss coaching development. One action that resulted is to approach primary schools to introduce squash to younger children.

The World Squash Day was a great success, with £250 raised for UNICEF and new members signed up. BL thanked Katie Winterstein and Emma Booth for their efforts in making the day happen and other club members that contributed on the day.

B – TREASURER

DG handed out the monthly P&L statement. Some of the figures were queried as some months were out of kilter with each other and for the same period last year. The timing of the banking of cash is the likely explanation. DG to confirm that this is the case for next meeting. But in summary the club's financial position remains sound.

C – MEMBERSHIP

It is subscription renewal time.

There are 38 adults, 24 junior and some social members still to pay.

D – SECRETARY

MB to e-mail HD & BL the current junior coaching page so that it can be corrected. MB to check other pages on the website.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

- 1ST team, W2 L2
- 2nd team, W2, L2
- 3rd team, 100% wins and looking for promotion

The 1st & 2nd squads are not large and can struggle to field a team. KW reminded the committee that it is the policy in the club that if required the more senior team captain can select players from the lower teams. Players who are selected but refuse to move up would not be eligible to play for any team.

KW asked if league subs have been paid. BL to check.

F – VETS CAPTAIN

- Doing OK although struggling to field a team on occasions.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

- None

H – Racquetball

- None

5. OTHER REPORTS

Maintenance

A – MAINTENANCE

- BL thanked KW for his work in project managing the refurbishment of the men's toilets. It was proposed and supported that the Ladies toilet should also be redecorated.
- BL has contacted Midland Ply, roof supplier who say that roof is good for 30-40 years. The roof is 24 years old. There is no need to do anything, e.g. inspections, at the moment. The replacement cost is £30,000.
- An extra heater will be installed on court 4 that can be controlled manually.
- Replacement of committee room internal doors - ongoing MB.

B – SOCIAL

- The Comedy Night is on 11th December. MD is arranging this event. 90 tickets have been sold, with 10 remaining.
- There is an event on the 21st November, with a band and food for Victoria Booth's World Challenge fund raising.
- There will be a HAT club event in the New Year.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- New first Aid supplies have been purchased and signage put up.
- An accident book is needed alongside the first aid kit. MB to follow up.
- Environmental Health has requested to inspect the kitchen. BL asked for volunteers to undertake a deep clean. MB & KW were of the opinion that it should be part of the general cleaning regime.

The meeting closed at 22:00

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th January 2016 @ 7:30.