

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH Jan. 2015

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG) & Mark Bullard (MB) & Charles Lefevre (CL), Barry Knight (BK), Joni Duncan (JD) Carole Booth (CB) & Steve White(SW)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Tim Delderfield, Keith Warman, Matt Duncan.

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

The minutes were agreed, with the clarification that the Grass Roots funding mentioned in the last minutes is not solely for Adult Squash introduction courses but for the general promotion of squash and other projects.

Proposed JW & seconded CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Junior club started on 14/1/15 and there was good attendance.
- BL to provide correct details of Junior training for the website.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

- BL thanked BK for tidying up the notice boards.
- BL has applied for and received a grant from Grass Roots for coaching for year 10 and 11 pupils from Tring School for 20 weeks in 2015- 2016.

B – TREASURER

- None. DG is meeting Emma Egan on 15/1/15.

C – MEMBERSHIP

- 23 life members
- 241 Adult members
- 59 Junior members & Associates
- 45 Social members

There was a general discussion about encouraging more juniors to try squash and how to maintain their interest.

There was a general discussion about membership fees, including, the joining fee. Members joining part way through the year pay a pro-rata annual fee.

D – SECRETARY

- MB thanked everyone for signing the petition to help the Old Parks club fight the plan to redevelop their site.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

- None

F – VETS CAPTAIN

- None.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

- First game of the New Year resulted in a 4-1 win over Harpenden.

MB to request that team captains maintain fixture lists and results, and to provide a report for each committee meeting.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

- Committee voted in favour of proceeding with the refurbishment of the men toilets based on the quote provided by KW. In addition work on the ladies toilets should be undertaken at the same time.
- MB informed the meeting that KW is happy with the work done to provide steam extraction and recommended that the invoice for the work should be paid.
- CB said that the heating in the ladies changing room appears to be disconnected.
- The dis-colouring of the tiles in the men's showers has been resolved by changing cleaning procedures.
- The contractor is due in the next two weeks to fix the central heating leak in the loft. A service of the system will be undertaken by Pro Heat.
- MB provided indicative costs for the bi-fold doors for the TV /Committee room, circa £2,000 and will firm these up.
- SW fixed the bottle filler tap but a replacement may be needed, as the fault appears to have returned.
- The general club heating has improved and is now coming on earlier.

B – SOCIAL

- BL thanked JD, MD, CB and Andy Booth for their work in putting on a very successful New Year's Eve party.

- The quiz being run by David Ashall is on 24th January.
- Squash-a-thon is planned for Jan 31st 2015.
- Feb 28th Games Evening – World Challenge Fund raising function.
- The next Hat club event is pencilled in for the 7th March.
- Tring Squash Club will co-host, with Aylesbury Squash Club, an inter counties Vets Tournament on March 21st & 22nd. The event will take place at Tring Squash Club. Teams from Bucks, Kent, Merseyside and Northumbria will take part with a number of Tring players (Ian Digby, Phil Yerby, Darren Withey, Rob Last?) representing Bucks.
- March 21st –Private Function
- July 10th 2015 is the date for the Golf Day to be held at Stocks and the squash club

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Cub's use of Social media is growing with 'live' reporting of matches, and general club news reaching more and more people.
- The new sound system is due to be installed on 19/1/15.
- MB raised the question of Indemnity Insurance for the club's executive. BL to confirm.
- JW suggested looking at Advertising /Sponsorship in the form of banners & logos on the courts as a way of raising funds. The meeting felt that this was something that should be explored, with local companies and members who might be interested.
- Paul Hobday has suggested organising a Racquetball tournament. JW to liaise with Paul to share his experience of organising these events.

The meeting closed at 21:10.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

11th March 2015

13th May 2015