

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JAN 2019

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), James Walton (JW), Joanne Preston (JP), Chas Lefevre (CL), Merrill Trueman (MT), Jon Slade (JS), Hugh Dunford (HD), Anthony Palmer (AP)

The minutes of the previous were approved. Proposed by JW and seconded by CL.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Matt Duncan (MD), Keith Warman (KWa), Katie Winterstein (KWi), Peter Barham (PB), Joni Duncan (JD)

3. MATTERS ARISING

Manage my match (MMM) – phased introduction ongoing. Leagues now being run through manage my match. Hardware purchases have begun. Issues have been raised regarding members not being able to access other members details and therefore cannot contact them. To raise with MMM. Committee questioned whether the process could be sped up to enable a smoother integration. MD and MB are in contact with MMM, MD has the most up to date timings but unfortunately was unable to attend this committee meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, the kick off meeting for MMM has been confirmed for 4th February with relevant participants.

Recycling – At this point, advice is that our rubbish is being recycled as much as possible without significant additional cost therefore committee was satisfied that there is nothing further to be done at this point.

Bar dishwasher update – drainage issue. Ben has done a temporary fix, longer term fix will be to get a builder to fix the plumbing issue which is under discussion.

Squash league changes – league size reduced already, monthly leagues to be done from 1 Feb 2019

Late courts – prices have been reduced from the 4th Feb 2019 for late courts.

Till – Consideration whether a new till system is required/would be useful has been discussed previously. To be raised with Ben.

Use of function based email addresses rather than personal email addresses still to be actioned, being addressed by MB.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Calendar congestion re tournaments

- PSA tournament – lots of calendar congestion on the PSA tour in May. Looking at alternative dates in Autumn, ideally avoiding significant clashes or grouped professional tournaments (such as US) and inter-counties / county championships. This will increase the prize money required from \$18k to \$20k. MB to discuss dates with tournament director, Chris Noakes and revert with potential dates.
- Club champs to stayed per Malcolm’s suggested dates. Any members away on the golf tour will need to rearrange their games.

Development plan – MB has started prepping the work discussing with Clive Birch re the development plan. Current set of drawings are in the process of being created / asked for.

Pendley Committee – recent meeting held. Monitoring how the self policing of car park is going and making further changes to marked bays as required. Continuing to look at how to utilise the other Pendley car parks in the most efficient way.

Tring Squash Club sign on the external wall has incorrect contact information in it – looking at the price of getting a new sign versus getting the existing sign updated with the current info (c.£600 versus c.£150)

Court 3 naming sign (Betty Longhurst) has been put up. Official announcement to occur, at finals night.

B – TREASURER

No specific update. Currently there is £145k in the bank (£140k Deposit a/c / £5k Current a/c). All bills are up to date and have been paid that the Treasurer has been notified of.

The Dec quarter management accounts are not yet finalised so these will be presented at the next committee meeting.

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MembershipType	11-Jan	MembershipType	21-Nov
Adult Player	245	Adult Player	234
Junior League Player	8	Junior League Player	8
Junior Player	65	Junior Player	61
Life Member	14	Life Member	14
Life Player	19	Life Player	19
Social Member	33	Social Member	32
Student Member	9	Student Member	8
	393		376

D – SECRETARY

Annual free coaching for beginners has begun. There are 17 ladies participating in the ladies coaching, with 8 men signed up already for the men’s sessions which start in February. Committee considered whether we could provide incentives for any

beginners wanting to join the club following the free coaching sessions but the majority felt that it was unfair to prioritise these players above other members.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain – No report

Ladies' Captain – 1st team are mid table in both the Herts and Bucks leagues.
2nd team are at the bottom of the table in the Bucks league, but enjoying matches.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

Junior Inter Club was on Sunday 13th Jan. Results were:

U 19 Div 1 Tring beat Gosling 3-0
U 19 Div 2 Tring lost to Berko 1-2
U 13 Div 1 Tring lost to Nuffield 0-3
U 13 div 2 (Tring played Tring !)
U 11 Div 1 Tring lost to Harpenden 0-3

Next matches on 3rd Feb.

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House – Light out on court 2 to be fixed. New shower heads bought and to be fitted where required. Fob unit outside court 4 is not working, to be fixed. Men's showers to be cleaned

LED lighting has been looked at previously, however lighting within the club courts is pretty recent and when this was looked at previously the cost of installing LED lights on all the courts was quite expensive.

Social –

8th March – Handicap tournament final
30th March – Band night
17th May – Club champs finals night
8th June - Betty charity event
15th June – Sarah Slade party
26th July - Tring SC Golf day
16th November – Ska Band night

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Paul Carter night was sold out and covered its costs. Satisfaction survey sent out afterwards, received a score of 4.8 out of a possible 5. 90% strongly agree that they would like to see further coaching at the club. To be discussed regarding next potential steps.

Table tennis tables – to be stored either side of the stairs rather than where they previously have been stored. AP has already sent out an email to the table tennis players to request they store the tables there. Signs to be put up.

Bar area – Mark to speak to someone regarding a potential refurb / refresh of the bar area. Consideration to be taken as to timing re the development. MT to look into replacing the broken bar stools immediately.

Friday 8th March – finals day for the handicap tournament.

HD to speak to Dave Suter regarding updating the website with the updated league information (MMM).

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th March 2019

The meeting closed at 21:20.

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary