

## **TRING SQUASH CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2018**

#### **ATTENDED BY**

Betty Longhurst (BL), Mark Bullard (MB), Peter Barham (PB), James Walton (JW), Jo Preston (JP), Katie Winterstein (KW), Matt Duncan (MD), Jon Slade (JS) & Keith Warman (KWm).

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Joni Duncan, Anthony Palmer & Anna Ashwell, Hugh Dunford, Chas Lefevre & Jon Slade

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

MB provided an update about the car park management measures.

Following advice from PSC's car park contractor all viable bays have been marked up, together with some hatched areas. Bays have been marked to allow vehicle access in & out of the bays and for emergency vehicle access.

Signage requesting users parked in marked bays only will be installed.

PSC will contract with CPM to provide the i-ticketing service.

MB re-iterated that it is PSC's hope that with self policing and communication by clubs to their members the need to penalise car park users will not be necessary.

MB acknowledged that self policing will not be effective if any offender cannot be identified.

PSC, working with each club, will make the decision to involve CPM.

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

##### **A – CHAIRMAN**

BL thanked everyone for their kind messages of thanks following her announcement to stand down as Chairman at the next AGM. To her successor BL stressed the need to prioritise looking after the members, the money, the bar and the courts.

There is much to hand over but BL (and Ken) has offered to continue to bank the cash and manage the relationship with Tring School for one year following her resignation. This is much appreciated by the committee.

BL thanked Hugh & Robert Dunford and those who provided the catering at the recent Junior Silver squash tournament. The tournament was a huge success with many gifted young players taking part providing great entertainment. There was positive feedback about the club from the participants, parents & the organisers.

The club received £540 to cover our expenses.

Mark Luscombe is moving from the area and no longer look after the event court bookings. The committee would like to thank Mark for the work he has done for the club over many years. Malcolm Newton will take over Mark's role.

BL informed the committee that the cost to the club for the Payne Automation system is £1542 per annum. The timers, court fobs, kiosk and entry system belongs to Payne Automation. This information was provided as the committee is considering a replacement system.

## **B – TREASURER**

PB is preparing the accounts for the AGM.

The BT Sport subscription is going up by £7.96 (ex. VAT) per month from September.

## **C – MEMBERSHIP**

20th June Figures:

Adult Player	273
Junior Player	87
Life Member	11
Life Player	18
Social Member	38
Student Member	8
	433

## **D – SECRETARY**

No report provided.

## **5. TEAM REPORTS:**

KWm reported:-

Squash - The Squash Summer team is very strong and continues to do well.

Racquet ball - The 2<sup>nd</sup> team is doing well, lying 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

No Ladies team report

**6. OTHER REPORTS –** no reports provided

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AGM – 20<sup>th</sup> September

The calling notice needs to go by 29<sup>th</sup> August (post by Aug 27<sup>th</sup>).  
PB, JW, KW, KWm, MD, MB& JD all agreed to stand again for the committee.

The committee decided to raise the subscription cost and court fees. These are the first increases since 2011.

The club has absorbed increases to in ESRA membership fees. The subscription will go up to recover this cost from all members. Full details to follow, but the adult membership will go up to £100.

Court fees increases:-

1 hour peak	- £5.60
1 hour off peak	- £3.60
40 Mins Peak	- £3.80
40 Mins Off peak	- £2.50

The meeting voted in favour of these increases. KWm wished it to be known that he objected to the increases.

KW requested more junior court time on a Wednesday, 2 courts from 5-6. This is to begin from September.

### Manage My Match

Alex Preston presented to the committee the 'Manage My Match'. This is a system that provides a modern, membership management, court booking and club access, league and event management system, with the flexible to accommodate other club requirements. This system will address the shortcomings that we experience with the current system and meets the requests in this area received in the membership survey.

The committee voted in favour to adopt the new system with the key proviso that the existing user experience must be replicated alongside any innovation.

The committee recognises that the transition to a new system needs to be carefully planned to ensure a continuity of service to our members. The sub-committee will work with Alex and his colleagues to manage the migration.

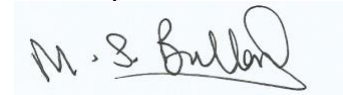
JP abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The league management will be the first thing that will migrate to the new platform.

The meeting closed at 22:25

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

26<sup>th</sup> September , TBC.



Tring Squash Club Secretary