

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th July 2017

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), Mark Bullard (MB), Matt Duncan (MD), Peter Barham (PB), James Walton (JW) ,Chas Lefevre (CL) , Hugh Dunford (HD), Keith Warman (KW) & Jo Preston (JP).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jon Slade (JS), Anna Ashwell (AA) & Joni Duncan.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

1. MATTERS ARISING

Quotes for the new TV were supplied by JS. JW will follow up.

The air extraction system in the men's changing rooms will be serviced.

The Ladies changing room needs a new floor. A vinyl floor is suggested. BL will talk to Matt Yerrill.

The date for the volunteers evening will be 14th October, with music and food. The food suggestion is paella, with a curry alternative.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Geoff Ransley's funeral was very well supported by many current and former squash club members. The Iain Rennie charity benefited. BL commented that Geoff had contributed hugely to the club over many years in many capacities, including 10 years as House Manager. He will be greatly missed. RIP Geoff.

The Tring School request for court time so that year 7-9 pupils have the opportunity to play squash was debated thoroughly as it would mean that the school will be at the club for 6 sessions a week from September to March. The school will pay the club £600.

The main points that were raised were:-

- 1 court will be left free for members.
- The children must behave while at the club and leave the club tidy and clean. They must understand that they will not have exclusive use of the club.
- The school is made aware of and accepts our welfare policy.
- The children use clean non marking shoes on court and wear goggles.
- The club will pay for the teachers to receive introductory coaching so that they can then coach the children.

While these concerns were thoroughly discussed the committee recognises that the club must do everything it can to encourage the next generation of players. There is the possibility that Robert Dunford may be able to get involved on the coaching side. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

The club has been approached by Tring School to provide courts to the Tring Girls squad on a Tuesday afternoon. The girls team finished third in the national championships. Again the meeting voted to support this request. The squad has its own coach.

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of holding another PSA event. The likely date will be 14th-20th May 2018. The club will check what other events are being held to avoid clashing with comparable tournaments. MB is liaising with Bishop Stortford to see if it is possible to sequence the two events in consecutive weeks (assuming that Stortford holds another event).

B – TREASURER

PB handed out the club finances.

PB took the meeting through the last quarter's figures. The bar takings are about 10% down, other revenue streams (court fees and membership subs) are in line with previous year's numbers. The club's finances remain in good shape.

A detailed stock take has been undertaken.

The card payment system has been implemented and its use is starting to grow. The system has a fixed annual cost of £299, plus a transaction fee, which we hope will be about 1.5% as uptake increases.

C – MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers: -

261 Adults, 64 juniors, 9 students, 27 Life & 38 Social Members.

D – SECRETARY

MB thanked everyone for their comments regarding the Sport England funding application. MB will incorporate these comments and issue an updated version of the application.

MB has replenished the First Aid kit with more plasters.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

The summer team is holding its own in division 1, having W6 , L3.

The VETs team is looking for a captain for next season. The club will field 3 men's teams, 1st captained by Greg Proudfoot, 2nd team by KW & 3rd team by MD.

The racquetball season is over. The 1st team remain in division 1, and the 2nd team finished 3rd of 5.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN –

JP informed the meeting that the Herts Ladies league will be going down to 4 person teams next season. The Ladies 1st team will play in the Bucks and Herts league. JP proposed that the club fields a second Ladies team in the Bucks league. This team will be made of players who have taken part in the various coaching and taster sessions that the club has run. It is encouraging to see the Ladies section growing and the demand for more team squash. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of this.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

The air ventilation in the Gent's changing room will be serviced in response to membership comment.

The Fire doors need replacing. JW will pursue.

KW said that the Kiosk machine coin slot is a bit erratic. Do we need to get Payne automation involved.

B – SOCIAL

The Golf Day takes place on 21st July.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The AGM will take place on September 20th. MB will work with JD to ensure that the calling notice and previous meeting minutes reach all members by the required notice date.

CL is introducing a day time ladder for those members who are looking for competitive squash during the day – the 'not 9-5' ladder. To date 8 people have expressed interest.

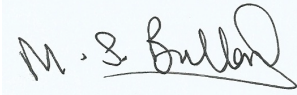
MD that the membership survey is ongoing.

BL commented the number of social events is falling. JW says he hopes to have another HAT club event. MD will talk to Dave Ashall about the quiz night. JP suggested a 100 club scheme where monthly draws take place as a means to get more into the bar and socialising.

The meeting closed at 21:28.

9. NEXT MEETING

October 4th 2017

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Tring Squash Club Secretary