

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th SEP. 2015

ATTENDED BY

Betty Longhurst (BL), James Walton (JW), David Gray (DG), Mark Bullard (MB), Anna Ashwell (AA) Keith Warman (KW), Tim Delderfield (TD), Joni Duncan (JD), Barry Knight (BK) & Matt Duncan (MD).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jon Slade

2. MATTERS ARISING

Boot Camp has started. It was agreed to ask for a single payment up to Xmas.

A CD player has been sourced and will be fitted soon.

BL informed the meeting that at the Pendley Sports Centre (PSC) meeting the matter of Chilfest parking was raised as the planned arrangement was not followed due to changes on the Saturday at the direction of the police. All PSC clubs indicated as long a workable solution for parking is followed throughout Chilfest then club members can be properly informed.

The meeting proposed that the cheque signatories are BL, Iain Digby, Emma Booth & MB. This is to ensure that payments are made promptly. KW asked why BACs payments weren't used instead. The issue is to ensure that appropriate controls & supervision exist to protect and control the spending of member's funds.

MB to chase TD to complete the DBS clearance process.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Volunteers and participants are needed for the World Squash Day on the 10th October.

The meeting discussed giving an incentive to members joining on the day. Putting credit on the fob was agreed as appropriate (2 court credits).

The Junior taster day attracted approx 12 juniors. Coaching sessions are following the taster days.

81 Tring School students are having squash lessons at the club, made up of 4 groups on alternate weeks, 2 groups from September until Christmas and 2 groups from January until March.

It is one of the activity options available at the school.

B – TREASURER

None

C – MEMBERSHIP

It is subscription renewal time. An e-mail reminder has been sent out to all members. JD needs a regular update from Emma Booth about who has paid by BACS.

The meeting discussed the question raised at the AGM about introducing sanctions for late payers.

The constitution states that the club must give members 2 months to pay. The option to reduce this to one month was discussed.

Another option discussed was to raise the membership rate by £10, but incentivise prompt payers by giving them the current membership rate.

MB to produce reminders to be posted around the club.

D – SECRETARY

- None

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

- For the season 2015-2016 the first team will be sponsored by Intrepid.
- Three teams will compete in the Herts leagues this season.
- The team training has been well supported. KW would like to continue the team training over the half term break. The meeting agreed to this.
- The meeting discussion introducing a racquetball ladder to encourage more people to play their matches. It was inconclusive as whether this would have the desired effect.

F – VETS CAPTAIN

- None

G – LADIES CAPTAIN

- For the 2015-2016 season the Ladies team will be sponsored by Sole Answer.
- The team is playing in the Herts & Bucks winter leagues.

H – Racquetball

- The meeting discussion introducing a racquetball ladder to encourage more people to play their matches. It was inconclusive as whether this would have the desired effect

5. OTHER REPORTS

Maintenance

A – MAINTENANCE

- The men's toilets are due to be completed on the 5th October.
- MB to progress the option of the partition doors but leaving the central pillar in place. This is because it is felt that there would be too work to be done to create a single wide opening between the lounge and the committee room.

B – SOCIAL

- The date for the Comedy was unanimously agreed for 11th December. MD is arranging this event.
- There is a christening on Sunday October 4th.
- There is a christening on 8/11/5.
- There is no New Year's Eve event being planned, unless volunteers want to take it on.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- An accident on court on 29/9/15 highlighted the need for First Aid supplies to be provided. MB to follow up.
- BL has ordered safety goggles to be sold in the bar. A general discussion about providing free goggles for juniors. The meeting concluded that the coaches should take more care to ensure that the safety goggles are not mis-used and returned at the end of the session.
- An accident book is needed alongside the first aid kit. MB to follow up.
- A member raised with MB the question of the court heating during the day in the winter. It was noted at the meeting that there are more courts being booked earlier in the day. BL said that she thought that it was possible to link the court booking system to the heating as well as the lights. BL will contact Payne Automation.
- MB reminded the meeting that another funding round will be underway for development projects. Sport England has provided guidance about what is required for the application. MB/ MD to follow up. MB requested copies of previous submission to use as a starting point. BL to provide this.
- At the AGM members asked the committee to rule on which scoring system should be used. The decision is that point-a-rally scoring to 15 is the default scoring system. Players can agree among themselves which scoring system to use.
- At the AGM the question of members details being held on line was put to the members. The AGM was in favour (see AGM minutes). The meeting decided that:-
 - Details of members over 16 only should be held online
 - Members will maintain their own contact details.
 - Only one look up to be available at a time.
 - Dave Suter to be consulted about how this could be achieved.
- The AGM raised the question of Sky. This was discussed with the following points being made:-

- Would a screen in the bar be appropriate
- The committee needs to consider what events and event times work well for the club.
- How realistic is it that the cost of Sky or BT Sport be covered by increased bar takings. MB to get actual quotes. Ongoing.
- AA will monitor the progress of Boot Camp.
- Junior coaching numbers are 5 + 5 on Saturday and 8 + 4 on Sunday.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th November 2015 @ 7:30.