

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 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), Anna Ashwell (AA), Anthony Palmer (AP), Jon Slade (JS) & Katie Winterstein (KW)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

1. MATTERS ARISING

KW will arrange for the air extraction system in the men's changing rooms to be serviced.

A proposal for an interim fix for the floor in the Ladies changing room will be implemented shortly. Further the points raised at the AGM, Gordon Huitson, BL, AP & MB implemented a quick fix to address the worst aspect of the Ladies changing room.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Approximately 70 people have said they will attend the volunteers evening on 14th October. The food will be provided by the Jubraj.

CL & AA volunteered to prepare the club on 14th and MB, PB & HD will tidy up on the 15th October.

The Tring School sessions have attracted more numbers than was anticipated, but they are proving to be a success. Robert Dunford is providing the coaching and is organising the sessions. The sessions are streamed based on ability. Thus far there has been a free court available for members.

The club has acquired two new junior members from these sessions. This is encouraging news as the club wanted to support this activity in the hope of attracting new squash players.

The club is contributing £450 from the Grass Roots fund towards his level 3 coaching qualification costs.

The Arnold Homes PSA \$15K event is registered for May 14-20th 2018. AA & CL asked about running a Ladies event at the same time. It is something that the club would consider but initial thoughts are that this would be difficult logistically.

B – TREASURER

PB said that the first quarter report would be available for the next meeting, when the influx of membership fees would be included.

C – MEMBERSHIP

No change since the figures provided at the AGM.

D – SECRETARY

MB reminded the committee that the old £1 coin would no longer be legal tender from 15/10/17. Notices will be produced to remind members of this and request that they do not use them in the kiosk machine.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

The winter season has just started. The same players for last season make up the three squads.

Iain Digby is captaining the Vets squad for this season.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN –

The winter season has just started. A second ladies team will be playing and with a squad of players that should mean each player will three to four games each.

Junior Squash

The Sunday Junior squash session has started with 10 players attending. Team trials will take place for the U11, U13, & U15 teams.

Consent forms need to be filled in annually by the parents or guardians.

JS & KW explained to the meeting that the junior sessions needed a progression structure will bring a proposal to the next meeting. They asked the committee for thoughts and ideas. Several points were discussed:-

- Streaming based on ability
- Cooperation with similar groups of juniors at other clubs
- Working towards a competitive match against another club.
- Awarding of membership scholarships
- Junior leagues.

Leagues

HD is looking to avoid the problem of players being returned to their winter league finishing position at the start of the new winter season. A few players are being moved several leagues out of position. After a discussion the meeting voted unanimously to end the winter/summer league break and to run an all year round league. HG will communicate this in his next e-mail at the start of the next league.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

No report

B – SOCIAL

No report

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Points raised at the AGM :-

- Ladies Changing room – discussed in matters arising.
- Car Park Security – this is to be addressed by the Pendley Sports Centre committee.

Committee Room booking – the issue that members aren't aware when the committee room is in use will be addressed by using the online calendar to keep the members informed. The club will make every effort to avoid clashes with televised sporting events.

Bar team leaders should be asked their bar teams to check the calendar so they are aware if an event is on

- Scoring System - The meeting discussed this at length with the following points being made:-
 - The official England Squash scoring system is point a rally to 11 (PAR 11) for any level. The difficulty is that the counties use a mix of scoring systems.
 - PAR 11 scoring is used exclusively in Europe and many other parts of the world.
 - Junior players use it and it is all they have played.
 - For well matched games it would reduce the number of unfinished games in a 40 minutes period. The club's internal league matches tend to be well matched.

The meeting recognised that this is an issue that needs more discussion with the wider membership. The committee has decided to seek input until the new year. A survey monkey form will be sent to the members, setting out the arguments and asking for their preference.

- The refereeing course has been set for Saturday 4th November.
- Squash Balls the committee will publish guidance on which squash ball should be used, by whom and when.

Ladies Participating in the Men's Club Championship Draw.

Malcolm asked the committee to make a decision on this as he is always being asked about this. Some Ladies would like to the opportunity to take part in the Men's competition as it would make them feel more involved in the tournament. Also they feel precluded from the club during the early rounds as the courts are committed to the tournament. After a discussion it was the unanimous decision of the committee that it is time to make men's tournament an Open tournament (open to all club members) to produce the club champion, not just the men's champion. The key discussion points were:-

- An open tournament would eliminate any discrimination or inconsistency based on gender, age or ability.
- An open tournament would reflect what has happened in previous years.
- An open tournament is a more inclusive and progressive development.

JS suggested that the club should use title e-mails, e.g. chair@tringsquashclub.co.uk
This will be considered.

JS asked if the club will pay his DBS fee. This was agreed as the club has paid for DBS checks in the past.

CL – will organise the next handicap tournament.

KW –raised the point that the men's showers are getting a bit grubby.

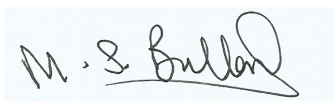
KW – another hole has appeared on court 4. KW to get Wearwell to repair the damage.

AA - asked if the boot camp could use an early court on a Wednesday over the winter. This was OK'd.

The meeting closed at 21:42.

9. NEXT MEETING

November 29th 2017



Tring Squash Club Secretary