

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 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) & Anna Ashwell (AA), Anthony Palmer (AP), Jon Slade (JS) & Katie Winterstein (KW)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joni Duncan and Jo Preston

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. Ongoing

MB to post note asking members not to use old £1 coins at the club.

MB to get Dunlop ball poster explaining the differences between squash ball choices.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

Due to a security issue with the Wi-Fi service our service provider has disabled the service. New hardware is required to rectify the problem. MD & Andy Booth are handling the issue.

In the New Year the club will run six week adult squash introductory coaching programs as it has successfully done on the past.

The Arnold Homes PSA \$15K event has been moved to the 21-26 May. This is to avoid clashing with the British Open which takes place the week before.

The Tring School squash sessions are going very well. CL confirmed that the students are well behaved and well disciplined. The next challenge is to convince more of the students to join the club's junior coaching sessions.

B – TREASURER

PB distributed the first quarter report. The club's finances remain sound. Year-on-year bar sales are up, but court bookings are down. The court bookings will be monitored in the half year update to see if this anomaly continues.

C – MEMBERSHIP

29th Nov Figures:

Adult Player	239
Junior	1
Junior League Player	8
Junior Player	62
Life Member	11
Life Player	17
Social Member	36
Student Member	8
	382

MembershipType	19th Sept
Adult Player	272
Junior	1
Junior League Player	8
Junior Player	61
Life Member	11
Life Player	16
Social Member	39
Student Member	10
	418

36 Less from the start of the new subscription year, but 53 up on this time last year.

D – SECRETARY

Following the unsuccessful bid for Sport England Funding MB put forward a proposal that the club takes some time to determine what developments and improvements the club should consider. The committee will ask the membership for ideas and suggestions. The committee will review the feedback with a view to producing a brief for an external architect/consultant to produce an overall plan. The plan would be put to the membership for approval.

The committee wants to look at the overall club needs for both the short and long term. It is envisaged that an agreed plan would be implemented over time as finances and other practical considerations dictate.

The committee approved this idea.

MB/MD will draw up a membership communication mechanism, e.g. SurveyMonkey.

MB will contact sponsors of last year's PSA event to see if they are willing to sponsor the 2018 event. At the current exchange rate £11,200 needs to be raised for the prize fund.

TEAM REPORTS:

E – MEN'S CAPTAIN

The 1st & 3rd teams have struggled to get teams out this season.

The committee thanked James Walton for sponsoring the third team this season.

G – LADIES CAPTAIN –

The Ladies teams are both doing very well.

In the Herts leagues the 1st team has W5, L1, in the Bucks league they have W1, D1, L1.

The second team playing in the Bucks league have W3, L1.

Junior Squash

The club entered 5 teams in the Inter-Herts competition, 1 x U11, 2 x U.13 & 2 x U.19.

HD explained that the club has been approach to jointly host a junior Silver event in summer 2018. The event will attract many of the UK's best junior players. This will take place over a weekend. The committee voted in favour with the proviso that only a maximum of three courts are allocated to the event.

Leagues

Nothing to report.

5. OTHER REPORTS

A – MAINTENANCE

The floor in the Ladies changing room has been repaired.

The signage on court 2 will be repaired.

The oven and the court heaters have been cleaned.

B – SOCIAL

No report

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JS & Katie Winterstein informed the meeting of an opportunity to work with Paul Carter, one of the UK national Squash coaches. Paul is looking to provide 6-8 hours coaching per week. Paul would look to provide/oversee:-

- Elite Junior Coaching

- Team Coaching
- Coaching program an methods appraisal
- Individual coaching
- Elite player coaching (bringing local elite players to the club)

The initiative needs to be underwritten by the club, but the revenue would come to the club. The committee wanted to be convinced that the initiative is sustainable and will be self-funding within a reasonable timeframe.

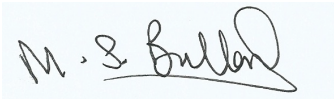
There are concerns about the impact on the current club coaches, which have been addressed.

The action is for JS/KW to address these concerns with some more detailed numbers.

The meeting closed at 22:05.

9. NEXT MEETING

24th January 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue rectangular background. The signature appears to read "M. S. Bullard" in a cursive style.

Tring Squash Club Secretary