



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6pm Tuesday 15 November 2022 – via Zoom

i. Present and Apologies

- a. Present: Lucy Bell, Oliver Cartwright, Alexandra Perry, David Quinn, Andrew Wilson
- b. Apologies: Aubrey Bell, Jason Varrie
- c. Absent: Adrian Cassidy

ii. Minutes and Actions from 27 April 2022 meeting



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- a. The minutes from 27 April 2022 were agreed.

iii. Standing items:

- a. Chair's update (AW)

- i. ES news

- 1. ES have followed Sport England in requesting the introduction of formal governance standards by the county associations. OSRA has completed the self-assessment and is well placed to meet all requirements going forward.
 - 2. ES continue to push the Squash Stars initiative to promote squash with junior players and their parents.
 - 3. The ES county development programme meetings have re-started with different topics being addressed approximately every 3 months.

- ii. Clubs and facilities update

- 1. OSRA provides financial support for the Ladies squash development initiative at Abingdon Squash and Racketball Club and the junior squash development initiative at Henley Squash and Racketball Club.
 - 2. AW continues mentor and support the development of squash at Spiceball and at Chipping Norton.
 - 3. Spiceball have successfully joined the Oxfordshire Squash league.

- iii. County Development Plan update – no update.



- b. Secretary's update (AW)
 - i. European Transplant Games
Simon Martin, working on behalf of OSRA, provided tournament organisation and marking support at the European Transplant Games which were held at Radley College in late August.
- c. Coaching update (JV)
 - i. The county junior tournament held at Abingdon Squash and Racketball Club on 2nd October.
 - ii. County training sessions continue to take place with the next date set for 27th November.
 - iii. Oxfordshire fielded teams in the BU11, BU15, BU17 at the recently run inter counties tournament
 - iv. It is planned to contact active and lapsed coaches in the county to encourage greater participation at the club level.
 - v. The use of Squash Stars continues to be encouraged throughout the county. The possibility of OSRA providing funding to support club initiatives is to be investigated.
- d. Finance update (AP)
 - i. The accounts up to end October had been sent previously.
 - ii. OSRA continues to remain in a healthy financial position although spending is likely to increase as the development programme, including web and social media update initiatives, commences in earnest.
- e. Leagues update (DQ)
 - i. The Summer league was successfully concluded.
 - ii. 30 teams have entered Winter 1 and the forms for Winter 2 have now gone out. A similar entry is expected.
 - iii. One of the clubs proposed changing the basis for the bonus points that awarded for match wins. This item was circulated to club captains to solicit their views as well as the OSRA committee and while there does not seem to be a widespread appetite for change this item still remains under discussion. It should be noted that any change to the existing scheme would required approval at the AGM.



- f. County teams update (DQ)
 - i. DQ waiting for contact from team captains.
 - ii. The dates on the ES web site for ICC matches do not appear to be updated sufficiently far in advance to support diary planning discussions about player availability.
 - iii. It is anticipated that matches will start in early March
- g. Website update (AW)
 - i. AW and AP have been in discussion with Kelly Scott from **ads**, a marketing and communications company based in Oxfordshire, on the redevelopment of the web site and social media for OSRA. Based upon these discussions **ads** have submitted a recommendation for OSRA to consider over the coming months.
 - ii. A temporary web site has been developed by AC to ensure continuity of service when ClubNet stops operating at the end of the year. The aim is to replace this by a new updated web site in 2023.
- h. Welfare update (LB)
 - i. No update.
- iv. Update on moving to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status
 - a. AP has continued the work to move OSRA from an unincorporated association to a Charitable incorporated Organisation.
 - b. The trustees of the new CIO will be AW, AP and DQ.
- v. Update on regional oversight and support in the county
 - a. AW continues to cover Cherwell and North Oxfordshire. Further appointments are required to cover the other identified regions and help promote squash at the club level.
- vi. AOB
 - a. The county closed tournament was discussed using a graded format with the possibility of cash prizes for winners. JV to be asked to investigate.



- b. The possibility of running a county racketball league was discussed. The possible conflict with existing winter and summer league squash matches was identified as an issue and it was agreed that the clubs should be consulted on whether this would work in practice and would be supported. It was mooted that a scaled down trial with a small number of clubs could be set up to test how it would work in practice.
- vii. Next meeting date: Tuesday 9 May 2023 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.00 pm.



ACTIONS

No	Date	Action	Owner	Status
1	29 Oct 20	LB to write an updated welfare section for our website; to send to DQ to put on website.	LB DQ	
5	29 Oct 20	AP to seek new County Secretary.	AP	
7	29 Oct 20	RG to set up 1-2-1 meetings with Oxon coaches to kick off communications and form a network.	RG	
16	17 Dec 20	AW and AP to create email signature template for Committee members.	AW AP	DONE
18	18 Feb 20	AW to raise connecting Welfare Officers from the counties in the South with Heidi Leseur of SRF.	AW	
21	22 Apr 21	Draft Queens Club Foundation grant application.	RG	
22	22 Apr 21	Review Bloxham School progress and decide whether to apply for a QCF Grant.	AW	
23	22 Apr 21	Look into setting up a series of women's exhibition matches.	AW AP	
27	22 Feb 22	AP to contact ClubNet to follow up on current website status. RG to contact local website designer/provider.	AP RG	DONE
29	22 Feb 22	AW and AP to oversee CIO conversion process.	AP AW	