



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6pm Thu 22 April 2021 – via Zoom

1. Present and Apologies

- a. Present: Aubrey Bell, Alexandra Perry, David Quinn, Andrew Wilson, Ross Gore, Ken Reid
- b. Apologies: Lucy Bell

2. Minutes and Actions from 18 Feb 2021 meeting



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- a. Minutes were approved. Actions as per table at end of document.

3. Plan to return to “normal” squash

- a. Venue availability will be key; if there is no post match hospitality, some venues might not be interested in making courts available.
- b. A question was raised as to whether OSRA should delay the start of competitive play to enable players to get up to speed. It was decided players should take responsibility for themselves and OSRA should offer competitive squash as soon as guidance permits.
- c. ESM have indicated tournaments to start from October.
- d. Overall, decision is to try to run leagues from as early as ES will allow for Winter 1, ensuring it is made clear it is the individual player who takes responsibility for readiness for match play.

4. Chair’s update (AW)

- a. ES news
 - i. New CEO being sought.
 - ii. Good support for coaches, venues and ideas to keep up fitness during lockdown.
- b. SRF news:
 - i. Nothing to report.
- c. Clubs and facilities update:
 - i. Open: Thame, Wallingford, Kidlington, Brookes (Botley and Headington), Bloxham School, Chipping Norton School, Henley, Iffley Road.
 - ii. Feedback from contacts to AW email was limited.



- iii. AW to send out list of what's open.
- d. County Development Plan update:
 - i. On hold since Nov 2020, waiting reopening.
 - ii. Contacts made with NGOs such as Active Oxfordshire.
 - iii. Key aim is still to increase participation.
 - iv. AP shared idea about mini projects: giving volunteers a discrete, defined task to achieve to help further the development plan.
- 5. Secretary's update (AP)**
 - a. When to schedule the AGM – discuss at next meeting.
- 6. Coaching update (RG)**
 - a. RG would like to reset junior county squash: update the database with players by running a large festival and trying to reach as many clubs and junior players as possible. Festival timing should be towards the end of summer. RG meeting Radley College on 26 Apr to discuss venue. It's an opportunity to bring coaches together as well.
 - b. The plan is to have a Development Squad feeding into the main County Squad.
 - c. In the interim, run sessions with current children to continue engagement after online sessions.
 - d. RG looking for help with social media.
 - e. Junior county closed TBD, based on ES calendar.
- 7. Finance update (AP)**
 - a. Budget for y/e 31 May 2022 will be drafted with Committee input next month.
- 8. Leagues update (DQ)**
 - a. Nothing to report.
- 9. Website & social media update (AW)**
 - a. DQ and AW have met with Martin Packman. The current website framework is usable, so the decision was taken to amend the content rather than seek a new website provider.
 - b. AW sent email to club contacts on 21 Apr looking for feedback on our website.
 - c. Social media: how do we use accounts we already have? AW to ask SRF for assistance.



- d. AB noted old pictures seem to be an attractor to encourage people to sign up to follow certain accounts.

10.Welfare update (LB):

- a. Nothing to report.

11.AOB:

- a. Appointment of junior representative to Committee:
 - i. RG to contact likely candidates to see if they would be a representative for juniors in the county to feed into the main committee. This junior representative is to canvass other juniors informally.
- b. Proposal to divide the county into 4/5 regions each with a representative:
 - i. Representatives could be current committee members or new people.
 - ii. Could also consider dividing facilities by owner (eg Better Leisure).
 - iii. RG could do West, AW North, AB/DQ/KR cover City, AP or AC (?) South Oxon, who to cover Vale of White Horse. Might need to co-opt. Overall, idea is for further discussion.
- c. Queens Club Foundation grant ideas:
 - i. RG has primary school plans, Jason Varrie could assist if we obtained funding. RG to proceed with application.
 - ii. AW to follow up on Bloxham Club promotion.
- d. AP & AW to consider women's exhibition matches.
- e. AW has contacted a recently-qualified L2 coach near Bicester.

12.Next meeting – 6pm Thu 17 June 2021 via Zoom.

13.The meeting closed at 7.35pm.



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	
2	29 Oct 20	AW to send list of open courts and opportunities to play.	AW	
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	
12	17 Dec 20	AW to contact clubs to check on viability of clubs and certainty of fielding a team.	AW	
13	17 Dec 20	AW to forward minutes of ES Council meeting and AGM once received.	AW	
14	17 Dec 20	AW to produce a list of venues for review to confirm which facilities are open so it can be sent to club contacts.	AW	
16	17 Dec 20	AW and AP to create email signature template for Committee members.	AW AP	
18	18 Feb 20	AW to raise connecting Welfare Officers from the counties in the South with Heidi Leseur of SRF.	AW	
20	22 Apr 21	Contact team captains to find out how many players might be available and how many teams could be run – do post 17 May	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	



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23	22 Apr 21	Look into setting up a series of women's exhibition matches.	AW AP	
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