



**Minutes of Oxford Squash and Racketball Association (OSRA) Trustees Meeting
At 7:00 PM 27th March 2024 via Zoom**

Present: Andrew Wilson (AW)
Martin Packman (MP)
Brian Bell (BB)
John Riddick (JR)

This was the second meeting of the trustees of the newly formed charitable organisation.

The role of the trustees is to provide oversight and governance of the OSRA management committee to make sure it is run properly and in accordance with its constitution.

1. Declaration of interest: none of the trustees had any interest whereby they were conflicted to act in the best interests of OSRA. A draft policy document was circulated and read on the subject prior to agreement by the committee.
2. AW reported that since the last management committee meeting no communication of any significance had been received from English Squash requiring OSRA action; there was however progress around funding for coaching and appropriate expenditure and a proposal to present awards at final matches in person by one of the OSRA committee members.
3. The minutes from the previous OSRA Trustees meeting were approved. It is intended that trustee minutes will be posted on the OSRA website once it is up and running; a new website is being built which will have significantly more content including approved policy documents. It is hoped that the website will be ready by the start of the summer.
4. To encourage coaches to come back into the game it is proposed that OSRA pay for coach re-registration (but not, at this stage, for actual training). In addition, for junior players, OSRA will cover the £150 course fee in return for which we expect them to do 4 lessons per week across the Oxford squash coaching community.
5. Financial update - the current balance is around £17,000 following £2,000 received from English Squash. At the moment income and expenditure matches; expenditure includes coaching for juniors, the inter-counties competition at Hithercroft and we will cover travel expenses. There is provision to pay for the new website.
6. Operations - there is very little to report - the winter 2 leagues are nearly finalised and preparations are in hand for the summer season. OSRA is taking part in the national age group intercounty championships; the over 35 men's team did not make it past the preliminary round; the over 45 men's and women's teams reached the final as did the men's over 65.



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7. With the support of England Squash, OSRA is sponsoring a junior programme at Henley which has received good local press coverage. A similar scheme is set for Chipping Norton. OSRA is also funding a squash programme at local Carterton schools where we are working with children during sports periods getting them to join Carterton Squash Club . This is very successful and there are further projects initiatives planned to take place later in the year at Spiceball in Banbury and also at Bicester. The plan is for OSRA to pay for all coaching and court costs.
8. The website development is making slow progress. The challenge will come when it is live to keep it up to date with interesting news and to link this with social media and other traditional media to promote squash in Oxfordshire.

There was no further business to report and the Trustees were encouraged by the number of investments being made to encourage squash at all levels and in particular with regards to the community initiatives to bring in new young players who would not normally have access through their family or background to squash .

The meeting ended with the proposal that a third trustee meeting would be convened in June.



Actions:

Reference	Action	Responsible	Status
Dec 11-01	A Declaration of Interest form to be developed and circulated for agreement at the next meeting.	Andrew Wilson	In progress
Dec 11-02	Investigate the financial implications of paying the new England Squash Coaches membership fee for OSRA coaches (to help maintain the number of qualified coaches in the county).	Andrew Wilson	Not started
Dec 11-03	In the ongoing absence of any volunteers from within the squash community, Brian Bell to investigate what would be involved in appointing a paid for part-time secretary.	Brian Bell	Not started