

Oxfordshire Squash and Racketball Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, August 21st 2025

Abingdon Squash Club

Present:

Jim Reay (Trustee), Brian Bell (Treasurer and Trustee), David Quinn (League Secretary), Mike Hyland (Defence Academy), Jason Varrie (County Coach), Michelle Knight (Brackley), Christian Jackson (Spiceball Platypuses), Andrew Wilson (Chipping Norton), Mike Cox (Carterton), Pat O'Regan (Gladiators), Jonathan Thompson (Banbury West End), Nigel Rowe (Abingdon), Julian Moss (Hithercroft), Martin Packman (Trustee and University), Johnny Stephenson (Witney), John Doran (Carterton), Michael Beck (Nuffield)

Apologies:

Steve Kuester (Nuffield), Tom Westerman (Harwell), Simon Martin (Thame)

No Show:

Wallingford

The Meeting was chaired by Jim Reay

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Jim welcomed everyone and all present introduced themselves

2. Ratification of 2024 AGM Minutes:

These were approved unanimously

3. 2025 Annual Report:

Jim Reay formally presented the report which had been sent out pre meeting. He highlighted several points and asked for questions from the floor. None were forthcoming

4. 2024-25 Financial Review and Events Calendar:

Brian Bell formally presented the 2024-25 Financial Report and outlined the 2025-26 OSRA Budget (documents previously distributed). He made particular reference to any Club's desire for funding of particular projects to liaise with OSRA and we can take their case to England Squash. He also stressed that for continued success of the Junior and Senior County Closed, attracting sponsorship would be very handy.

In response to a question, an account of the current situation at Racquets was provided

Jim Reay gave a brief précis of the 2025/26 Countywide Events Calendar

5. Breakout Session:

The assembled were now split into groups to discuss three issues:

- Funding and Sponsorship of OSRA
- League format
- How to attract more people to the sport

Following 30 minutes of chat, Jim asked for feedback. A number of ideas were offered and these will now be considered by the Committee at its next meeting

6. Changes:

A. League Rules:

DQ proposed several changes to the rules all of which had been sent out pre meeting.

In essence they:

- Provided more flexibility with league formats
- Reduced drinks provision post match from two to one
- Made small alterations to PAR score requirements

All were approved

B. Fines/Fees:

A number of fines/fees needed to be reviewed. It was decided to increase the non attendance at meetings to £50 and to remove a pay early discount to those who withdrew teams post first fixture.

League entry fees were discussed as they have not moved for a number of years. However, it was decided to keep them at £50 with the likelihood of this being revisited in 12 months time.

7. Committee/Trustee Positions:

The following will continue in their roles for 2025/26 -

Brian Bell (Treasurer and Trustee)

Martin Packman (Trustee)

Jim Reay (Trustee)

David Quinn (League Secretary)

Jason Varrie (County Coach)

Michael Beck (General Member)

Steve Kuester (General Member)

The following were elected on to the committee –

Steve Dance

Michelle Knight

Helen Knowles (Welfare)

8. Any Other Business:

Jim handed out the League and County Closed trophies