

Oxfordshire Squash and Racketball Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 13th, 2026

Present:

David Quinn, Jim Reay, Steve Dance, Martin Packman, Jason Varrie, Geoff Walton, Brian Bell, Steve Kuester

Apologies:

Helen Knowles, Michael Beck

Matters Arising:

Racketball – Steve Dance did ask Duncan Nightingale if he was interested in getting involved in administrating an OSRA Racketball League but Duncan is not at this time.

Abingdon Open – For the foreseeable future, Alan Horton at Abingdon S/C has indicated there are no plans to stage an Abingdon Open.

Hithercroft Open – James Hicks has confirmed that this will be held in September of this year.

Doubles Tournaments – Jason Varrie said that there would be one held in July at either Abingdon or Hithercroft and another in December at Abingdon.

AGM – Brian Bell confirmed this is booked for August 19th at Abingdon Squash Club

Accounts:

Brian presented the last quarterly accounts. Nothing much to report other than we received a rebate of £462.82 from ES for the Junior County Closed and will receive another and probably larger sum in due course for the Senior County Closed.

Murmurings were made as to the costs of running the website. Brian did point out that in 2026, we would reduce the number of certificates required and this would save £250 annually. The murmurings now desisted!

The Treasurer also declared he was looking to dispose of the Cash Flow software facility. This, he said, would save around £300 per year. His considered opinion is that such a device is overkill for an organisation like ours with a low financial turnover.

League Secretary Report:

A successful Winter campaign is in the throes of completion with the 4 Play Off Finals pending imminently. 32 teams took part and it is hoped that all will still be in existence come September.

Summer Season entry has now ended and we have 24 participants (2 up from last year) across 3 divisions. Fixtures will be out shortly.

County Coach Report:

Jason reported that junior numbers are stable with a few newbie's at the lower end. The U18 Boy's represented Oxfordshire at the Junior Inter County Finals Day and finished a creditable 7th of 8. The lads thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the magnificent complex in Sheffield.

Later this month, the Men's Senior team will contest their Finals Day in Pontefract.

2026 County Closed/Open:

Jason said the number of entries was decent at this early stage and would like to increase the C Grade to 32 players. This was approved.

He did say he would need help at the second venue (Radley).

Fund Raising/Sponsorship Initiatives:

Geoff Walton and Steve Dance have been trying to elicit sponsorship interest and have drawn particularly on local companies and companies from their past.

'Courtcraft' have expressed an interest but Jim Reay advised caution in signing the agreement they have produced.

Geoff did touch base with Dunlop and although they showed little enthusiasm for investment, he thinks he may be able to get them to part with some equipment that could be used for tournament prizes.

Steve Dance suggested employing a 'crowd funding' strategy targeting the overall funding of OSRA as well as one off events

Inter County Championships Funding:

David Quinn proposed that future funding of ICC Masters teams be stopped. He said we should continue though to support Junior and Senior ICC. After some discussion, it was decided to suspend any decision until the next meeting.

Marker's Course:

David Quinn has been in touch with ES about this and has given them some possible dates. He is awaiting feedback. Abingdon has agreed to host.

AGM Date:

See previous

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, July 20th

Any Other Business:

DQ said he would send JV the OSRA Expenses Policy and form.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.