

Oxfordshire Squash and Racketball Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th 2026

Abingdon Squash Club (7.30pm start)

1. Present:

John Doran (Carterton), Pat O'Regan (Gladiators), Martin Packman (University), Geoff Walton (Abingdon), Steve Dance (Henley), Nigel Rowe (Abingdon), Derek Bray (Defence Academy), Mike Beck (Nuffield), Jonathan Thompson (Banbury WE), Andrew Bissell (Spiceball), Andrew Wilson (Chipping Norton), Charles Gent (Nuffield), Harry Carr (Henley), Ben Terry (Wheatley Park), Tom Westerman (Harwell), Richard Kellagher (Hithercroft), Johnny Stephenson (Withey), Kevin Herod (Harwell), Rob Camden (Harwell), Brian Bell (Carterton), David Quinn (University), Alan Horton (Abingdon)

2. Apologies:

Jason Varrie, Jim Reay, Steve Kuester

No Show:

Brackley

The Meeting was chaired by Martin Packman (Trustee)

3. Welcome and Introductions:

Martin welcomed those present and formally introduced Officers of the Committee

4. Ratification of 2025 AGM Minutes:

Steve Dance (Henley) pointed out that he was present at the 2025 AGM.

The Minutes were duly ratified.

5. Annual Report:

This report had been sent out in advance of the meeting. It contained a summary of OSRA's activities during the past year. The Chair now formally presented it but no comments or questions were raised.

6. Financial Review:

This document had also been distributed pre meeting. Brian Bell (Treasurer) now formally presented it and highlighted some significant figures contained within it. It should be noted that for the financial year ending May 31st, income exceeded expenditure by £837 and at that point OSRA had £7809 in the bank.

7. Events Calendar:

David Quinn (League Secretary) gave an overview of a pleasingly increasing annual diary of events, some of which are run by OSRA and others by the individual clubs. It is hoped that this may be further supplemented going forward by one or two more Opens and Junior tournaments.

8. Breakout Session:

Those present now split into groups of four to discuss pre-prepared topics, namely:
County preparation for LA 2028

Annual OSRA events

Following a 20 minute chat, spokespersons were nominated to list any ideas. These were all duly noted and the Committee will take them on board at their next meeting.

9. Rule Changes:

- a. The amendment to Rule 4.3 was passed unanimously and will now be incorporated in the League Rules.
- b. The amendment to Rule 5.6 was passed unanimously and will now be incorporated in the League Rules.
- c. Following a pretty hefty debate, the proposed changes to Rules 4.3 to 4.6 were rejected 12 votes to one.

Following a show of hands in favour, the Committee was asked to look at the principle of using Squash Levels to determine String Orders.

10. Fines and Fees:

It was unanimously agreed to raise the entrance fee per team to £55 from Winter 2027. It should be noted for future reference that a number of attendees would welcome a rather more substantial increase.

11. Trustee/Committee Positions:

Trustees – Having resigned their position in line with the Constitution, the following offered themselves for re-election and were duly accepted:

Brian Bell

Martin Packman

Jim Reay

Thrown open to the floor for further Trustee nominations, none were forthcoming.

The following were re-elected to the Committee:

Jim Reay

Brian Bell (Treasurer)

Steve Dance

Geoff Walton

David Quinn (League Secretary)

Martin Packman

Jason Varrie (County Coach)

Thrown open to the floor for further Committee nominations, none were forthcoming.

12. Crowd funding:

To augment OSRA's annual budget of 5-6k, a crowd funder project has been established by Steve Dance to raise a further £2000. The ability to subscribe and donate will be open for around 12 weeks and it is hoped that not only will individuals give of their money but that clubs will provide from their own fund raising activities.

13. Any Other Business:

Richard Kellagher (Hithercroft) made the suggestion that an annual census, pre AGM, be conducted by OSRA to determine the number of members per club together with a breakdown of gender and age.

Alan Horton (Abingdon) asked if interest could be disseminated that his club is looking for a coach particularly for Saturdays.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm