

OSRA – Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Meeting held on June 27th, 2016 at Harwell Cricket Pavilion.

Chaired by Dik Third

(These minutes are reproduced from an audio recording of what transpired).

Apologies

Received from Ken Reid, David Quinn and Andy Foster.

Matters Arising

Debts for non-attendance at the 2015 gathering would be chased up as would those arising from today.

Squash England

Natalie Davis, the Area Rep, addressed the meeting. She ran through some new initiatives including the promotion of female squash particularly at Didcot, greater inter-county cooperation to help funding of coaches and a greater emphasis on racketball.

There are also initiatives to encourage greater school participation but there were largely unsuccessful.

A debate then ensued on Abingdon Squash Club regarding its lease and it was stated that perhaps an increase in rent may be unavoidable. It was recommended that OSRA should work closer with the college and the club to ensure stability.

Chairman's Report

Priority in the last 12 months had been given to establishing the new website and Dik thanks Adrian Cassidy in particular and David Quinn for their efforts in achieving this especially in regard fixtures, results and tables.

He also thanked Alan Gilmore and Dave Lushington for their work on the finances and the Divisional Managers for their efforts although there were a lot less contentious issues in comparison to previous years.

He also thanked Ben Rosec for his work in regard to juniors.

Treasurer's Report

The main areas of income and expenditure were highlighted and explained. It was noted that the costs from some inter-county games were quite high. Natalie Davis will enquire as to the procedures in other counties.

Registration Fees

Dik then outlined the present model in respect of registration fees and how it was now outdated by the new website system. He further described how the level of funding was inadequate to cover OSRA activities. Discussion was opened to the floor.

It was suggested by Dik that a new fee of £75 per season (ie £225 per year) should be introduced from Winter 1, 2016/17. This was proposed by Trevor Cox and seconded by Roger Booker. This was passed unanimously.

Dik then thanked Kevin Stirrup for his work over the years in producing the fixtures.

Juniors Report

This was presented by Ben Rosec but was largely inaudible as I suspect Ben was some distance from the mic!

He seemed to paint the scene across the numerous age groups and then the Chairman thanked him for his efforts. I gleaned that there are healthy coaching sessions going on at both Abingdon and Henley.

Elections

The following people were elected to the committee:

David Quinn – County Secretary

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Alan Gilmore – Treasurer

Matt Grant – Committee Member

Adrian Cassidy – Website Manager

Robin Sparkes, Ken Reid, Julian Moss – Divisional Managers

Ben Rosec – Head Coach

No one stood for Chairman.

Any Other Business

In answer to a question, Dik said a few League rules needed tweaking

The answer of NO was given to a question asking if SquashNet automatically applied penalties. David Quinn applied them.

Concerns were raised about costs to away games in the Inter counties. It was pointed out by Trevor Cox that teams do try and limit the outlay.

The meeting then ended with the handing out of trophies to the winners of the Winter League 2015/16.