

Bedfordshire Squash & Racketball Association

Minutes for the Beds SRA AGM & Team Captains Meeting

Held at Towers on Thursday 4th Sep 2025 at 7:30pm

Attendees

Ryan Pescod; Matt Towers; Steve Davies; Phil Jenkins; Marcus Gray; Simon Marshall; Sam Morris; Thomas Garlich; Gail Clark; James O'Connor; Barry Smith; Charlie Jessop; Dave Gibson

Apologies

Babs Rai – Treasurer

Garry Leggett

Andy Shaw – Flitwick

Steve Evans

Steve Moss – Biggleswade

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Accepted

Report from the Chairman

Great year overall, everyone very enthusiastic and Bedfordshire Squash is definitely on the rise in Squash, lovely to see, be a part of and look forward to the coming year.

Thanks to the committee for all of their effort this year.

Special Thanks given to Gary (Junior Coach) for his work and contribution.

Very positive to see strong junior growth.

Report from the County Captain

O55 team did not run this year, but Ian Thomas will run the O55 team in the coming year

Open age group results from last year:

Beat Kent 3:2

Lost to Herts 5:0

Narrowly lost to Northants 2:3

Report from the Treasurer

Accounts increased from £3,000 to £4,500 as of today

Outstanding action: Treasurer to investigate why Beds Closed revenue was down compared to previous year

Report from Juniors Team Manager

County tournament entries increased from 30 to 42 across categories

Junior Beds Closed set for 9th November 2025

Academy at Mosebury performing well

Beds Schools event grew from 40 to 50 entries

Development squash progressing positively

Tri-County Cup with Cambs and Northants continues to be a success

Report from Beds Closed – Simon Marshall / Steve Davies

80 entrants across A, B, C categories

No ladies' entrants this year, which was a shame

Proposal: offer Ladies A, B, C categories to encourage entries

Thursday evening matches required last year, but worked well

TV coverage was excellent – will continue

Automatic entry system worked well and will be used again

2026 event scheduled for 8th–11th January

Report from League Organiser

2025 Winners: OU1 (Div 1) and Bulls (Div 2)

Div 1 PAR 11 scoring worked well and will continue

2025/26 season to start 2nd week of October 2025

Suggestion accepted: for cold courts, players may use single dot ball if preferred

No complaints received this year (a positive outcome)

Cap on Div 2 set at 2500 on Squash Levels

Election of Offices

Chairman – Ryan Pescod Secretary – Phil Jenkins Treasurer – Babs Rai League Organiser – Simon Marshall Development Officer – Sam Morris County Captain – Steve Davies Junior Team Manager – Gail Clark County Coach – Sam Morris County Association Network – Dave Gibson Child Welfare Officer – Carly Martiello

AOB

Proposal for a Racketball Closed during summer 2026. Action: Chairman to progress

Offer Beds League entry to Letchworth and Ickleford – Phil to action: Done. Neither this year, maybe next year.

England Squash safeguarding and first aid – Dave Gibson to action status from teams

Coaching course website – encourage people to do it to raise marking standards, then proceed with onsite marker assessment

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