

Bedfordshire Squash & Racketball Association

Minutes for the Beds SRA Committee Meeting

Held at Towers Health & Rackets Club, 5th August 2026 7:15pm

Attendees: Ryan Pescod RP, S.Marshall SM, P.Jenkins PJ, Sam Morris SMO, Steve Davies SD, B.Rai BR

Apologies: Gail Clark GC, Dave Gibson DG

Minutes of the Previous meeting

Outstanding Actions from previous meeting

ACTION: Treasurer to investigate why Beds Closed revenue was down compared to previous year — CLOSED.

ACTION: Proposal for a Racketball Closed during summer 2026, Chairman to progress — dates confirmed for 18–20 September, with 32 entries and one plate competition.

ACTION: England Squash safeguarding and first aid, Dave Gibson to action status from teams — rolled over, Chairman to chase.

Update from League organiser (Simon)

A good season overall, with no contention.

Winter league expected to run on the same format as last year — proposal to put to the AGM for 11 teams in Division 1 and 15 in Division 2. ACTION: Simon Marshall to ask captains.

Squashlevels order to be used on the night, other than any agreed exceptions.

Division 2 cap set at 2500. ACTION: Simon Marshall to highlight any exceptions.

Fees to remain the same.

Update from County Captain (Steve)

No activity to report.

An update from England Squash is expected in November.

Update from Treasurer (Babs)

Balance has grown from £3,600 to £5,800 — a good position for the county.

Video costs will be paid after the end of the year.

Update from Juniors (Gail & Sam)

Sam and Gail to meet separately to discuss further.

Juniors are being restructured into age groups — U13/U11 as one group, U15/U17/U19 together — and the growth strategy behind this appears to be working.

Aim to work towards a Junior County Team as a goal.

The tri-county tournament is underway and looks achievable.

Keen to get kit for the juniors — a subsidised approach is fine, but not full funding. Sponsorship to be sought, with shirts costing £18 plus logo; costs to be identified.

Juniors to be encouraged to take out England Squash membership.

A referee course for juniors was discussed, no decision made at the meeting

An assistant for the juniors was discussed and agreed to subsidize ACTION: Sam Morris to push forwards.

Ideas for development (Sam)

The Festival of Squash went well, with schools now looking to fund it.

The academy is going well, including the River Festival.

Date for Next Meeting

AGM: Wednesday 23rd September, 7:15pm. ACTION: Simon Marshall to send out a note.

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Racketball championship — no T-shirts; split into 1st Grade and B Grade; entry to be paid directly at £10; results to be uploaded manually.

Team matches — proposal for away team players to referee was discussed and rejected.

Beds Closed costs need to be split out a bit more — ACTION: Babs Rai to sort.

Website to be paid for ACTION: Ryan Pescod to discuss offline with Sam Morris