

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 25th May 2021 via Zoom

Present:	Cllr M Wallace	Cllr V Persaud	G Goddard
D Ainsworth	D Keeley	D Braiden	K Heilbrunn
L Gaskin	M Ford	J Hickie	P Collier
E Collier			

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from K Hamilton and P Hickie.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April needed 1 correction with a change to the Park Run report which should have read Junior Park Run could have started on the 11th April not as stated it did start. The minutes were then proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by L Gaskin.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

It was confirmed that all Sports award trophies can be held for another year by winners except for the Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement Trophy which needs to be returned and presented to D Keeley.

4. Correspondence

D Keeley received a request from J Barr of One Source to advise of Havering Sports Council contact details.

5. Treasurer's Report

Report not available as awaiting handover to new Treasurer - M Breeding from P Collins. G Goddard to help with progressing this in time for the next meeting on 22nd June 21.

6. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering Athletics Club

We returned successfully to club training on 29th March after the latest lockdown and have had a positive and committed response from our athletes. The biggest impact of the lockdowns has been on athlete recruitment but we have now been able to reopen our waiting list to new registrations and have offered some places to young athletes where we have spaces in our training groups.

However there will be a knock on effect for a while, with longer than usual waits for places.

Thanks to our army of volunteers, we hosted a well-attended Open Meeting at the stadium on Sunday 2nd March, which gave our athletes and those from neighbouring clubs their first chance of competition since last September. In the past few weeks many athletes have also competed and produced good results at other local Open meetings, preparing for the delayed league seasons which starts this Sunday and continue through to September.

We were very pleased to welcome local MP Julia Lopez to meet our representatives at the stadium at the end of April to update her on the club and its activities, as reported in the local press.

Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

H90J are delighted to announce their move to the Two Gables, Upminster Playing Fields, Hall Lane. We held two test events for invited members and then with the lessons learnt from these events we moved on to relaunch the club on Tuesday 11th May. We are currently offering a group coached session on the Tuesday night and running in groups of six on Thursdays. It's been well received by our members.

We had 6 members at the Olympic park 10k race last weekend - Joanne Reeves – 1st in her age category and Gary Flint – 2nd in his age category.

Two members travelled to Kempton Park to participate in the Reunion 5k race last weekend – which was a test event to allow mass participant races run again (such as the London Marathon).

Parkrun update – It now looks like the start date will be delayed until the end of June as there is a current standoff with Parkrun HQ and various councils around the country over risk assessments. Without the majority of park runs being able to open they won't open a few events as they don't want masses of people overwhelming the events that have got the green light.

Upminster Hockey Club

The end of season interclub competitions have been completed and went well. Training will happen during the summer and hoping to get back to normal from September.

Upminster Bowls Club

Playing regularly again with 24 sessions in the morning and afternoon. The men's sessions are oversubscribed but on 1st June all 6 rinks can be opened again.

SYM Sailing Club

After being asked to leave the site at the start of the year after 39 years of being resident, there is still no resolution after meetings with Stubbers and Council representatives. We have been offered further 3rd party mediation which we will pursue.

LBH Sports development

Sports Development team are gradually starting "live sessions" again with the resumption of some of our weekly athletics and para athletics sessions. Walking for Health is also started back. Tea dance is due to resume as well as the London Youth Games in June.

Early signs are that the appetite to participate is good and bookings have been steady, albeit at a reduced capacity.

May half term will be a small program and summer activities will be organised with a view to a full program again from October half term.

Everyone Active

All Gyms are now open with limited capacity, junior football at Noak Hill and trampoline at Central Park.

Romford Rifle and Pistol Club

National competitions have resumed and we now have an on line booking system for members.

Havering Tri

Training sessions are almost back to normal but within government and governing body guidance.

Some of our members took part in the Big East Triathlon at Bradwell this weekend just passed, but unfortunately, after waiting a year for this event to take place, bad weather shortened the swim section and a road accident closed the bike course entirely and so the event ended as a shortened swim and a delayed run.

More events will take place within the UK this year subject to restrictions, but overseas events are still in doubt.

Our membership continues to steadily grow.

D Ainsworth reported the excellent news that **Hornchurch Football Club** had won the FA Trophy on Saturday 22nd May 21 at Wembley. Cllr M Wallace has written to formally congratulate the Club on their outstanding achievement.

7. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

Our Facebook page is proving successful with posts receiving many Likes and Shares. If you have anything you want to post please send to L Gaskin. Encourage your club members to Like and Share posts to increase the profile of the Sports Council in the community.

D Ainsworth - Another good way to increase the profile of your Club was to invite somebody of note to your meetings such as a local MP.

8. Sports Awards Night

The traditional closing date for entries is the 2nd Monday in January with the evening usually held at Upminster Golf Club on the 2nd Monday in February but this year coincides with half term so the event will be held on Monday 7th February 2022.

A sponsor is needed for the event. Cllr M Wallace will make enquiries.

Technology has moved on and no entry forms will be printed this time as most entries are now emailed rather than posted.

The Awards are widely advertised in the Romford Recorder, The Havering Daily and on TIMEFM.

Schools Liaison Officer usually emails the local schools with reminders about nominations for their teams.

There is a schools Sports Planning meeting the 2nd week in September. D Braiden will contact J Sargeant with details about attending.

The Awards Selection Panel now consists of D Ainsworth, D Keeley and J Hickie. There will be a Winner and 1 Runner Up.

P and E Collier have offered to contact Mark the Restaurant Manager at Upminster Golf Club and book the venue and a buffet for 7th February 2022. 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start.

D Ainsworth has contacted our usual Master of Ceremony and he has confirmed he is available.

It is the Treasurer who contacts Award Sponsors.

The Awards are open to anyone who lives in the Borough and winners, if they are not affiliated to the Sports Council they are encouraged to join on the night.

9. A.O.B.

The Councillors appointed and re appointed to the Havering Sports Council 2021-2022 are Cllr V Persaud, Cllr S Miller, Cllr C White, Cllr D Patel, and Cllr T Ryan.

The Havering Half Marathon is back on and will take place on 12th September 2021.

The Sports Council Decathlon is advertised on our Facebook page.

10. Date of next meeting

Due to England playing Czech Republic in the Euros on our usual 4th Tuesday of the month at 8pm the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29nd June 2021 via Zoom at 8pm.

