

## MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom

Present:	Cllr M Wallace	S Deane	D Braiden
K Heilbrunn	N Taylor	G Goddard	Cllr V Persaud
D Keeley	D Ainsworth	J Hickie	P Hickie

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from R Cook, K Hamilton, J Sargeant, M and D Breeding and L Gaskin.

D Shewring and D Wiltshire have no access to zoom so are unable to participate, but have provided Club reports.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were proposed by Cllr M Wallace and seconded by D Ainsworth.

**3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

The Queens Theatre Half Marathon is to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr M Wallace queried the statement in item 5. "Not all members have online banking facilities and would be unable to pay this way," as he is happy to pay cheques and cash in if needed. This concern was raised when it was proposed the Sports Council go cashless. As we have not yet had a committee meeting the item will remain on the committee agenda to be discussed.

**4. Correspondence**

We were advised that very sadly a former Vice Chairman Dickie Brooks had recently passed away. Our condolences to his family.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

Members are renewing for this year and we usually get a few new members at the coming Sports Awards.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Cllr M Wallace reported on current balances on behalf of the Treasurer who will give a full report at next month's AGM.

**7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**

**Havering Athletic Club**

The club athletes and teams won 11 medals at the **Essex Cross Country Championships**, two gold, five silver, and four bronze. There has been further success in the last two rounds of the **Essex Cross Country League** and last weekend the club had team wins in six age group categories and two individual victories. With the final round of the league to come next month, the club's results in the first four rounds have already ensured team victories for the senior men, the veteran men and Under17/20 women and teams are contesting titles in several other age groups. A further four medals were earned by club athletes at the **Essex Schools Championships**. The indoor season is now underway and has already seen new club records set in the senior men's 600m (Tom Pitkin), Under 20 Men's 60m hurdles (Jacob Blanc) and Under 20 Men's 60m sprint (Ridwan Salaam).

Club The club won three awards at the prestigious England Athletics London Region 2021 Volunteer Awards – the of the Year, Young Volunteer (Katie Ennis) and Unsung Hero (Kevin White). Kevin has been shortlisted for the National awards being held tomorrow evening. A member of the London Council visited Hornchurch Stadium last Wednesday to present the actual trophies (the virtual ceremony was held on line).

**LBH Sports development**

Adult activity has all resumed with good numbers returning back post Covid for dance, walks, Zumba, Pilates and badminton sessions.

HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Christmas went extremely well. We ended up running 3 programmes (4 hour per day at each location) in Rainham, Harold Hill and Hornchurch over the 4 day build up to Christmas where children entitled to free school meals and from low income families could access FREE healthy physical activities and food. We saw over 320 children over the 4 days, over 80 children per day enjoying what we had on offer and fully funded by the Department of Education.

London Youth Games season is underway with over 40 boys and 14 girls attending cricket trials.

Working on Feb half term activities and Easter program as well as a funding bid for activities linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Successful funding saw the start of a bike project in Harold Hill. Over 60 bikes donated and working with Youth Service and Youth Offending team to allow youths in the area to work on bikes and restore them to a standard for community use. Linked also to arts team who will have an art competition to design murals for the bike shed area.

Rainham LC has started on site – 4 January with completion scheduled for May 2023. Rebecca Adlington attended the start on a site photoshoot.

Brittons conversion to a 3G – funding from Football Foundation – work should start in March – 10 week programme.

#### **Everyone Active**

Scheduled visits around the new Rainham Sports development with the contractor will be available by the end of summer, when there will be something to see.

Any clubs wishing to enquire about using the new pool should contact Tom Fletcher at Everyone Active. Classes for Long Covid rehabilitation are running. A free 12 week exercise and weight loss programme is available for GP referrals. This finishes in April and the next classes are scheduled from April to June.

#### **HDSA/Broxhill Archers**

2 children on a recent schools visit to try archery did really well and have since joined the club along with their parents. The Novelty Christmas Shoot was well attended and everyone enjoyed the refreshments afterwards.

#### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

Our AGM was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and next Seasons Captains were appointed. Weather permitting the new season starts on the Easter Weekend at home to Dartford.

#### **Romford Rifle and Pistol Club**

We are operating under Covid restrictions and are able to enter Local and National Competitions. Our governing National body the N.S.R.A is organizing its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Bisley this year and Romford along with other Clubs in Essex will be competing.

One of our members Geoff Webb will be travelling to America this year to represent Great Britain.

#### **Havering Tri**

We have started back recently and are 25 members down on last year but are receiving new enquiries every day. Our governing body requires our coaches to complete a new, annually recurring on line safe guarding course but it is proving quite costly and other organisations are charging different amounts with some funding their coaches. We are looking into this new requirement.

#### **Neil Taylor London Sport**

Neil Taylor a relationship manager with London Sport joined the Zoom. Their strategy is to Champion physical activity and will help Clubs to enact this strategy and get more people active. Havering is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest London Borough and has a very diverse community along with many green areas. They wish to help Clubs at grass roots and all the way up to the council decision makers. He could help Clubs with their funding bids and he would like to see more nominations from Havering for the annual London Sports Awards. This is held at the prestigious Guildhall and this year a local club The Tigers JFC were nominated and won the category for 'Enhancing the Workforce Award'

Neil can be contacted at [neil.taylor@londonsport.org](mailto:neil.taylor@londonsport.org)

### **8. Publicity**

Jacob Ransom a former AGM Guest Speaker has resigned as Romford Recorders only Sports Editor. The position is being advertised and for now Clubs can email any reports to [londoncommunity@archant.co.uk](mailto:londoncommunity@archant.co.uk) and the general reporting team will respond.

Thank you to the local media – Romford Recorder, TIMEFM and The Havering Daily for giving Our Annual Sports Awards such great publicity which has resulted in an increased amount of nominations.

### **9. Annual Awards Night**

This is to be held at Upminster Golf Club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, arrivals at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start. All sponsors, nominees and invited special guests have been contacted.

It was agreed that this year's winner of the 'Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement Award' will be able to keep this Trophy and in future, winners will receive the 'Peter Bruce Lifetime Achievement Award' in honour of our past President. This will be ordered and presented next year. The presentation will be followed by a buffet.

Current Covid guidelines are that attendees take a Lateral Flow Test that day and wear masks whilst moving around the Club house.

### **10. A.O.B**

Cllr V Persaud our Cabinet Member for Sport and Leisure, has agreed to speak on the subject of Local Sport and Leisure at the forthcoming AGM.

Julia Lopez a local MP was invited but is unable to attend due to Parliamentary business that night.

The committee members present all agreed to stand for another year. Anyone not present will be contacted.

The question of whether we have an Annual Sports Council Dinner was asked and this will be discussed further.

A new post of Sports Awards Organizer will be appointed at the AGM.

The post of President will be discussed at a Committee meeting.

### **11. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.05 and the next meeting is the AGM which will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 8pm.**

**It will be confirmed if it will be at the Town Hall or on Zoom.**