

# MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 at 8pm**

Present:	J West M.B.E.	M Wallace	J Hickie
D Keeley	D Ainsworth	S Deane	D N Shewring
K Nutt	L Gaskin	R Cook	D Wiltshire
J Watson			

M Wallace opened our inaugural meeting in the Hornchurch Cricket Club Pavilion by thanking our President J West M.B.E. for allowing us the use of his Clubs Pavilion in Harrow Lodge Park for our meetings.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from D Braiden, K Heilbrun, Cllr L Hawthorn, Cllr V Persaud, P Collier, G Goddard, K Hamilton Goddard, D Breathing and M Breathing.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 22 were proposed by R Cook and seconded by D Wiltshire.

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

Brentwood M & E Services Ltd will be continuing to sponsor the Senior School Team of the Year at the Sports awards and an invoice will be issued to them. D Breathing has expressed an interest in sponsoring any awards that are needing a new sponsor.

**4. Correspondence**

Bursaries have been agreed for Lauren Salisbury – England Karate and B Whiston - Paralympic Swimming. A subcommittee of D Keeley, D Ainsworth and M Wallace has been formed to approve bursaries.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership is lower than usual due to the pandemic. Also a lot of clubs changed contact details so new contact details are to be obtained to reestablish a connection.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer sent in a report on current balances.

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

**Havering Athletic Club**

The second Essex Cross Country League meeting saw wins for the senior women & U13 Girls and a second place for the senior men but most young athlete's teams were badly affected by a clash with the Schools Cross Country Cup Regional Final.

The club's Track & Field Awards evening saw members of the Woodberry family present, for the first awarding of the new Bill Woodberry Relay Trophy. The winners were the U15 Boys 3x800m relay squad of Jack West, Freddie Rowe and Findlay McLaren who broke the long standing club record in winning county gold. The same trio also won gold at the South of England Cross Country relays.

Rob Warner placed eighth for the England Masters M40 team in Dublin, leading the team to team bronze but unfortunately James Connor was unable to take up his place for the England M35 team due to COVID.

The club had a very successful evening at the England Athletics London Region Volunteer Awards with three winners and a runner up. Club Secretary Tony Benton won the Club Leader of the Year Award, Field Judge Rachel Kerr was a winner of the Inspiring Officials category, Life Vice President Trevor Wells was awarded a Services to Athletics trophy, while Katie Ennis was runner up in the Newcomer to Volunteering category.

Summer Smith came 2nd in the mini marathon held on the Saturday before the main London Marathon.

D Ainsworth attended the funeral of Warren Roe and was very impressed with the excellent service but many

who

planned to attend were disappointed to miss the service after being delayed for hours by protestors on the M25.

**Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun**

We are pleased that our membership numbers are back at pre pandemic levels. Members competed in a number of competitions including a 10 mile race at Stebbing and a team was 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division at the South Essex CC at Hadleigh Downs. We are looking forward to our Christmas party, Awards Night and Canter event.

#### **Upminster Hockey Club**

The season is progressing well with the Men's first team maintaining 3rd place in their league and the ladies 1st team moving up to 8th in theirs.

#### **Upminster Bowls Club**

The season went fairly well. It was very hot at times which meant that league games were extended until the Autumn. Jack and Cathy Pinfold are the new Captain and Lady Wife. Upminster Bowls Club is affiliated to the Golf Club which means it is more expensive than other Clubs to join but with some Clubs closing because of rising rent costs it will mean that in the future, there will potentially be less Clubs to play against. Social events are going well and there are 2 new Chefs at the Golf Club.

#### **LBH Sports development**

LYG Cross Country – 69 athletes competed for Team Havering at Parliament Hill on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Some very notable performances both as a team and individuals.

Rainham LC – all going to plan for a June 2023 opening.

Central Park – changing village and reception uplift all finished and looks great.

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

In our Winter Andy Harris League Broxhill Juniors win by default and HDSA lost. Our Clubs Jack Frost no 2 shoot took place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. It is held once a month indoors during the winter season.

Our December Novelty Shoot will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The Club is finding it difficult to keep membership numbers up.

#### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

The Club A.G.M is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

In the European Tournament we are in a group consisting of Clubs from Guernsey, Estonia, Greece and Germany. Games consisting of 10 Overs are to be played on 27/28 February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 near Malaga, Spain. Games are to be televised. Check with Club for times and channel. The winners then compete in the final commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

E.C.B is supplying the shirts.

### **8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity**

The website is to be updated to remove Clubs that are no longer running and ensure the correct sponsors are listed for the awards.

D Ainsworth has let us know that Tom Goldsmith from TIME FM has now left and a new contact is being sought.

The Sports Awards are being advertised in all types of local news, Lee Power is at the Romford Recorder. The Havering Daily and Yellow Advertiser both continue on line and the Awards are even being covered by the Havering Talking Newsletter for the Blind.

### **9. The Sports Awards**

D Drew has offered to print programmes for the Awards Night when needed. M Wallace is sending out invoices to all the Awards Sponsors.

The Mayor and our local M.P.'s have been invited. All HSC members are invited to attend with a guest and at the January meeting a list will be compiled to assist with catering. Our usual Compere has been invited and the cut off for entries will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in January.

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

L Gaskin requested an update on news regarding the quarry application at the rear of Hornchurch Country Park. This will be chased up.

Our AGM will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and D Ainsworth suggested speakers either Paul Middleton Cllr for Corporate, Culture and Leisure Services or Mike Brace C.B.E Deputy Lieutenant.

Clubs in the Borough with leases due to renew next year are expecting massive rises in their leases due to the cost of living crisis and the council having less cash from central government.

Our President J West M.B.E. has proposed that the Sports Council write to all Clubs in the Borough and suggest to work with them and make one representation to the Council from all the local Clubs. This will have much more impact than single Clubs on their own. Rather than wait for Clubs to start struggling to keep going it would be much better to act in advance. Sport is a very valuable asset for the Borough and plays a great part in the mental health and general wellbeing of residents of all ages.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8pm at Hornchurch Cricket Club Pavilion Harrow Lodge Park.