

## Havering Sports Council

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

18 Members were present.

The meeting opened at 8pm with our guest speaker Cllr V Persaud thanking the Sports Council and all the wider network of volunteers across Havering for their time and dedication providing opportunities for the residents to participate in such a wide range of activities. Also thanks were given to the Sports Council for organising the recent Annual Sports Awards that celebrate the sporting achievements of Athletes, Clubs, Schools and Volunteers in the Borough. Viddy reminded us of how fortunate we are to live or work in Havering having access to such excellent facilities including 3 Leisure centres of a high standard and another due to start being built, The Noak Hill Sports Complex, 16 Green Flag Parks, 118 Football Pitches, A 3G full-size pitch due to be ready in May, 5 Rugby Pitches, 30 Tennis Courts, 8 M.U.G.A.'s and 5 Trim Trails. There are also many classes, holiday club activities and much more available for all. Just getting out of the house and doing informal exercise or becoming involved in a Club or regular programme has shown to greatly improve your health and mental wellbeing, reduces anti-social behaviours, so encouraging residents to get active and stay healthy and happy is very important and is achieved by various voluntary, private and council schemes.

A challenge was then given to the Sports Council to review and update our bursary scheme to provide help for local competitors to go further in their chosen sports when finances are limiting their opportunities.

A question was asked regarding the closure of Parks after the recent Storm Eunice.

It was confirmed that the Parks were reopened as soon as it was confirmed safe to the public and that over the borough many properties sustained storm damage. Overall the borough lost 200 trees in one day as opposed to a year.

#### **Apologies for Absence**

D and A Drew, K Heilbrunn, K Hamilton, G Goddard, L Gaskin, Cllr T Ryan, J West MBE, D Breeding.

#### **1. To confirm the AGM Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

The minutes were approved by D Ainsworth and seconded by D Keeley.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **3. To receive the report of the officers**

##### **a. The Chairman**

We held Zoom meetings when needed during the last year with our first meeting at the Town Hall last November. January's meeting had to be cancelled due to restrictions to control a new Covid variant but hopefully we are now back each month in the Town Hall. Thank you to Mary for taking over as Treasurer and thank you to everyone who helped with

the Awards Ceremony especially D Keeley, D Ainsworth and J Hickie. I will be looking to collect donations towards supporting Sport in the Borough for the future.

#### **b. The Hon Treasurer**

I took over as treasurer in the middle of June 2021 and have had a struggle with our bank to change signatories and the address where statements should be sent. This is now complete and we have set up internet banking so we are more easily able to check on subscription payments. I have prepared the accounts to the year ended 31 December 2021. They are not currently audited but I have a person in place to do this. They will also check for year ended 2020 as they were not checked owing to COVID preventing normal activities taking place. The difference to previous years is that there are no costs for the Award evening which did not take place and no AGM. We have spent money on a Zoom licence to allow meetings to take place. The Sports council has made a surplus and as you can see from the accounts, we hold healthy balances in the bank. Looking forward to more usual activity for the current year.

It was confirmed the Lodge Farm Tennis Club Award Scheme has 3 more years of finance left.

#### **c. The Hon Membership Secretary**

We currently have 25 renewed Club members and 5 Individuals. A final tally will be made at the end of the month and it is likely we will end up with 30 members for the coming year.

#### **d. The Hon Press Secretary**

Last year started with the news that two Sports Council members SYM Sailing Club and Havering Sailing Club have both been asked to leave Stubbers Adventure Centre after being resident for nearly 40 years. This was published in the Romford Recorder, Havering Daily and on our local Radio TIMEFM. There was a lot of support for the Clubs to stay but the decision stood and there are now no sailing Clubs in Havering.

The Sports Awards got very good coverage of both the nominations process and the Awards Night itself. Hornchurch Football Club won the Title Club of the Year which was no surprise after the outstanding year they had, culminating in an open top bus tour for the team.

It was also advertised that Cllr V Persaud would be guest speaker at our AGM.

### **4. The Election of Officers**

The following Officers were proposed and seconded to stand until the 2023 AGM with the exception of President which is a 3 year term.

President	3Year Term	Jeremy West MBE
Chairman		Cllr Melvin Wallace
Vice Chairman		Graham Goddard
Hon Secretary		Dave Keeley
Hon Treasurer		Mary Breeding
Hon Membership Secretary		Kay Hamilton
Hon Minutes Secretary		Jayne Hickie

Social Media  
Hon Press Officer  
Web Site Administrator  
Schools Liaison Officer

Lisa Gaskin  
Dave Ainsworth  
Dave Keeley  
Jack Robson

**5. To appoint members of Havering Council in accordance with the Constitution**

The appointment of Councillors from the London Borough of Havering to attend Sports Council Meetings will be announced by LBH in May.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 9.10