

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 24th September 2019

Present:	P Bruce	D Keeley	P Collins
D Ainsworth	J Hickie	Cllr V Persaud	Cllr L Hawthorn
D Braiden	D Wiltshire	K Heilbrunn	L Gaskin
L Fernie	J Appleton		

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from R Cook, P Kruzycki, M Wallace, J Sargeant, D Breeding, S Wiltshire, A Curtin.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2019 were proposed by P Collins and seconded by L Gaskin.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. **Correspondence**

No correspondence has been received.

5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

There are 2 new memberships - Campion RFC and Romford Walking Football Club.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported on current balances.

The current Treasurer Barry Dent stepped down at this year's A.G.M. and all banking correspondence is now to be sent to the new Treasurer, **Paul Collins at address 26 Whitethorn Gardens, Hornchurch RM11 2AL.**

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

Havering Athletics Club

Our successful summer season has continued with our Eastern Young Athletes Squad finishing the year unbeaten to win their first league title since 2001 and last week completed the double with victory in the league's Top 6 Final. The British League men's team won promotion to National One division - the highest ever level by a club senior team among top 16 clubs nationally.

Individual club members have added more medals with four podium places at the England Athletics Age Group Championships and seven medals at the South of England event. One of these medallists was Jacob Blanc who this weekend has added bronze at the English Schools Junior Pentathlon championships to his earlier national hurdles medals, to earn selection to compete for the England Schools team in the indoor international in Glasgow in November. Javelin star Max Law also added another international vest winning gold for the England Under 18 team in Dublin in August.

With the track season now ending it's straight into the winter season and next weekend club teams will be out in force at the Essex Cross Country Relay Championships at Writtle.

Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

20 members competed at the Essex Way Relays, 4 teams are to compete at the Essex Cross Country Championships- 2 men's teams, 1 women's and 1 mixed. 45 members are competing in the East London V Interclub Series. We have doubled our coaching staff.

Cllr V Persaud

Cllr Persaud let us know that there is a new on line newspaper called **The Havering Daily** which is ideal for sharing local news and events. You may send items of interest to newsdesk@thehaveringdaily.co.uk.

SYM Sailing Club

In July we started The Dave Wood Junior Race Series. A 4 week junior race series in memory of a founder club member. 12 juniors took part and a cup was recently presented to the winner Craig Wightman with certificates to the other juniors. We have also held RYA Level 1 and 2 and Seamanship courses for members.

Everyone Active Havering Tennis Club

The men's team were promoted to Division 1 last year for the 1st time and now all the results are nearly in it looks like we have secured a place in division 1 for the following season. The mixed team who won the league last year have retained their title this year.

LBH Sports development

The new Hornchurch Sports Centre is progressing well and on target for a September 2020 opening. Steel work should be completed during next month, diving board structures are in place (2 x 1m, 1 x 3m, 1 x 5m).

Successful summer program for young people attracted over 1000 participants during the 5 week program.

Currently putting together our October Half term activities for young people with a range of courses available across the Borough. Visit www.haveringactive.co.uk for more information on what is available.

Adult dance sessions commencing this week for beginners through to advanced. Over 180 older adults signed up to a 30 week program of activity to hopefully reduce social isolation. We have sessions for individuals or couples.

Everyone Active

We are promoting October half term programme, including archery and gymnastics at Noak Hill Sports Complex and Fit for Sport at Hornchurch. As part of the October half term programme we are also running a para movement to music session for 5-25yr olds with a disability at Hornchurch Sports Centre.

Successful in our large Big Lottery funding bid for our Havering Sport for Confidence programme for adults with disabilities and additional needs. Will allow us to have an occupational therapist working alongside a disability sports coach to run disability sports sessions for adults. Currently finalising arrangements and hoping to start to deliver in November.

Girl's football session starting in partnership with Flyers football club on Saturdays 10-11am at Noak Hill Sports Complex. Free taster sessions on Sat 28th Sept and Sat 5th Oct.

Achieved London Healthy Workplace accreditation at commitment level for our centres.

Launching new Cancer Rehab in October for people living with cancer or in remission and will take place at Sapphire, referral via GP or oncologist.

HDSA/Broxhill Juniors Archery

The clubs would like to thank West Essex Archery Club for all the equipment and donation. It was so thoughtful of them to think of us after our break in.

It is time now to get ready for our winter league matches starting in October.

Abbey Bowmen have got a long bow shoot at Noak Hill this coming weekend.

Romford Rifle and Pistol Club

Representing Havering and the Mayor, the club shot in the London Mayors Inter boroughs shoot in June/July. When the results were published we had come 4th out of 11, the top 5 teams going forward to the final. So we prepared for going to Richmond for that final. However, a later email came to say that after a successful challenge to the scores by L B Barnet and the scoring of L B Wandsworths' Stage 1 cards, that had been delayed by the post office, we were relegated to 6th place. Still all is not lost as the highest individual scorer in the competition was our Geoff Webb who will receive a small shield.

Grangewaters Outdoor Education Centre

We are an outdoor education centre offering a wide range of activities for all the family including soft archery for children, canoes, kayaks, towers and other land based activities. There will be special activities for Halloween and Christmas as well as usual term time activities.

Havering Tri

In August 1 member swam 5.25 miles of Lake Coniston, 3 - half distance in Snowdon, 2 - Double Brutal - Snowdon (2 full distance), 1 - 10 marathons in 10 consecutive days- Cyclopark in Gravesend, Clubs chairman's challenge at Grangewater at 1600m and 34 competitors- Clubs Aquathlon - 400m pool swim and 5km Run.

In September 7/8 - 2 members competed in Ironman 70.3 World Championships - Nice, France and 21 members competed in Clacton Standard distance Triathlon as Part of Havering Tri Clubs Club Championships. 13/14 September 1 member - Kew Gardens 10K run, 1 - Ironman Wales full 140.6, 1 - Dart 10k swim.

21/22 September 21 members took part in 2 mile Serpentine Swim, 2 members- Italy, 1 full distance and 1 half distance Ironman, 3 - compete in Outlaw X half distance, 3 - compete in Ironman Weymouth 70.3 and 1- started the Half Marathon Des Sables in Fuerteventura.

Ardleigh Green and Havering atte Bower Cricket Team

1st eleven (div3) finished 5th, 2nd eleven (div2) finished 7th, 3rd eleven (div4) finished 1st, 4th eleven (div one east) finished 1st.

Overall a decent season considering the two clubs only amalgamated this year.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

D Ainsworth reported that 2 local newspapers have ceased trading recently. The Yellow Advertiser and the East London Enquirer. Do not send anymore press reports to these 2 papers.

Journalists who lost their jobs have formed an on line newspaper called The Havering Daily. Clubs that have any news or events to advertise can email to newsdesk@thehaveringdaily.co.uk. They also have a Facebook Page and Twitter account. TIME FM also has a good following of listeners.

9. A.O.B.

D Ainsworth announced a recent change in the law regarding local park football. A change in the rules has meant that referees have all had to do a 1 day course to operate the Sin Bin. This is for minor transgressions and players are sent off for 10 minutes. This applies to all ages who play local Park Football.

L Gaskin mentioned the fact that there were not many people visiting the Sports Council stand at the Havering Show this year. It was noted that the stand was very near the entrance and the weather was very hot. However those that did visit were very interested. This will be discussed further at a committee meeting.

Sports Awards – G Bugnatetelli is to arrange meetings with local primary schools to promote the awards.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd October.