

HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

AT ROMFORD TOWN HALL ON

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2019

30 members were present.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 54th AGM of the Havering Sports Council. He welcomed Guest Speaker Lee Power the Group Sports Editor - Archant Essex, East London, North London, Herts and Cambridge who gave an interesting talk about his career as Sports Editor of first just the Romford Recorder in 1996 and later a much wider group of 30 newspapers. He has seen many local and international sports events over the years with one memorable highlight being able to say he personally saw all six events at the London 2012 Olympics – Super Saturday – where team GB won 6 Gold medals.

Many other memorable moments were captured by Lee such as the 72 page glossy magazine produced when West Ham left the Boleyn Ground in 2016. The 50th Anniversary of England's World cup win in 1966 and coverage of the Rio Olympics. Lee also mentioned the changes in how the Romford Recorder is viewed with many readers choosing the on line versions which are free. Football Podcasts and Guest Interviews are also available on the R.R. website with possibly video content in the future. This is to keep the Romford Recorder relevant to how the population is expecting to receive their news in this new age of technology. Romford Recorder will be reporting on the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of Romford Golf Club this year and looks forward to many more years of covering news, sports and special events in the area.

Questions from HSC members included

Q. What was your biggest scoop?

A. A full page feature was produced during the 2016 Rio Olympics on Stan Clarke from Romford, who competed in the 4 x 100m swimming event at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Q. Why are League and Division tables included less now in the Romford Recorder?

A. Sadly it is down to the time it takes updating each table. In the past there were more people working in the office than there is now.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 27th February 2018

The minutes were approved by D Breading and seconded by B Dent.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports of the Officers

(a) Chairman's report

Derek gave his final report after 17 rewarding years as Chairman. He outlined the events that took place during the year. Hi lights of the year were the HSC stand at the Havering Show, the Annual Meal at Upminster Golf Club and the Havering Sports awards.

He thanked the committee for all their hard work during the year.

- (b) Honorary Treasurer's Report
The audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts were proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by D Shewring.

*** At this point HSC President - Peter Bruce took over the meeting. ***

He presented Derek and Ann Drew with a silver stand on behalf of all the Sports Council for all their hard work and dedication over the last 17 years.

Barry Dent was presented with a silver tankard for his hard work and dedication in the position of Hon Treasurer over the last 6 years.

Clive Pooley was also given a gift and thanked for all the many years he has produced the Sports Council handbook.

- (c) The Honorary Membership Secretary's Report
This year we have 68 members. We were advised yesterday by Philip Funnell that Hornchurch Fencing Club has closed.
B Dent also advised the Sports Council that Ardleigh Green and Havering-atte-Bower Cricket Clubs have recently combined.

- (d) The Honorary Press Officer's Report
The Romford Recorder provides excellent coverage of local sports at a time when other local papers are really cutting back. It was noted that both the East London Enquirer and the Yellow Advertiser were now very thin papers. TIME 107.5FM has a Thursday night sports show with Tom Goldsmith and many local clubs have been on the show. Bedrock Radio- the local hospital radio network is also keen to promote sports.

5. Election of Officers

The following Officers were proposed and elected to service until the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

President	P Bruce (3 year term to 2022) elected by the officers at the 2019 AGM
Chairman	P Kruzycki
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	D Keeley
Treasurer	P Collins
Membership- Secretary	D Keeley
Minutes Secretary	J Hickie
Handbook Editor	Vacant
Press Officer	D Ainsworth
Website- Administrator	D Keeley
Schools Liaison	G Bugnatelli BEM

6. To appoint members of the Council in accordance with the Constitution

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

The Annual General Meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.