

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM

Present:	Graham Goddard	Dave Ainsworth	Dave Keeley
Darrell Braiden	Pauline Collier	Eric Collier	Lisa Gaskin
Kay Hamilton	Gail Bailey	Patrick Hickie	Jayne Hickie

The meeting tonight is being chaired by our Vice-Chairman Graham Goddard as Cllr M Wallace is attending a full Council meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr M Wallace, Cllr V Persaud, Cllr L Hawthorn, Michael Ford, Ron Cook and K Heibrun.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2020 were proposed by Lisa Gaskin and seconded by E Collier.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Dave Ainsworth gave a splendid tribute to our President Peter Bruce who sadly passed away last December. The position of President will remain vacant for this year out of respect for Peter Bruce.

4. Correspondence

None Received.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

Kay is contacting anyone who posts on our Facebook page and inviting them to become members of the Sports Council. This has been successful and we have 4 new members so far this year bringing the total to 47. They are still to be added to the main member's circulation list.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was unavailable as the position is in the process of being handed over from Paul Collins to Mary Breathing.

7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

H90J are looking at a temporary relocation for 12 months.

Our members have raced at the following events over early spring period: 27 – members - St Claire's Hospice

10k

2 – Members - Alexandra Palace 10k. 4 – members Essex Full Marathon (with one member James Blogg running a PB of 2 hours 56) 1 - Dorney Lake Marathon (Christina Clementson with a PB of 3 hours 45 that gives her qualifying time for Boston Marathon)

Our club has also supported the Ratana 10k run throughout April, which is a virtual race supporting the Matt Ratana Rugby Foundation set up after the tragic loss of the custody sergeant in September 2020.

The Junior Park Run started on 11th April and Park Run 5k is due to start on the 5th June subject to Landowners permission. D Braiden is going to speak to James Rose – Head of Parks to see if park Run HQ has requested permission to resume.

Upminster Hockey Club

Hockey has restarted with a few Mixed internal matches on Coopers Coborn pitches with no Clubhouse activity at present. Very little else to report.

Upminster Bowls Club

I am pleased to report that UBC has recommenced outdoor bowling following Bowls England and Golf Club compliance rules. The Green opened on Saturday 24 April with a booking system in place. A delayed Opening Mixed Drive will be held on 22 May with 24 participants in the morning session and 24 in the afternoon slot. Members seem happy to return and participate. The first Men's Friendly Match took place today and was well oversubscribed. Members have had their first vaccination and most of them the second.

SYM and Havering Sailing Club

Both Clubs have been asked to leave Stubbers Adventure Centre and talks are still ongoing.

LBH Sports development

Harrow Lodge Leisure Centre Opened on 12th April and it is being very well received. Demolition of the old centre is well under way. The new Rainham Leisure Centre has received planning permission and is due to commence in the next few months. Karen from Everyone Active is back from Furlough next week and will be attending the Sports Council meetings from May onwards.

Sports Development team are slowly starting "live sessions" again with the resumption of some of our weekly athletics and para athletics sessions. Walking for Health is also started back.

Early signs are that the appetite to participate is good and bookings have been steady, albeit at a reduced capacity.

May half term will be a small program and summer activities will be organised with a view to a full program again from October half term.

Everyone Active

The new sports Centre has been well received with lots of bookings. Unfortunately the new App for the booking system went down for a week. Most customers are now all used to the new 50 min slots and Covid secure procedures.

Romford Rifle and Pistol Club

Changes have been made to how the ranges are set up with screens and a new ventilation system to ensure Covid secure.

Havering Tri

Following the partial lifting of lockdown restrictions, Havering Triathlon Club have resumed sessions - subject to Government and governing body guidance.

We are currently hosting run sessions on Mondays, track sessions on Friday's, cycling on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Many members are also attending open water sessions run by KAS at Grange waters every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning - although some are wishing it would warm up quicker than it has been doing.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

There are constant updates being added to the website.

Lisa Gaskin is asking Clubs to send in a narrative and a few pictures of anything Clubs are up to or if you are launching anything new.

Members of Clubs are being invited to Like our Facebook page and get some interaction going.

It would be nice to run a feature on a different Club each week but we need some more Clubs to send information in.

Publicity this month sadly has been negative with reports in the Romford Recorder, The Havering Daily and a radio broadcast on TIME 107.5FM of Sports Council member SYM Sailing Club being asked to leave Stubbers Adventure Centre. After 39 years sailing on their lake Stubbers Adventure Centre has changed its model of operation and the Independent Sailing Club no longer fits with their new plans.

9. A.O.B

HSC Chairman Cllr Wallace has sent a letter of congratulations to Hornchurch Football Club for their success in reaching the final of the non-league Clubs FA Trophy Competition. They will play at Wembley later in the year.

It is to be confirmed if Trophy Holders are to return Trophies awarded at the 2019 Awards night now or later on. Only the Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement is needed for presenting at the moment.

Difficulty renewing Everyone Active Corporate memberships was noted by L Gaskin of the Havering 90 Joggers. D Braiden is going to look into this as it could be that a new membership package issued supersedes the corporate membership. Tom Fletcher is to be contacted about this matter.

D Keeley would like more Clubs to respond to the request to take part in the Decathlon Event which is set to start mid-year and is aimed at getting more adults and children to participate in different sports.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th May 2021 Via Zoom.