

## MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

Present:	G Goddard	J Hickie	R Cook
D Ainsworth	D Keeley	J Watson	D Wiltshire
S Deane	K Heilbrun	J Sargeant	D Shewring

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from L Gaskin, M Wallace, K Nutt, M and D Breading, P Hickie, J Robson, K Hamilton and P Collier.

D Breading is currently unwell and we wish him a speedy recovery.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by R Cook.

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

Two parking fines to members have still to be refunded. M Wallace is still pursuing the Council to get these fines reversed.

**4. Correspondence**

None received.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

We are now up to 34 members. The attendance and circulation list will be updated.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

A Treasurers report was sent in with updated figures for April and shows a healthy balance.

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

**Havering Athletic Club**

All of our summer leagues are now underway. Our Under13's & 15's Youth Development Squad have finished fourth in both their Southern Premier Division matches and similar results in the two remaining fixtures should ensure another year in the top flight. The Eastern Young Athletes League team won their first fixture at Thurrock in a very competitive Essex division. The senior National Athletics League squad placed third (of eight) in their opening Championship match and compete at Bedford next weekend, while the senior Southern League Squad started with a second place at Hemel Hempstead on Sunday.

The two-day Essex Championships at Chelmsford on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May brought the club 18 gold medals and 30 other medals. On Sunday the Sports Council's Junior Award winner Stephanie Okoro broke the club U17 women's 400m hurdles record, which had stood since 1977 at the Loughborough International Meeting, which also saw former HSC award winners Kieran O'Hara and Jacob Blanc compete in invitation Para 1500m and men's 400m hurdles races respectively.

**Upminster Bowls Club**

The outdoor season is well underway with 3 well supported Mixed Drives, including a Charity one and a Jubilee Drive to come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Leagues games are also underway. The season's highlight so far was the Essex County Ladies President, Jennifer Spearman, hosting the County Ladies Executive invitation match, followed by a celebration meal. The sun shone and the Green bowled beautifully! Four of the Men's section have been selected to represent Group 4 in the Ashford Cup.

You will be pleased to note that the Golf Club has a new catering service which commenced last Sunday. It was fully subscribed and well received.

**LBH Sports development**

The new Sports Centre at Rainham is progressing well and on track for opening on time in June 2023.

**Everyone Active**

Residents with Parkinson's and their Carers are to be given free gym memberships.

Summer activity programmes are being planned with provision for food for those receiving free school meals.

We received an award from UK Active for Leisure Operator of the year.

Central Park is having an upgrade to its wet side and studio changing. The reception area is also being redeveloped.

D Ainsworth queried if the Sapphire Centre had reached its one millionth customer yet and if not maybe it would be a good advertising opportunity for Everyone Active.

Tom Fletcher was recently awarded the MBE for services to sport.

### **HDSA/Broxhill Archers**

Three competitions have been cancelled just lately, it looks like archers are holding back. It's not good news.

We are looking forward to the London Youth Games Archery Competition being held at the Broxhill Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

We are also looking forward to a day trip to Benfleet with the Romford Lions.

### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI won their league cup match against Old Southendians with George Barnacle scoring 102 runs and now away to Harold Wood in the Quarter Final.

However the League started badly with defeats against Hadleigh & Thundersley, Wanstead & Snaresbrook but won the last game against Hutton.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost against Upminster, Wanstead & Snaresbrook and Woodford Wells.

3<sup>rd</sup> XI won against Gidea Park & Romford, Oakfield Parkonians, Chelmsford and Wanstead & Snaresbrook. In the Wanstead match A Zafar scored 200 runs in a total of 294-4 and 14 year old Tommy Barnacle took 5-24 including a hat trick in Wanstead reply.

4<sup>th</sup> XI lost all against Harlow, Hadleigh & Thundersley and Loughton.

5<sup>th</sup> XI won against Billericay, Ardleigh Green & Havering-atte-Bower but lost to Orsett & Thurrock.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI won against Finchley CC in the Royal London Club Championship by 8 wickets but lost to Cambridgeshire side Sawston & Babraham in a rain affected game.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Dukes Essex T20 Competition takes place with Hornchurch playing Harold Wood and the winner then plays Loughton or Hutton. The winners then go forward to Finals Day at Billericay CC on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The artificial area at Harrow Lodge Park has now been completely fenced off.

### **Havering Tri**

This weekend saw the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the Lanzarote Ironman – considered the toughest Ironman in the World.

Havering Tri had 2 competing in the race. Chantel Coetzer stormed to victory in her age group, claiming her spot at the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii in October and Les Nottage completed his 5<sup>th</sup> Lanzarote Ironman, earning him a special 5<sup>x</sup> Finisher medal.

At home, Perry Tidbury completed 2 Olympic distance triathlons one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Earlier in the month, Havering Sports Council 2021 Competitor of the Year, Jon Warren, represented GB at the World Duathlon Championships in Denmark. Despite being injured, Jon came in 4<sup>th</sup> overall – a great result.

Our race season is now well underway.

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

Correspondence received just before last month's meeting regarding the Phoenix Wheelchair Basketball Event on the next weekend was publicized where possible in the local press by our press officer D Ainsworth. Many thanks.

D Keeley reported that a lot of emails bounced back recently due to issues with the servers thinking they were spam.

He would like to start an extra occasional email via Mail Chimp available to anyone who signs up. This would contain Club news reports, information on bursaries or Clubs advertising for members/volunteers etc.

D Ainsworth mentioned that bounce backs are a constant problem for many reasons but often because email addresses are changed and senders not notified.

With Mail Chimp recipients can update their email addresses if changed.

## **9. A.O.B.**

New earlier closing times for the Town Hall meant our meeting had to start at 7pm tonight.

J Robson our new Schools Liaison Officer has advised us that a starting time of 7pm would mean he cannot attend meetings. This may affect other members and a vote amongst those present tonight had a majority say they could make a new start time of 7pm. This will be discussed further.

Upminster Golf Club has new caterers.

The lack of coaches, teachers and volunteers in sports especially swimming is a concern and it was suggested that Awards winners be encouraged to do some coaching.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June time to be confirmed. Please remember to book your car parking space by emailing [finadmin@havering.gov.uk](mailto:finadmin@havering.gov.uk)