

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 25th October 2022

Present:	G Goddard	K Hamilton-Goddard	Cllr V Persaud
R Cook	S Deane	D Keeley	J Hickie
D Wiltshire	D Drew	A Drew	D Shewring
D Leech			

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from J West M.B.E., M Wallace, M Breading, D Breading, L Gaskin, D Ainsworth, K Heilbrunn, D Braiden, P Collier, K Nutt,

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2022 were proposed by D Shewring and seconded by S Deane.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

The tour of the Rainham Sports Centre took place on the 12th October and there will be another opportunity just before the opening day which is in June 2023. Details will be advertised nearer the time.

M Wallace will be contacting the Sports awards sponsors not D Keeley as written in the minutes.

D Drew confirmed that Brentwood M & E Services Ltd will be continuing their sponsorship of Senior School Team of the Year.

Cllr V Persaud is following the discussion between the bowling clubs that have had large rent increases. There has been an offer of a range of payment options depending on whether they do their own grounds maintenance etc.

The issue of the locking and unlocking of the Boroughs Parks is still ongoing and will be for some time as the contract has gone out for tender and may take up to a year to complete the process. In the meantime any reports of vandalism or anti-social behavior in parks at times when they should be locked is to be reported to the council or to Cllr V Persaud at viddy.persaud@havering.gov.uk who will forward to the relevant person.

4. Correspondence

D Ainsworth sent in a report of his recent tour of the new Rainham Sports Centre due to be opening in June 2023. He was very impressed with excellent, very accessible facilities as all on the one level. There is also easy parking with up to 3 hours at the shared Tesco car park.

D Braiden LBH received a request from local resident E Whiston requesting help finding funding for her daughter B Whiston who is on the Great British Podium program for Para swimming. She is four times world champion and four times world record holder and is now focusing on the 2024 Paralympic games in Paris.

We have recently received sad news from Tony Benton of Havering AC - it concerns Hornchurch resident Warren Roe, age 85, of Havering AC and ex-Ilford AC who was author of the Ilford AC 75th Anniversary book in 1998 - it's title was "A 75th Anniversary History of Ilford Athletics Club 1923-1998" containing 184 pages of great writing.

Warren Roe joined Ilford AC in 1954. Warren still places high in Ilford AC's all-time ranking list at 1,500 metres (3:54.7 in 1962) & 5,000 metres (14.33.8 also in 1962).

Warren, of course, was a great stalwart and respected coach at Havering AC and was also a recipient of the Havering Sports Council Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement Award. His Funeral will be held on Monday 7th November. For further details please contact D Ainsworth dave_ainsworth@yahoo.co.uk.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

There is no change this month with 32 Clubs and 6 Individual members. The renewal requests for next year's membership will be issued shortly.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer sent in a report on current balances.

7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering Athletic Club

The Essex Cross Country League started with a win for our senior men who are aiming for their fifth successive league title. There were also three individual age group wins and good team results.

Last Saturday there were two medals at the South of England Cross Country Relays as the U15 Boys won gold and the U13 Boys won bronze. The U13 girls were fourth and the U17 women eight.

Rob Warner represents the England Masters team in the Home Countries International in Dublin next month, after winning the M40 race at the English Masters Trial. James Connor will be in the England M35 team. Our life member Warren Roe, who won the HSC Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement Award passed away recently aged 85. He was a successful middle distance coach until his retirement from coaching in 2017. Details of the funeral on 7th November are available

London Boroughs Mini Marathon

Club athletes formed the bulk of the Havering Borough team with Summer Smith winning the U13 girls' event and Freddie Rowe U15 Boys' silver.

Havering Tri

We are now at the end of the season with some members racing in Greece at the weekend being our last event of the year.

LBH Sports development

Rainham Leisure Centre all on track to open in June 2023, no set backs on the program of works to date.

Works ongoing at Central Park to improve changing area and reception. Handed back to SLM and opened to the public on Monday 24th October.

Mini marathon was a success even though it was held on the Saturday before. Look to lobby next season to have it back on the same day as the main marathon.

October half term activities proved popular especially the athletics at Hornchurch Stadium.

Everyone Active

We are introducing free 30 minute support sessions for fitness members on areas including Cardio machines, strength equipment, free weights, functional kit and group exercise as well as how to use the app and how it can assist customers. This will support the members journey and it is hoped increase retention and achievement of customer goals e.g. fitness, weight loss.

Continuing the delivery of the boroughs Tier 2 Weight Management service;

Participant data shows that so far of the 20 completed mainstream WM courses:

271 participant started

186 participants completed

69% of starters completed

54% of completers achieve 3% or more weight loss (higher than PHE national average)

29% of completers achieve 5% or more weight loss (higher than PHE national average)

HDSA/Broxhill Archers

We held our midsummer Sports Day at Benfleet and contestants travelled curtesy of local taxis. Many thanks.

We won 8 medals. We also won 6 medals at a contest organized by Abbey Bowmen. Our postal winter programme and internal monthly shoot has begun.

Our Club is finding it difficult to keep membership numbers up with quite a few people coming to try at the three free sessions but then not returning.

Hornchurch Cricket Club

The annual awards evening was held on Friday 21st October at Dagenham and Redbridge F.C. and was attended by more than 85 people. Trophies were presented to the 16 various winners by Club President Norman Balmford and Chairman Jeremy West M.B.E. During the evening a short film was shown of the day of the clubs magnificent

achievement in winning the E.C.B.Vitality Club T20 Cup Competition. They beat Barnt Green C.C. by 10 runs in the final having won eight earlier matches to get there. As a reward we are England's representatives at a European Tournament in Spain early February 2023.

The square at Harrow Lodge Park has been enlarged by a further 3 strips and hopefully be usable in under 18 months.

Work on our other 2 squares at Fielders Sports Ground and Emerson Park Sports College has been completed.

Campion RFC

Our U18's won the Essex Trophy and they enjoyed a Tour of North America organized by a group of parents.

U16's suddenly folded mid-season and our U13's had a few games.

Some volunteers have completed a RFU coaching course. We have a new membership secretary and membership numbers have held up but we are finding it difficult to get new members. We would like to start a girl's tag rugby section.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

D Ainsworth has the draft advert ready to send out to the local papers to advertise the Sports Awards.

9. Sports Awards

The Sports Awards will be held at Upminster Golf Club on Monday 6th February. Letters of invite have been issued to our 3 local MP's. The nomination process is all on line.

A committee meeting is to be scheduled.

10. A.O.B.

It was brought to the attention of the Sports Council that an application for sand and gravel extraction near Berwick Manor has been submitted. This is adjacent to Hornchurch Country Park and if approved will mean a lot of noise and disruption to local residents and Country Park users for many years. There is a resident's action website called Hacton Quiet not Quarry.

D Drew a past chairman of HSC for 18 years has said how disappointing it is that Havering Council no longer accommodate the Sports Council that they set up in 1967, at their usual meeting time of 8pm 4th Tuesday of the Month except August and December. Due to the new opening hours of the Town Hall, meetings are requested to finish by 8pm. This makes it difficult for many people to attend the earlier start time of 7pm.

Many thanks to J West M.B.E. our President for offering us the use of Hornchurch C.C. Pavilion for our meetings at our old time of 8pm.

11. **Date of next meeting** The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22nd November at 8pm at Hornchurch Cricket Club, Harrow Lodge Park.**