

# MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

## TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

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| Present:  | M Wallace | D Ainsworth | D Keeley    |
| R Cook    | G Goddard | D Shewring  | J Hickie    |
| P Collier | E Collier | K Heilbrunn | D Wiltshire |
| M Lipson  |           |             |             |

### 1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr V Persaud, J West MBE, K Hamilton, S Deane, J Watson, J Robson, K Nutt, L Gaskin and T Benton.

### 2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were proposed as true and accurate by D Ainsworth and seconded by R Cook.

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

There were no matters arising.

### 4. **Correspondence**

A letter has been received from each of the 4 schools present at the Awards evening, complementing the Sports Council for such a lovely evening and thanking us for holding the event.

### 5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

We still have a membership of 32 and are promoting the benefits of being a member of the Sports Council at every opportunity.

### 6. **Treasurer's Report**

A report was given on current balances and the process of transfer from M Breadding to M Lipson is proceeding.

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

#### **Havering Athletic Club**

Club teams ended their Essex Cross Country League season on a high at the final fixture at Hainault last month with wins in six of the age categories to seal three league titles, with individual wins in four age groups.

The highest placed club athlete in recent national cross country competitions was Summer Smith who was placed sixth in the Under 13 Girls' event at the Inter Counties Championships.

Indoors, Paris King and Stephanie Okoro both won gold medals in the South of England U20 Indoor Championships, Paris in the 60m hurdles and Stephanie in the 400m. Nationally there were excellent indoor silver medals for Al-Ameen Salaam in the Under 17 men's 60m hurdles and for Ruby Tillson in the U17W pentathlon and Mark Bishop won M55 pentathlon gold in the M55 age group at the British Masters Championships.

Club athletes won 30 medals, 12 of them gold, at the Essex & Eastern Counties Indoor Championships.

Finally, Club Secretary Tony Benton won the England Athletics Club Leader of the Year Volunteer Award to add to his win at the London Regional awards ceremony.

#### **Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun**

Park Run is going well and there has been a good take up of the Learn to Run Sessions.

#### **Upminster Hockey Club**

Regarding our junior's, training continues to be well supported by Coaches, Parents and Players.

U10s and U12s girls and boys played "into hockey tournament" (best of Essex) held at Redbridge. Whilst our B teams played in our usual Essex South tournament hosted at Southend. It was a huge effort by our Manager to get multiple teams out on the same day at two locations.

Results Into Hockey - U10 Boys 1st place. Go on to represent Essex in the Nationals to be held on Saturday 22nd April at Harleston. Won 4 games, drew 1 and lost none.

U10 Girls 5th place. Won 1, drew 2 and lost 2.

U12 Boys 4th place. Joint third points with the third place team. One point away from qualification for the National finals. U12 Girls Third place, one point away from qualification for the National finals. Won 2, drew 4. Congratulations to all the junior's. 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th in the entire County is extremely impressive. Essex South Tournament U10 Girls Won1, drew 1 and lost 1. U10 Boys Won 2, drew 1 and lost 0 (zero goals conceded) U12 Girls Won 1, drew 2 and lost 0. U12 Mixed Won 0, drew 1 and lost 2.

**End of Season** the junior's end of season party is due to take place for all the teams and subsequently we will be

holding an awards presentation day when all the Parents will be invited. Always an excellent event.

**Look ahead to 23/24 season.** Projected numbers based on current junior membership. U8s 21, U10 29, U12 44, U14 53, U16 39, U18 37.

The Adults Leagues are now coming to the final stages and the current standings are below

Ladies 1s East Prem 7<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 2s Div 2 SE 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ladies 3s Div 3 SE 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies 4s Div 4 SE 4<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 5s Div 5 SE 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ladies 6s Div 6 SE 7<sup>th</sup>

Men's 1s Div 1 S 2<sup>nd</sup>, Men's 2s Div 3 SE 1<sup>st</sup>, Men's 3s Div 3 SE 6<sup>th</sup>, Men's 4s Div 4 SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Men's 5s Div 6 SE 9<sup>th</sup>.

We now look forward to our Easter 7s on grass outside the Club House.

A fun packed afternoon for all adult players and families.

### **Upminster Bowls Club**

Less than a month to go to the opening of the outdoor Bowling season. The Ladies have their Spring Meeting shortly and the Opening Drive takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, preceded by a Social event the evening before.

Entries for National; Area and local competitions have been submitted and dates for League matches finalised.

However, Bowls England have delivered an edict which may cause some Clubs a major problem in two years' time.

They are demanding that all Clubs have a Safeguarding Officer in place and two qualified coaches otherwise they will be

refused Affiliation to Bowls England, thereby rendering them ineligible to enter National, Area and Local Competitions. Yet more work and training for volunteers!! Watch this space.

### **Everyone Active**

The Rainham Sports Centre project is on track and there will be site visits available from May. More details will be given nearer the time. The timetable is being finalized and local swim clubs are being contacted about pool hire etc.

A three year partnership with Hornchurch C.C. is taking place to help widen training opportunities for local residents.

New weight management sessions are starting at centres from April.

### **HDSA/Broxhill Archers**

We are continuing to run archery sessions but are in need of new members especially juniors. The London Youth Games are being held soon and we have our annual novelty Easter Egg Shoot this coming Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

Hornchurch qualified for the European Cricket League finals winning group A by beating Byron C.C. (Greece) by 10 wickets. The first match in finals week against the Spanish Champions Pak I Care Badalona was lost. Again the team were adjusting to playing on Astro Strip. However by winning a further three games qualified for the finals.

Meeting the Spanish side again in the eliminator this time being successful then took on the Irish side CIYMS CC winning

by 7 Wickets with 2 overs to spare in the semifinal.

The final against the French side Dreux C.C. was played under floodlights and was batted first, unfortunately we missed several chances and they posted a score we could not match. All matches were televised on Sky and via Play Sports.

We commence our season with a friendly away at Hertford C.C. on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April then entertain Rainham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in the League Cup. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April we host Essex C.C. ov. 60 V Surrey C.C. ov 60 1pm start. All games weather permitting.

### **Havering Tri**

We kicked our season off with our annual training camp at Club La Santa in Lanzarote in March – 34 athletes attended for a hard week of training in fantastic weather conditions.

Whilst the European season has yet to commence, one of our athletes raced at Ironman South Africa at the beginning of

March and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age group with a time of 9hrs 41m.

### **Kays Adult Swim**

Continues to thrive with many new enquiries.

Unfortunately, after 5 years KAS will be unable to offer open water swimming sessions this season at Grange waters due to safety because of staff shortages at the venue. A huge shame as the sessions had proved to be very popular.

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

Our AGM with our guest speaker Mike Brace CBE DL, had a great write up in our local papers.

Also 2 junior Park Run members' have done very well recently and this was also well reported.

**9. A.O.B**

D Keeley has confirmed that our local MP Julia Lopez has arranged a tour of the Houses of Parliament for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at 5pm. There has been a good take up with most of the spaces filled.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Hornchurch Cricket Pavillion.