

**MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023**

Present:	M Wallace	P Collier	S Dron
J Hickie	K Nutt	D Wiltshire	J Watson
D Shewring	D Ainsworth	S Deane	

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from J West M.B.E., K Heilbrunn, D Braiden, K Hamilton – Goddard, G Goddard, P Hickie, D Keeley, D Leech and R Cook.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th March 2023 were proposed as true and accurate by D Ainsworth and seconded by P Collier.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

The process of transferring the banking from M Breeding to M Lipson is still progressing.

4. Correspondence

None received.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

There has been no change in current balances.

7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering Athletic Club

Our club open meeting took place on 2nd April at Hornchurch Stadium with over 200 athletes competing in sunny but cool conditions.

The club took part in the Essex Road Relay Championships at Colchester on Sunday 16th April. We came away with a gold medal in the Senior Women's competition, five silvers in the under 17W, under 13 girls, under 15 boys, senior men and Masters 50 age groups and one bronze in the Masters 40. It was our senior women's first team victory in the event for 20 years. Fastest legs were achieved by Emmie Lole in the Under 13 girls and Freddie Rowe in the under 15 boys.

On Saturday 22nd April the club had several athletes taking part in the London Mini Marathon for the London Borough of Havering. There was a win for Freddie Rowe in the Under 15 boys and the team also won gold. Summer Smith was third in the under 13 girl's race and their team also won gold with the scoring 4 all finishing in the top 16 athletes.

On Sunday 23rd April Havering took part in our first Eastern Young Athletes league fixture held at Thurrock. On a very wet day we managed a huge win, finishing over 200 points ahead of the next club. We are still awaiting confirmation of the individual results.

Lauren Reed the former Miss Deadman made a superb marathon debut in Manchester clocking 2 hours 44mins and 4 secs the second fastest ever by a club athlete. She was fifth female overall and second in the W35 age group.

Upminster Hockey Club

The season finished on a massive high when the juniors won gold in all age groups in the Essex Junior Finals Tournament on Sunday 23rd April.

On Saturday 22nd April the U10 boys came 2nd in the East Region County Finals. A fantastic result for our up and coming junior hockey players and an excellent reward for all the time and effort applied by the Upminster Youth Management team who give up their time to run training sessions 2 evenings a week throughout the hockey season.

The senior teams made progress and the men's two were promoted. The last playing event of the season was the Easter Sevens. A fun day where hockey is played on grass: the old style, outside the club house at Upminster.

Saturday 22nd April was the Annual Dinner and Dance and an awards presentation. Congratulations to all the award winners, particularly Ryan Hodges who was awarded Club Person of the Year for all his hard work in devising and managing regular social events throughout the year, as well as managing and coaching one of the junior girl's sides.

On Sunday 30th April, we have the junior Awards celebration and party for parents and junior players. We now look forward to the summer league friendly competition.

Upminster Bowls Club

The season opened on Saturday 22nd April with a Mixed Drive. Taking part were 50+ bowlers. The Green played fairly well and it didn't rain! An enjoyable Pre-Season Social was held on the Friday evening, with 81 attending. The Men played their first match of the season today, Tuesday 25th April, winning on 3 rinks but losing heavily on one, therefore losing overall by one shot. Sadly, that will be the last game against Hutton Poplars as their Council maintained Green is closing at the end of this season.

HDSA/Broxhill Archers

Sadly the Archery London Youth Games had to be cancelled as there were no entries. Jack Robson our schools liaison officer is to be asked to help advertise archery in schools. We are hoping to go out in the field in May.

Hornchurch Cricket Club

The recent wet weather caused cancellations of the Sunday games on the 16th April against Hertford and Blackheath on the 23rd April and the Essex v Surrey ov 60 match on 25th April. However on Saturday 23rd April the 1st XI beat Rainham CC by 98 runs in the 1st round of the League Cup with Paul Murray and Adeel Malik both scoring 56 runs, Billy Gordon 48 runs making the majority of the total 221. Then George Griffiths, George Hawkins and Adeel each took 3 wickets. They now play Chingford CC at Harlow Lodge on Saturday 29th April. The 2nd XI also played away at Rainham and won by 5 wickets and therefore are away to Chingford on the 29th April. The 3rd XI start with a friendly at Cromer Road against Hornchurch Athletic. On Sunday 30th April are home again against Witham CC in the National Cup 1pm start.

The Hambro Foundation Essex League starts on Saturday 7th May with 1st XI H) Hadleigh & Thundersley. 2nd XI A) Gidea Park & Romford. 3rd XI A) Orsett & Thurrock. 4th XI H) Leigh-on-Sea. 5th XI H) Shenfield 5 XI. All 12.30 start

The youth section commence on Sunday 7th May with U13 V Harold Wood at Cromer Road. U15 V Harold Wood at Harrow Lodge. Both 9.30 start.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

There is a new What's On page in the Romford Recorder with an accompanying Events Calendar. Clubs are invited to follow the on line link on the website and complete details of forthcoming events. The contact at the Romford Recorder for this is Philippa Cave Philippa.Cave@newsquest.co.uk .

Jack Robson our Schools Liaison Officer has sent out details to all schools of the opportunity for football coaching at Dagenham and Redbridge F.C.

9. A.O.B.

Thank you to Pauline Collier for attending the Sports Council meetings for the last 6 years as Upminster Bowling Clubs representative and is standing down tonight. Welcome to Sandy Dron who takes over.

There will be a preview guided tour for members of the new sports Centre at Rainham just before it opens. Details to be advised shortly.

S Deane queried that one of their members of Havering Athletic Club was nominated for Senior Sports person of the year but it seems he might have been nominated for the wrong category in error. This will be clarified.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd May.