

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2023

Present:	M Wallace	D Keeley	D Ainsworth
J Hickie	Cllr V Persaud	K Heilbrunn	S Deane
D Wiltshire	D Shewring	R Cook	

The meeting opened by beginning with a minutes silence to remember Cllr Linda Hawthorn who recently passed away. She was the nominated council representative to the Sports Council for many years and rarely missed a meeting. She will be sadly missed.

1. Apologies for absence

J West MBE, K Hamilton-Goddard, G Goddard, D Braiden, L Gaskin, K Nutt and J Watson.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

There is one correction to the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April which is on page 2, Hornchurch Cricket Clubs report line 5 Harlow Lodge, has been corrected to Harrow Lodge.

The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by D Wiltshire.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

The new events page and on line calendar of events in the Romford Recorder is working well and D Keeley Havering 90 Joggers has confirmed that it has been successfully used by his club.

4. Correspondence

D Ainsworth has reported that Tom Goldsmith will be arranging a tour of the new Rainham Leisure Centre and Cllr V Persaud has requested a place on the tour. Details to be confirmed.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

No change in membership numbers and nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

There is no change in current balances.

7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering Athletic Club

The summer track & field season is in full swing. The Eastern Young Athletes League team won their opening fixture and were second at their second fixture and are lying third in the 25 team table. The Youth Development League u17/U20 team were second in their first fixture and the U13/U15 YDL team were fourth in their southern Premier fixture. The senior Southern Athletic League team started their campaign with a home win at Hornchurch Stadium on Saturday.

The two day Essex Championships at Thurrock on 13th/14th May saw club athletes win 52 medals, 28 of them gold and there were two club records. Ruby Tillson equalled the club U17W high jump record of 1.73m set by Linda Knowles (Hornchurch Harriers) when competing for GB in the European Championships in Belgrade in September 1962 while Summer Smith broke the U13G 1500m record dating back to 2000. The previous week at the YDL meeting saw two more records fall: London Mini Marathon winner Freddie Rowe took five seconds of the club U15B 1500m record and Zak Williams broke the club U15B pole vault record.

Finally, two club members gained international honours at the Loughborough International on Sunday. Kieran O'Hara competed for the England team in the para 1500m, finishing second in a new season's best, while Stephanie Okoro represented GB U20 team in the 4x400m relay team which won bronze. Steph also improved her season's best in a guest 400m hurdles race and Tom Pitkin and Jacob Blanc also contested the men's guest 400m hurdles races, both placing second.

Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

11 runners competed in the Green belt relay running 220 miles over 2 days. A second 10 week learn to run course has started and we are competing in the ELVIS – East London five Interclub Series.

Upmminster Hockey Club

The successes of our junior players continues with two of our young players receiving County recognition. Congratulations to Niamh Goss, Essex County Hockey under 15's, Player of the Year and Ethan Berry, Essex County Hockey under 14's, Player of the Year.

It has been a tremendous season for all of our junior players who won gold in all age groups, both boys and girls in the Essex Junior Finals Tournament.

We held our junior awards celebration party on Sunday 13th April which was an all-day event due to the high numbers of players and parents attending. A brilliant day. Well done all.

At our AGM, which was held on the 4th May, it was agreed to extend the junior programme to include an extra training evening to cope with the extra young players wishing to play hockey. We also decided to add two more adult teams, making seven ladies and six men's in order to accommodate the juniors who are progressing to adult hockey.

The summer friendly league has commenced and all is set for what, we expect to be, an exciting and successful 23/24 season.

LBH Sports development

London Youth Games in full swing – entering various squads prior to deadlines. Cricket teams both got to Lords final.

May Half term activities – published on website and available for bookings.

Weekly sessions occurring with good numbers across all sessions.

Rainham LC – all on track for a July opening.

June/July – busy with school sports days and Quad kids events at Hornchurch Stadium.

Everyone Active

New weight management courses have begun and funding is being obtained for future courses.

HDSA/Broxhill Archers

A health and safety inspection was recently carried out at our premises. We are looking forward to our annual fun day out on 29th July at King Johns School Benfleet.

Hornchurch Cricket Club

On Saturday 29th April the 1st XI entertained Chingford in the second round of the League Cup at Harrow Lodge Park. All other games were cancelled due to recent wet weather.

On Saturday 6th May The start of the League season only our 5XI started against Shenfield 4XI ending at 33-2 after 11 overs when rain intervened.

Saturday 13th May at home to Wanstead CC the 1st XI batting first making 251-4 in 50 overs with George Hankin making 112 not out. Then skittled the opposition for 128 in 33 overs with A George 3- 29, Billy Gordon 3-34 and George Hankin 2-5.

The 4th XI suffered a heavy defeat away at Orsett & Thurrock by 9 wickets.

Again the 2nd/3rd XI cancelled due to wet conditions however the 5th XI played a friendly away against West Mersea 3rd XI winning by 152 runs.

Saturday 20th May – 1st XI beat Hutton by 211 runs with Vijay scoring 118 runs and Adeel Malik 4-15, A George 3-15.

2nd XI won by 4 wickets against Hutton CC

3rd XI won by 6 wickets against Billericay CC

4th XI lost by 6 wickets against Leigh on Sea CC

5th XI lost by 3 wickets against Horndon on the Hill CC.

On May 29th Bank Holiday T20 qualifying at Harrow Lodge v Belhus CC with the winners taking on Hutton CC or Chingford CC.

Tuesday May 30th Essex Ov 60s v Sussex CC 13.00 start.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

Morrison's in Dagenham are giving away free Romford Recorders. Dagenham and Redbridge FC are giving away the Barking and Dagenham Post.

The parliamentary tour is scheduled for the afternoon of the 23rd June. D Ainsworth is to confirm all is arranged. M Wallace asked if it would be an idea to open membership of the Havering Sports Council to Clubs from Barking and Dagenham after their Sports Council unfortunately had to close. This will be looked into.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr V Persaud queried how Everyone Active would receive their next funding for Health and Weight Management courses and K Heilbrunn assured her that it is all done and received at a National Level from Public Health Funding.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 8pm.

