

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023

Present:	D Ainsworth	S Deane	D Wiltshire
J Watson	S Shewring	L Gaskin	K Heilbrunn
G Goddard	K Hamilton-Goddard	A Dron	K Nutt
J West MBE	M Wallace	R Cook	J Hickie
D Braiden	D Keeley		

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr V Persaud.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record after one correction in Hornchurch Cricket Clubs report. Line 5 should read Finalist European T10/10 Cup. The minutes were then proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by A Dron.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
All sponsors for the Sports Awards have been confirmed and invoices will be issued shortly.
4. **Correspondence**
A query was received from T Benton- Havering Athletic Club regarding the criteria for the nominees for Sports Awards and S Deane has responded with the information. All nominees must either live in Havering or attend a Club based in Havering except the Peter Bruce Lifetime Achievement Award which requires a minimum of 15 years of serving the local Sporting Community and must be a Havering resident.
5. **Membership Secretary's Report**
We currently have 33 members and a reminder for renewal for next year is due to be sent out soon. We are currently working on a trial two-year free membership for all Clubs in the Borough with different levels of membership package with various benefits included such as courses on safeguarding and fibrillation. The email invites Clubs to rejoin for free but requests them to update contact details. J West M.B.E advised members to try to contact as many clubs in person as its easier to connect as opposed to an impersonal email.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer reported on current balances.
7. **Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**
Havering Athletic Club
The cross-country season is in full swing with three of the five Essex Cross Country League fixtures completed and championship fixtures now starting with the Essex Veterans event this Saturday. The club hosted a successful and well-attended Essex League fixture at Writtle University College at the start of the month – the first cross country fixture we've hosted for several years. The standout cross country performances so far have come from James Connor who won all three Essex League senior races and also the Eastern Championships, while Freddie Rowe (U15) and Summer Smith (U13) have also won their league races.
Rob Warner earned his second international vest when he represented the England M40 Masters at the recent Home Countries international in Glasgow. The Havering AC Under 15 boys trio of Findlay McLaren, Shea Sweeney and Freddie Rowe just missed out on a podium place, finishing fourth at the National Road Relays held at Sutton Park, Birmingham in October.
The club recently celebrated a successful summer season at our Track & Field Awards evening. As well as presenting three awards in each age group for best track, best field and team member, based on results in club competitions, overall best performance shields were presented to Stephanie Okoro & Peter Brinton-Quinn (U20-Masters), and Ruby Tillson & Findlay McLaren (U13-U17) for their achievements at regional, national and international levels. This weekend Ruby represents the English Schools team at the Indoor Pentathlon competition in Glasgow while Stephanie will be training in Loughborough with the GB Under 20 4x400m relay squad.
Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

There was a cross country event attended last Sunday with 41 members attending and we went up a division. On 2nd December we are holding a Christmas Canter event and there will be the usual parties at the end of our race season. We have gained lots of new members this year.

Upminster Hockey Club

The juniors are now moving up and joining the men's and ladies' teams. There are 2 training evenings a week and we are 2nd behind Broxbourne. Our Christmas social events are planned with the annual Boxing Day game on grass outside the Clubhouse.

Upminster Bowls Club

The A G M of the Essex County Bowling Association was held on Saturday 11th November 2023 at Falcon Bowling Club.

Following a minutes' silence for those bowlers who had passed away during the past year, the report of the County Secretary was duly adopted. The County Treasurer distributed the examined accounts for the year

ended

30th September 2023 & after answering various queries they were duly adopted.

Various other reports were read or advised by the officers concerned & duly adopted. There was then a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

David Starkey from South Benfleet & Canvey Island B C was duly appointed as County President for the 2024 season, Paul la Plain from Essex County Bowling Club became Senior Deputy President & Richard Strauss from Liberty of Havering Bowling Club was elected as Junior Deputy President. All other officers of the Association were duly appointed.

Various clubs raised matters including the actions of Bowls England proposing to change the formats of various competitions but Tony Ellis the counties delegate to Bowls England stated that if the winners of the county competitions wished to proceed to the national finals at Leamington, then the County must follow the rules as

laid

down by Bowls England, otherwise they would not be permitted to play. Also, there were comments made regarding the increase in the Bowls England affiliation fees increase to £7.00 per member which the County has no control over but are required to collect on behalf of Bowls England.

Finally, the incoming president was presented with his badge of office & collar.

LBH Sports development

Disappointed to see YLG cross country cancelled at last minute. 70 young people from Havering were selected and will be hoping it is rearranged. Will know within the next 2 weeks.

Christmas HAF programs organized for events at Havering Mind, Oxygen and Sapphire Ice & Leisure for those families eligible for free school meals.

Christmas Tea Dance tickets now on sale and will be a lovely event with lots of Xmas cheer.

WH Kicks project to begin at Drapers School in January.

Dance fitness classes organized for a 5-week pilot in January at Sacred Heart School.

Everyone Active

There is a new wellness membership being introduced. It sits above all other membership packages and offers Access to GPs with phone appointments and prescriptions available. Guest passes, 14 days booking and

access

to all the sites in Havering are included.

HDSA/Broxhill Archers

Our annual Jack Frost winter series starts on the 3rd December and we are holding our Christmas novelty shoot on the 10th December. We have received a donation of archery equipment from a Mr. and Mrs. Harding a former archery judge.

Hornchurch Cricket Club

The Club presentation evening was held at Cranham Golf Club on Friday 10th November with Chairman Jeremy West M.B.E. handing out the trophies.

George Hankins won the Robertson Cup for 1st XI fielding and the Cander cup for 1st XI batting.

Adeel Malik won the Mitchell Cup – 1st XI bowling. He also took the most wickets in the Hambro Foundation Essex League Premier Division.

Freddie Barnacle won the Hembrey 2nd XI bowling cup and also the Hickinbottom Cup for the most improved player.

13-year-old Billy Whitlock won the Balmford Cup – 5th XI bowling Cup and also the Ede Trophy- Colt of the Year.

Billy Gordon won the Stuart Cup for Sunday Best Player.

During the evening a short film was shown thanking the Club for raising over £2000.00 for Oddballs Prostate Cancer Fund raised over the August Bank Holiday Event.

Over 9 million people watched Hornchurch on television in the European T10 competition in Spain.

On Friday 24th November members of the Club switched on the Christmas lights in Hornchurch town centre.

Havering Tri

Whilst Havering Tri has seen increased participation in events this year, the numbers attending the training sessions we offer has decreased significantly.

Several factors – COVID, working from home, family pressures, costs etc. are probably to blame (most sessions are evenings and members can now train during the day) We also lost a lot of members at the end of 2022 and expect to lose more when renewals are due at the end of this year

We held our AGM last weekend and it was agreed that we would continue into 2024 with a fresh approach and supporting our core remaining members which is positive as we feared the long-term sustainability of the Club. Having said that, we have had members represent GB this year and 1 member qualified for the men's Ironman World Championships in Nice, France.

Long- time friend and supporter of the Club, Lucy Charles Barclay, was finally successful in winning the female Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii at the 5 time of asking (she has been 2nd 4 times) and beating probably the strongest field of competitors ever assembled for the Championship. She has since appeared in numerous national TV and radio interviews and may get shortlisted for the BBC SPOY which is great promotion for the sport.

K.A.S.

It has been a busy year but closing for Christmas soon.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

The annual Sports Awards have been well publicized in all the local media and award nominations have started coming in earlier than usual.

9. Sports Awards

The Sports Awards will be held on Monday 5th February 2024 at Upminster Golf Club.

M Wallace has contacted all the sponsors and invoices dated 1st December 2023 will be issued shortly. D Ainsworth, S Deane and M Wallace are to collect the trophies and bring to the January meeting. Closing date for entries are the second Monday in January. This year 8th January 2024. The buffet is to remain at 60 and a 4 ball raffle prize has already been donated.

10. The AGM

We have a guest speaker booked which is Cllr Gillian Ford but the date may need to change from the 4th Tuesday in February. Details TBC

11. A.O.B.

Potential rent increases for pitch hire etc. was discussed. D Braiden advised that James Rose Parks Division is the person to contact. Bowls Clubs have done a deal already and tennis is under discussion at some parks.

Parking charges for local parks may be introduced and in areas such as Harold Wood Park this could impact local residents pushing the cars into surrounding streets.

There is currently a public consultation taking place by Havering Council asking residents to make choices on services etc.

Hornchurch Athletic Club are soon going to need a new track as it is worn out. There is an inspection by Track Mark due next year and if it doesn't pass it cannot be used for training and competitions. S Deane invited members to submit comments to the council to support their application.

HDSA/Broxhill Archers have recently had 2 new junior members but would really like more. It was suggested advertising on social media.

Everyone Active has now taken over running the Olympic Park Swimming Pool.

Bowling Clubs have used a private firm for maintenance instead of the council, to save funds and if the fees for renting continues to rise sadly it will mean some Clubs will have to amalgamate or close altogether.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

