

## MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Present:	G Goddard	J Hickie	D Shewring
K Heilbrunn	D Braiden	C White	

The meeting opened with a minute's silence to remember a stalwart Sports Council member Helen Tegg who sadly passed away recently at the age of 97. During over 2 decades of active participation, Helen rarely missed meetings and functions. She stood for Havering Council in St. Andrew's Ward in 1998, failing by only 15 votes on becoming a Councillor. An obituary notice was recently published in the Romford Recorder

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from R Cook, M Wallace, D Ainsworth, K Hamilton- Goddard, A and D Drew.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the previous meeting needed one correction to the Hornchurch Cricket Club report. Six lines from the end should read 7.4 overs not 74 hours.  
The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record and were proposed by G Goddard and seconded by D Shewring.
- 3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**  
C White and D Keeley are still to have their hand over meeting.  
There has been no correspondence or update regarding the Sports development at Baldwins Farm, Upminster.
- 4. Correspondence**  
None received.
- 5. Membership Secretary's Report**  
No change in current membership.
- 6. Treasurer's Report**  
No change in current balances.
- 7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**  
**LBH Sports development**
  - Tea Dance and Walks continue with over 50 people at each event. Walks are 5 days a week and Tea Dance once a week.
  - Planning for May half term and summer activities underway after a successful Easter program of activities. A combination of HAF funded activities as well as Sports Development sessions across the Borough.
  - Pilot Henry program funded by public health gathering momentum now with Taslima setting up training and courses. School nurses are referring more and more young people and their families. The findings of the Pilot will hopefully ensure this work is embedded in the core offer. Claire in PH is currently working on extending this Pilot for a further year to ensure outcomes are established before any long-term decision on the program.
  - London Youth Games Cricket took place at Harrow Leisure Centre with the boys and girl's teams both doing well. The girls made the finals at Lords for the second year running. A great effort.
  - Our Boccia team came 5th overall which is another fantastic result.
  - London Youth Games trampoline team won Gold at their event which is great news for Havering. A wonderful follow up to our Cricket & Boccia success. After 4 events we are currently 3<sup>rd</sup> position out of the 33 London Boroughs.
  - Basketball trials and netball trials are this week with over 65 young people signed up for these to try and make the team to represent Havering.
  - 34 young people travelled to London on Saturday past to represent Havering in the Mini Marathon. Not only was the behaviour exemplary the results were magnificent. A credit to Havering. For pics and results visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaveringActive> or <https://www.haveringactive.co.uk/index.php/news>  
**Havering Tri**  
3 members competed and completed the London Marathon last Sunday. 2 were running for charity.  
**K.A.S.**  
Open water swimming starts again this weekend at Grange Waters Lake.  
**Everyone Active**  
128 children took part this Easter Holidays in funded skate sessions. A new weight management programme commences in May.

Harrow Lodge Sports Centre has recently been nominated for Large Sports Centre of the year and K Heilbrunn has been nominated for Activity manager of the year. Both of these are at a National Level.

#### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

Unfortunately, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI away games on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April did not go ahead due to recent weather conditions, however the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI played at Harrow Lodge Park on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Batting first scoring 217-9 in 40 overs with Marc Whitlock top scoring with 45. Harlow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were dismissed for 168 in 38.4 overs with 14-year-old Billy Whitlock taking 4-22, Abhimanyu Sharma 3-32 and Freddie Barnacle 2-32 being the wicket takers.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April the 1<sup>st</sup> XI is at home to Orsett & Thurrock CC in the Hambro Foundation League Cup with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI away to them.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April the 1<sup>st</sup> XI entertains Waltham CC in the 1<sup>st</sup> round National Cup starting at 13.00 hours.

The League programme commences on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May with Hornchurch fielding five teams at various levels.

#### **8. A.O.B**

a. C White asked D Braiden for an update regarding the Bretons Sports development. It is the same plan as before Covid and is being put to cabinet soon. There is an issue with ongoing serious anti-social behaviour at the site which needs to be addressed and a multi-agency plan to improve the situation is needed.

b. **Hornchurch Football Club** are convincing Isthmian Premier League Champions so are promoted to the National League South.

c. **Romford Football Club** have reached the FA Vase cup final (a competition which replaced a now defunct FA Amateur Cup) from 527 entries. In an all-Essex final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> they'll play Great Wakering Rovers. It'll be Romford's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wembley appearance, the last was the 1949 FA Amateur Cup when losing 1-0 to Bromley. There's a direct link to Wembley Stadium ticket office on Romford Football Club's website

d. HSC Chairman M Wallace is going to send congratulation letters via email, assisted by D Braiden to all 34

young people who represented Havering in the London Mini marathon.

e. D Braiden has been approached by a lady who is interested in sponsoring an award for 'Elite Level' veterans of sport in Havering. This would be presented as part of the usual annual Sports Awards in February. More details are to follow.

f. Hornchurch Cricket Club have recently held a big celebration for becoming T10 European Champions 2024.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Hornchurch Cricket Pavilion 8pm.