

**MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Present:	J West M.B.E.	M Wallace	G Goddard
K Hamilton-Goddard	Cllr V Persaud	R Cook	D Shewring
D Ainsworth	K Heilbrunn	J Hickie	K Nutt
C White			

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from D Braiden, D Keeley, D and A Drew.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were proposed by D Shewring and seconded by K Heilbrunn.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**  
Romford Football Club were finalists in the FA Vase Cup defeating Great Wakering Rovers 3-0. M Wallace thanked D Ainsworth for emailing everyone about this historic event held at Wembley.  
M Wallace has sent a letter of congratulations via email to all 34 young people who represented Havering in the London Mini Marathon. D Ainsworth noted that this year the event was again held on the Saturday but it was filmed and slotted into the televised showing of the main Sunday event.
4. **Correspondence** An email has been received from a new individual member requesting a grant to help with training and setting up a football club. More information on this venture has been requested.
5. **Membership Secretary's Report**  
We now have an increased number of clubs and individual members, from 36 to 43. Two new clubs are Romford Colts F.C and This must be the Pace, a walking football club.
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
The treasurer's report is unavailable.
7. **Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**

**Havering Athletic Club**

The summer season is in full swing with club & individual competitions every weekend. Most club teams have started the season strongly with the Eastern Young Athletes team winning both their first two fixtures, the Youth Development League u17/20 squad top the Division 1 table after a second place in the first fixture and a win at Brighton on Sunday which sets them up for promotion to the Southern Premier League, while the Southern League team started with a big win in their first match. The Youth Development League U13/U15 team are improving after a difficult start in the Southern Premier Division and host the next round while the National Athletic League senior team are the last team to start this Saturday with their Championship season competition at Chelmsford.

There have been a series of club records starting with Lauren Reed's club marathon record at the London marathon clocking 2hrs 38 minutes 4 seconds, which saw her finish fifth female from the mass start - her time was the tenth fastest ever by a British woman aged 40-44. Joel Ajayi has twice improved the club U17 & U20 100m record, to head the UK rankings and has achieved a European U18 championships qualifying time. Ruby Tillson has improved her own club Under 20 & senior high jump record, Freddie Rowe has improved his club U17 men's 1500m record and twins Tobi & Timi Oluborode Oluseye set new Under 13 Boys' club records in the 75m sprint, and 150m events respectively.

Kieran O'Hara has been selected to represent the Great Britain team to compete at the Virtus European Athletics Championships in Uppsala, Sweden from the 11th to 16<sup>th</sup> June. The Championships are an elite level competition exclusively for athletes with intellectual impairment across classes, which includes athletes with intellectual disability (T20 – which Kieran competes in), Down syndrome and autism. Kieran will be competing in the 800m and 1500m events and the great news is that his coach at Havering, Pat Gahagan – who recently was honoured with a gift to celebrate his 50 years at the club - is one of the coaches supporting the 14 strong GB team at these games.

**Upminster Hockey Club**

We are currently in the middle of the closed season but recently held celebration matches to mark our Clubs 125<sup>th</sup> year. There were internal 7 aside senior and junior matches that ended with a party. We had players from the past 60 years for a reunion and we also held our annual dinner dance. We are getting ready for the next season and summer leagues are going on. We also have some members travelling to play at Brighton, some friendlies, indoor matches and plenty of junior members.

## **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> XI batting first against Orsett & Thurrock scored 227-6 with Lesbourne Edward and George Hankins both making 65 runs. In reply Orsett struggled to 124-9 in 34 overs before rain stopped play. Therefore, winning by 96 runs Duckworth Lewis System. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Orsett & Thurrock 177-7 in 40 overs with opener J Hartnett Hornchurch 98-7 in 28 overs when rain caused abandonment.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> XI beat Bentley by 7 wickets in the second round of the League Cup and now play Old Brentwoods CC on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Harrow Lodge.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> XI lost to Waltham by 7 wickets in the National Cup.

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> XI lost away by 25 runs away at Brentwood. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost by 14 runs to Chelmsford. 3<sup>rd</sup> XI tied with Frenford with Andy Robert scoring 105 runs. 4<sup>th</sup> XI lost to Chelmsford 5<sup>th</sup> XI by 70 runs.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

2<sup>nd</sup> XI beat Bentley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI by 8 wickets.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> XI won at Buckhurst Hill by 67 runs with Gavin Griffiths taking 5-23. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost at home to Billericay by 4 wickets.

3<sup>rd</sup> XI lost at Upminster by 6 wickets. 4<sup>th</sup> XI won at home to Upminster 6<sup>th</sup> XI by 10 wickets. 5<sup>th</sup> XI lost to Redbridge 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by 39 runs.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

2<sup>nd</sup> XI beat St. Johns Billericay by 102 runs

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> XI beat Chingford by 79 runs at Harrow Lodge. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won at Chingford by 48 runs. 3<sup>rd</sup> XI beat Hutton by 1 run. 4<sup>th</sup> XI beat Billericay by 9 wickets. 5<sup>th</sup> XI lost to Barking 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by 144 runs. 6<sup>th</sup> XI beat Upminster 8<sup>th</sup> XI by 4 wickets.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

2<sup>nd</sup> XI beat Old Fallopians by 6 wickets.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Won T20 games against Gidea Park & Romford and Chingford at Castle Park, Colchester and now qualify for the finals at Billericay on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Havering Triathlon**

HTC members attended the Outlaw Middle Distance Triathlon at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. 21 members raced to decide our Middle-Distance Championship Shield. Later in the season we will complete our standard and sprint distance club championships. Meantime, our membership numbers are slowly increasing which is positive with new joiners keen to learn all about swim/bike/run.

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

Nothing to report.

### **9. A.O.B.**

D Ainsworth asked a question about the rule regarding nominees for the Sports Awards. It was voted in the past that no one can be nominated more than 3 years in a row but the query was that if they were deserving to win then they should be nominated and be able to win. Can we now abolish this 3-year rule which is for individuals only as schools are team's and usually have different members each year? This will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

It was also requested about increasing the amount of the bursary to gain more interest in applying. This will also be on the agenda of a future committee meeting.

### **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm. Meeting closed 8.50pm.