

**MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**

Present:	G Goddard	C White	D Ainsworth
J Hickie	Cllr V Persaud	S Deane	A W Dron
D N Shewring	G Webb	R Cook	D Braiden
K Nutt	K Hamilton- Goddard	B Molyneaux	M Lipson
K Heilbrunn	D Keeley		

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from M Wallace, 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 Ainsworth and seconded by R Cook.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**  
An invitation to be guest speaker at our AGM in February has been given to Julia Lopez MP for Hornchurch and Upminster and she has accepted. Julia is currently Shadow MP for Culture, Media and Sports. She is also hoping to attend our Annual Awards Night in February.  
An award is currently without a sponsor as sadly D Breeding passed away. His wife M Breeding posthumously sponsored last years award on his behalf but has now moved out of the area. After a short discussion on whether the Sports Council itself would fill the sponsorship funds, Kay Hamilton Goddard of K.A.S Swim School offered to take over and this offer was accepted. Currently all other sponsors are still continuing.  
The website needs updating as some clubs are still listed that are no longer active. D Keeley said he will make any changes required when informed.  
A test form for on line award nominations has been sent to those that receive nominations and seems to working. There is a template for sending answers to the nominees.  
Details will be released on 1<sup>st</sup> November and released to local media. Entries close 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. A request will be made at Novembers meeting for volunteers to collect Trophies from who ever they may be nearest to. All trophies should be collected by January. This should be added to the November agenda.  
Six special guests in all are invited to the awards night. The Mayor and Mayoress, Keith Prince - London Assembly member, Cllr G Ford – Deputy leader of havering council and cabinet member for adults and health and all local MP's.
4. **Correspondence**  
There has been an invitation received from Ben Silver at New City College, Hackney Campus for anyone who wants to attend a Sports Employer Engagement meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November.  
A Rosindell MP has offered to present every organization in Havering with a photo of King Charles III and intends to bring ours to the Awards Night in February 2025.
5. **Membership Secretary's Report**  
We currently have 49 members including individual membership. It has increased from 34 so going the right way. The membership mojo app allows us to have 50 members for free use of the service but now we have more members we need to pay £50 to have up to 100 members stored. K Hamilton Goddard has paid this and HSC will reimburse her in due course.
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer reported on current balances.  
It is noted that there are still ongoing problems with the bank updating the new Treasurer as a signatory.
7. **Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**  
**Havering Athletic Club**  
The cross-country season is underway with club athletes well represented at the first Essex Cross Country League and Essex Cross Country Relays.  
Around 70 club athletes competed at the first Essex League at Hainault with five teams placing second and two others finishing third for a good start to the season.  
The Essex Relays at Weald Park saw around 60 club athletes in action with teams coming away with two medals: the M40 team won gold, with James Connor running the fastest senior leg of the day and the U17 men's team won silver, with Freddie Rowe clocking the second fastest time in the junior races.  
James Connor has been selected to represent the England Masters team at the Masters Home Countries International in Belfast on 16th November after his recent M40 age group win in the England Masters Cross Country trials in Crewe.  
James Connor and Kate O'Neill represented Essex at the Eastern Inter Counties 10k road event held as part of the Cambridge Town & Gown Race with James in third place overall while Kate marked her 10k road debut with a 35:18 clocking which won her the Inter Counties race.

### **Upminster Hockey Club**

Lots of training took place over the summer months. We have 13 teams that are doing well and 5 not so well but are improving. We have a good number of junior members but a shortage of under 6's. The Club has held quite a few social events that members enjoyed.

### **Upminster Bowls Club**

Since my last report in September the outdoor bowling season for 2024 has now come to an end with all the outdoor greens closed. Winter maintenance work is being undertaken so that in April 2025 the greens will be ready for the outdoor season.

### **LBH Sports development**

London Youth Games Cross Country teams are being selected for an event at Parliament Hill on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Latin & Ballroom 30-week courses began in September with over 100 participants booked on across 4 sessions ranging from Beginners to Advanced.

Weekly sessions ongoing with Zumba, Yoga, walks and tea dance for adults as well as athletics, football and para activities for young people.

Hornchurch Stadium track being resurfaced in summer next year as part of track mark responsibilities. All school bookings will be cancelled for the year but they have been notified and are making alternative arrangements.

### **Everyone Active**

All four centres are busy. There are free weight management programmes available at all as well as various other health programmes.

Free children's swim sessions in holidays, some quiet swim sessions, over 50's, disability and women's swimming.

### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

The Club presentation evening is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Cranham Golf Club.

In the European T10 Cup 2025 we are in group B together with Northern CC winners of the English T20: 2024.

### **Romford Rifle and Pistol Club**

The final results of the national summer leagues were announced this month. Romford won the national veterans, over 60's, long range title and were 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 1 of the short-range league.

There were also numerous 1<sup>sts</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place successes in individual national leagues in various shooting disciplines which included small bore prone rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and small-bore pistol.

### **Havering Cormorants**

Our membership is now up to 75 which is the highest since 2014. We get 45 mins extra pool time a week and we have some exciting competitions coming up.

### **Havering Tri**

We have our annual awards night at Monty's in Hornchurch on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

One of our members will be at the World Championship at Nice

### **K.A.S.**

All swim classes are going well and will continue until the Christmas shut down.

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

The Romford Recorder no longer has a dedicated sports reporter. Leanna Little is the correspondent for the Havering Daily. The on line Yellow Advertise cover West Ham United very well.

We need to find out the log in details for our Sports Council Face Book Page.

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

Cllr V Persaud informed the Sports Council that there is now only the one councilor dedicated to the Havering Sports Council and they are no longer appointed so anyone can volunteer to go on the list.

S Dron queried whether the results of the bowls survey were ready and D Braiden will find out when the results will be published. He will also contact the parks department about changing the weathered flag at Harrow Lodge Park.

G Webb queried the ways that Havering Sports Council promotes itself. Should we have a logo that member clubs could use on their literature and websites showing they belong.

Our leaflets need updating and we could put an advert in the Havering Living magazine. The Havering Living magazine is happy to publish any sporting events in the Borough email to [living@havering.gov.uk](mailto:living@havering.gov.uk)

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

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Hornchurch Cricket Pavilion.

