

Minutes of WHSPAA Annual General Meeting held on 1 August 2017 followed by a presentation on 'Make Sport Fun - How to engage Inactive People'

Present:

John Ainsworth	Make Sport Fun
Dave Bartlett	WHSPAA Vice President
Gill Bartlett	Comets Junior Badminton
Cllr. Darren Bennett	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Richard Bloom	Herts Phoenix Athletic Club
Karol Butrimas-Gair	Finesse Leisure
David Grant	Wise Choice Solutions
Nigel Farren	Welwyn Garden City resident
Rhian Hollyer	WHSPAA Chair
Kimberly Hoptroff	WGC Hockey Club
Charlie Honour	WGC Hockey Club
Courtenay Moseley	Hertsmere Borough Council
Ian Robinson	Badminton Coach
Charlotte Stanton	Hertsmere Borough Council
Lester Vaughan	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Rebecca White	Sports Development Officer, UoH
Kumiko Yokouchi	WSPAA Volunteer

Apologies:

Alex Bedford	Finesse Leisure
Imran Dawood	Spins Table Tennis Academy
Carmen Dillon	Welwyn Hatfield CVS
Richard Hill	Activate
Doug King	WHSPAA Treasurer
Cllr Tony Kingsbury	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Matt Rayner	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Tony Shaw	Herts County Athletics Network
Jon Tiley	Welwyn Lacrosse Club
Andrew Walker	Spins Table Tennis Academy
Thamal Udamulla	Spins Table Tennis Academy

1. Welcome and introductions

Rhian Hollyer, WHSPAA Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Minutes of previous AGM held on the 12 May 2016

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 12 May 2016 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

3. Financial statement and Audited Accounts

The WHSPAA finances (attached) were reported as being in a healthy state and in good order.

4. Election of New Officers

The out-going WHSPAA Chair, Rhian Hollyer, announced that she was not standing for re-election. Cllr. Darren Bennett, on behalf of the WHSPAA Management Group, thanked Rhian for her work as Chair over the last year.

Election of Chair

There was one nomination for Chair, Nigel Farren, seconded by Michel Siewnick.

Cllr. Darren Bennett stated that he wished to abstain from voting due to concern about a possible conflict of interest as Nigel is a Board Member of Finesse Leisure who run the Council's Leisure facilities.

Nigel stated that he had previously checked with the Finesse Board, as well as with East Herts District Council for which he manages the Forever Active East Herts project and neither body see a conflict of interest.

Nigel Farren was duly elected as the new Chair of WHSPAA.

Election of Vice-Chair

There was one nomination for Vice-Chair, David Bartlett. This was seconded by Nigel Farren and David Bartlett was duly elected as Vice-Chair.

Treasurer

Doug King, the current WHSPAA Treasurer, had previously agreed to continue in this role for another year in the absence of any other nomination. This was seconded by Dave Bartlett and with no other nominations for the role Doug was duly elected as Treasurer.

Chair of Activate

Richard Hill, the current Activate Chair, had previously agreed to continue in this role for another year. This was seconded by Dave Bartlett and with no other nominations Richard Hill was duly elected as the Chair of Activate.

5. Discussion on the future of WHSPAA

There followed a discussion on the options on what WHSPAA should look like going forward.

It was noted that the Council's Housing and Communities department no longer had the resource to continue to support the work of WHSPAA in the way it did.

There are over 160 clubs in Welwyn Hatfield and they have to take more responsibility for WHSPAA and support it more if it is to continue.

Nigel Farren highlighted the importance of the Council's role in improving resident's health and wellbeing and the need to encourage inactive people to engage in sport and physical activity. Nigel would therefore like the Council's Public Health and Culture and Leisure services involved in WHSPAA going forward.

In this context, Nigel Farren agreed to draw up a proposal to take WHSPAA forward and highlighted opportunities for funding not open to the Council. For example, a social enterprise could be created that was able to secure social investment. Nigel has previous experience of this and in East Herts, he manages a project that has over £200,000 of non-council funding. The proposal would be ready in October and Nigel will call a meeting to discuss in November.

A presentation then followed on 'Make Sport Fun - How to engage Inactive People' - by John Ainsworth (attached)