



**Minutes of WHSPAA Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2018, followed by an HSP Presentation on 'Current Opportunities for Sports Clubs and Organisations in Welwyn Hatfield'.**

**Present:**

Dave Bartlett	WHSPAA Vice President
Richard Bloom	Herts Phoenix Athletic Club
John Brown	Welwyn & Hatfield District Bowls
Nigel Farren	WHSPAA Chair
Charlie Mann	HSP Project Officer
Sarah Scotland	
Jon Tiley	Welwyn Lacrosse Club
Lester Vaughan	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

**Apologies:**

Gill Bartlett, Comets Junior Badminton Club  
Lorraine Ellis, WHSPAA  
Richard Hill, WHSPAA Activate  
Matt Rayner, WH BC  
Ian Robinson, Hatfield Lesiure Centre Badminton  
Clare Rush, Jazzercise  
Kumiko Yokouchi, WHSPAA Project Manager and Social Media Assistant

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Nigel Farren, WHSPAA Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 1 August 2017**

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed as an accurate record.

There were no matters arising.

**3. Financial statement and Audited Accounts**

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, WHSPAA had a balance of £2,121.43 while Activate had a balance of £16,078.79

Post Meeting Note: £ 10864 of the Activate fund is to be paid to Herts Disability Sports Hub (Ros Cramp)

This highlighted the need for WHSPAA to find funding sources for the future.

Some discussion followed around funding.

#### **4. Election of Officers**

##### Election of Chair

The out-going WHSPAA Chair, Nigel Farren, was not standing for re-election.

There was one nomination for Chair, Sarah Scotland. This was seconded by Richard Bloom and Sarah Scotland was duly elected as the new Chair of WHSPAA.

##### Election of Vice-Chair

There was one nomination for Vice-Chair, David Bartlett, who was standing for re-election. This was seconded by John Brown and David Bartlett was duly elected as Vice-Chair.

##### Treasurer

The out-going Treasurer, Doug King, was not standing for re-election.

There was one nomination for Treasurer, Lorraine Ellis. This was seconded by Jon Tiley and Lorraine Ellis 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 Jon Tiley and, with no other nominations, Richard Hill was duly elected as the Chair of Activate.

Nigel Farren, the out-going Chair, stated that as the bulk of sports clubs are disengaged from WHSPAA, one of the challenges going forward is how to engage clubs and what they want from WHSPAA. The other main challenges are finding funding and volunteers.

##### Vice-Chairman's Annual Report

Copies of the report were circulated.

In addition, it was noted that, following the recent local council elections, Councillor Terry Mitchinson, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, now has responsibility for sports. There will no longer be a Member Champion for Sport. The committee wished to thank Daren Bennett, WH BC Sports Champion, for his very useful support over many years

Some discussion followed around engaging women in Sport and the 'This Girl Can' Campaign.

Sarah Scotland, the new WHSPAA Chair, introduced herself.

Sarah is a nutritionist and also has a background in marketing. Sarah would like to promote sports to people who would not normally engage in sport, especially family events.

Targeted advertising on social media e.g. Facebook, was highlighted as a cost effective way of promoting sports. If any club is interested in doing this, they should contact Sarah Scotland by emailing: [scl\\_scotland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:scl_scotland@yahoo.co.uk) Charlie Mann said that HSP's Shelley Woods ([s.woods4@herts.ac.uk](mailto:s.woods4@herts.ac.uk)) can provide support on targeted Facebook use.

Social media can also be used to encourage volunteering, training and coaching as many clubs struggle with getting enough volunteers.

Charlie Mann, Project Officer, HSP.

Coaches Education week – Feb half term. HSP offer block week variety of training courses to try and raise the level of coaching throughout Hertfordshire.

### **Presentation**

A presentation followed on 'Current Opportunities for Sports Clubs and Organisations in Welwyn Hatfield' – by Charlie Mann, Clubs Project Officer, Herts Sports Partnership.

Charlie's role is mainly around club development and liaison with National Governing Bodies e.g. for football, rugby and badminton. Also developing satellite clubs, bringing sports to disadvantaged groups.

Charlie is employed by HSP to help clubs develop and thrive. Many clubs work in isolation so the big challenge is to let clubs know what support is available to them. Tasked with coming up with a club support/development package/helpful guide. Look to run 10 club forums across the County and try to give clubs support e.g. how to write funding bids, how to attract volunteers, advice on safeguarding and GDPR.