

Minutes of Full WHSPAA Meeting held on 25.02.16

Present:

Andrew Anastasiou	CHILD UK
Dave Bartlett	Chair, WHSPAA
Gill Bartlett	Comets Badminton
Alex Bedford	Finesse Leisure
Richard Bloom	Herts Phoenix Athletics Club
Kim Collins	CHILD UK
Gary Connell	Ultimate Football
Terry Densham	Sportsfun4life
Daz Drake	Athletic Performance Academy
David Grant	Vice Chair, WHSPAA
Pauline Mowbray	Hatfield Netball Club
John O'Callaghan	Sports Development Manager, Herts Sports Partnership
Mike Poole	Welwyn & District Bowls Club
Matt Rayner	WHBC Community Partnership Manager
Sharon Rolland	Hatfield Netball Club
Jon Tiley	Welwyn Lacrosse Club
Thamal Udamulla	Spins Table Tennis Academy
Lester Vaughan	Partnerships Officer (Minute Taker)
Matt Willcocks	Gosling Sports Park
Rebecca White	University of Hertfordshire
Ireneusz Zareba	I Liq Chuan Martial Arts Awareness Academy

Apologies:

Cllr. Darren Bennett	Member Champion for Sport, WHBC
Rhian Crawford	Sports Project Manager, Herts Sports Partnership
Jason Grocock	Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council
Doug King	WHSPAA Treasurer (WGC Bowls Club)
Michal Siewniak	Councillor, WHBC

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.09.15 were agreed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

.1 Chairman's report incorporating the WHSPAA Plan for 2015-16

As agreed at the previous WHSPAA meeting in September the format of the meetings has changed.

1. The position of WHSPAA Chair: Dave Bartlett, the incumbent Chair of WHSPAA, reiterated that he would be standing down at the AGM on the 12th of May 2016. Dave summarized the main duties of the Chair's role and stated that the position would be advertised widely. This would include an advert in the Welwyn Hatfield Times and personal approaches to potential candidates.
 - a. Anyone interested in becoming Chair or finding out more about the role should contact Dave.
2. Community Sports Networks: these are a good model for local sport networking and development with WHSPAA being particularly strong. However, Dave has found funding an increasing concern.
3. WHSPAA finances: reported to be healthy but low. The two SE grants had been completely spent. There had been agreement to spend the funding from the Welwyn Hatfield Community Fund to upgrade the website and contribute towards WHSPAA meetings.
4. WHSPAA website: need to re-register clubs on our new website as many don't exist anymore or their details are out of date.
5. Sports Award nominations: slightly lower this year than in previous years.
6. WHSPAA Projects: Our Sport England funded projects have completed and have made a substantial impact. 'Simply Amazing Welwyn Hatfield', a £250,000 project which WHSPAA supports, was formally launched on the 5th of February 2016.
7. Olympics Year: email Dave or see form on the WHSPAA website if you have any events planned as these can be rebranded under the Olympics.
8. The Government's new sports strategy 'Sporting Future – A New Strategy for an Active Nation' was released in December 2015.
9. Copies of the WHSPAA Plan for 2015-16 were circulated. Still looking for funding for activities.
10. AGM on 12th of May 2016

.2 WH BC Community Partnership, Manager (Matt Rayner) Report

1. Road-to-Rio: WHBC will be supporting the event on the 15th of July 2016 at Gosling Sports Park.
2. Herts Disability Hub: now in its 2nd year. Continues to grow in partnership with Gosling Sports Park and Finesse Leisure. The priorities are the sustainability of the project and the countywide links and partnerships.

3. Section 106 Funding: WHBC is working closely with WGC FC, Stanborough School and Welwyn Rugby Club on possible section 106 contributions to develop their sports offer
4. Cycling Tour: planning to take place in WGC in July 2016
5. Sports Awards: Awards ceremony on the 8th of March 2016 at Campus West
6. Women & Girls Sports Summit: the WHSPAA AGM on the 12th of May will host this and focus on engaging those who could be part of the Welwyn Hatfield 'This Girl Can Campaign' due to take place in October 2016.

.3 WH BC Sports Champion (Darren Bennett) Report

No report received due to illness

.4 Treasurer's Report

Finances healthy. All monies spent so not much left in the budget.

4. Partners Reports

Herts Sports Partnership

- Notification of Park Run at Ellenbrook Fields on the 21st May'16

Schools

- Scope within schools, especially primary schools, to base activities in schools

Hatfield Netball Club

1. Haven't got room for all the children that want to come; waiting lists
2. Difficult to find affordable venues at suitable times
3. Big drop-out rate from Year 9s, would like to offer more
4. John O'Callaghan invited Pauline and Sharon to contact him about pursuing Sport England Funding

Welwyn Lacrosse Club

1. Junior Programme disappeared; trying to rebuild
2. Links back into schools junior Lacrosse are crucial

Finesse Leisure

1. Opened new Pavillion at Stanborough and Health Spa at Hatfield
2. Macmillan Project, 'Make Your Move' project aimed at inactive people

3. Introduced tracking app which tracks activity for members and users
4. Involved in GP referrals scheme

Spins Table Tennis Academy

1. Table Tennis in great demand, using Sir Fred's at the moment
2. If anyone has any ideas for facilities please contact: spinstta@gmail.com

Welwyn & District Bowls Club

1. Pushed up membership and reduced age group
2. Doesn't link in with schools as activities are held in the summer
3. Aiming to get younger 40s and 50s people to join the club
4. Contact Mike Pool for more information: wdbc.hon.secretary@btinternet.com

I Liq Chuan Martial Arts Awareness Academy

1. Ireneusz trying to establish new sport
2. Need small classroom size facility in the evenings – speak with Dave Bartlett

University Partnership Programme

1. Would like to partner with organisations to develop sport
2. University Ladies Netball Team beat Loughborough
3. Men's badminton team in prem
4. Elite performance side going well
5. Women's Rugby team developing links with Welwyn Rugby Club
6. Looking at developing squash
7. Resurfaced all in-door courts and won £75,000 bid to resurface 3 outdoor courts
8. Holiday camps increasingly popular
9. Disability Hub - trying to turn taster sessions into sustainable sports
10. Big demand for Tennis 35+; big event in April

Herts Phoenix Athletics Club

1. Athletics and the club thriving
2. Need more volunteers; having to turn people away as lack of volunteers
3. Track & Field club, mainly youngsters.
4. Satellite club at Stanborough mainly intended for Secondary schools

Richard Bloom formally thanked Dave for his role as Chairman on behalf of WHSPAA partners and clubs.

5. AOB

Presentations:

- .1 A presentation “Simply Amazing Welwyn Hatfield Project” was made to the meeting by Kim Collins, Project Manager, CHILD UK (presentation attached)

£250,000 Project

Project Aims:

1. 1000 young people engaged
2. Age Group 14-25
3. Focus on Peartree and Central Hatfield Wards
4. Build volunteer work force
5. Improve Health and Well-Being
6. Combat anti-social behaviour, crime and substance misuse

The project will target young people who may not be engaged in sport at all, looking at lifestyles and non-traditional ways of engaging in sport. It's about getting to know young person and getting them involved in activities. Target age group is 14-25; need partners especially to engage the 20-25 age group.

- .2 A presentation “**The Government’s new sports strategy ‘Sporting Future – A New Strategy for an Active Nation’ – the implications for Local Sport**” was made to the meeting by John O’Callaghan, Partnership Director, HSP (presentation attached)

Update on Government’s new sports strategy:

1. Cross departmental
2. Majority of actions fall to Sport England to implement. Sport England’s role putting outcome measures in place i.e. Key Performance Indicators
3. No longer going to get funding because of who or what you are. Instead, you will get funding for what you can achieve in terms of agreed outcomes and how it fits with the new strategy
4. Sport for social good/outcomes e.g. Health & Wellbeing; social inclusion
5. All organizations will need to ensure they have good governance
6. Current strategy will run till 2017

7. New strategy based on growing sports participation
8. Emphasis on getting people involved in sports who are inactive esp. under-represented groups e.g. lower socio-economic, people with disabilities, women and girls
9. One size fits all won't work
10. Independent Review of County Sports Partnerships to take place
11. Impact on national governing bodies: future uncertain
12. Need to demonstrate impact on outcomes

.3 WHSPAA AGM Thursday the 12th of May