



WHSPAA AGM 2011
Gosling Sports Park, Collingwood Suite

23rd May 2011
7pm-7:40pm

1	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees (19.05pm)	Action
2	<p>Present: David Bartlett – WHSPAA Chairman (DB) Matt Rayner – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (MR) Lynne Pestle – Hertfordshire Sports Village/WHSPAA Treasurer (LP) Claire Smith – Gosling Sports Park/WHSPAA Contacts Sec (CS) Toby Garrett – Hatfield Rugby Club/Clubs Working Group Chair (TG) Doug King – Digswell Park Sports Association/WGC Bowls (DK) Laura Johnson – Hertfordshire Sports Village (LG) James Edgerley – Gosling Sports Park (JE) John Manitaro – Child UK (JM) Ted Collie – Hatfield Football Club (TC) Emma Gillespie – Hatfield Karate Club (EG) Alan and James Sparshott – Bushin Mixed Martial Arts (AS/JS) Paul Widdicombe – Hatfield Town Council (PW) Freda McKenzie – Platypus Swimming Club (FK) Rob Hardwick – Herts Sports Partnership (RH) Gareth Morgan – Herts is Ready for Winner Partnership (GM) Jon Mather – North Mymms Cricket Club (JMat) Val Hamby – Blue Velvet Line dancing Club (VH) Gill Bartlett – Comets Junior Badminton (GB) Mike Banissy – Panshanger Football Club (MB) Tom Godfrey – Welwyn Garden City Hockey Club (TG)</p> <p>Apologies: William Stevens – Activate Forum Chris Barnett – Activate Forum Wendy Pugh – Hatfield Netball Richard Bloom – Herts Phoenix Athletics Cllr Darren Bennett – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Steve Savva – Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership Jim Redstone – Platypus Swimming Club Ann Redstone – Platypus Swimming Club Amanda Riches – Finesse Leisure Carmen Dillon – Welwyn Hatfield Council for Voluntary Service</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting, held 17th May 2010 The Chairman checked for accuracy of the minutes which were all agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting that took place. All actions have been completed or will be covered within the meeting; however it was noted by the Chairman that Action 5 which related to Oaklands College, WHSPAA has still not received any feedback or reports from the College. It was acknowledged that Oaklands College are going through similar cut back that the SSP's are going through however with the new Active Universities programme starting it will be important that WHSPAA and the College try to work closer together.</p>	DB

4	<p>Reports</p> <p>i. Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman went through his annual report and highlighted specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked all clubs for their continued support especially in what is a very difficult time for some many organisations especially in local/community sport. • Recent money from Sport England and the Borough Council has enabled WHSPAA to have an extensive work programme however Sport England are now not funding programme that are continuing a current work programme. This means WHSPAA needs to think about how to increase income in other ways. • Disappointed to see the loss of the Building Schools for the Future programme that was stopped in the summer of 2010. This was a great disappointed to many local schools hoping to get upgraded facilities and the impact for the community. • WHSPAA AGM noted that it was a great shame that the borough will be losing our SSP, and thanks Steve Savva for all his work to date. • Future of SSP locally is still yet to be decided however it relies on Secondary Head teachers to invest in school sport and competition. • Noted that WHSPAA still needs more club involvement with the newsletter and is more than happy to place adverts on the website for any club wanting to promote itself or an event their club is hosting • Club Development fund this year was a great success however due to funding the amount of funding will be reduced to £250 per club. Application forms are on the website • The Olympic/Paralympics are so close now and WHSPAA will be part of several events of the next year and club involvement is crucial. <p>ii. Youth and Sports Partnership Manager's Report</p> <p>MR went through main report highlighting specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the University and all clubs involved in both 2010 Herts Youth Games and those involved in this year's competition. • The 2010 sports awards were a huge success however the 2011 will be an even bigger event. It is vital the Sports Clubs nominate their club hero's... • Welwyn Hatfield Sports Facility Study is now available online (WHSPAA website) for any club to look through. The study should provide support for the clubs asking for funding. The study will now be taken into phase two which is putting it into a strategy and action plan for the next 17 years. • MR thanked all those involved in what was an extremely successful Livewire Programme, which saw over 1,110 young people participate in more than 6 weeks of physical activity. <p>iii. Financial Report</p> <p>LP gave a brief overview of this year's spending. Activate Forum account has now closed and its account is now within the WHSPAA fund. The final accounts (audited by Herts Sports Partnership) showed that WHSPAA had £11,142.29 left in its accounts and Activate Forum had £15,610.88 left. Last year's AGM stated that there would be a review of what bank WHSPAA would use to hold its account: we are still with Natwest. However this will be reviewed as the year continues, but at the moment there is no pressure or need for us to move.</p> <p>iv. Club Forum Working Group/Activate Forum Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs forums this year have seen around 30 attendee at each event which is a great achievement and hopefully clubs will continue to benefit from those events. • There were 9 applications for Club Development Funding of which only 7 were granted. • There were 175 club coaches from the borough at the county coach education
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	<p>week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Scales who is the Treasurer of Activate thanked WHSPAA for their support over the year. • MS highlighted the disability bike project was the largest project that Activate is involved in at the moment. 	
5	<p>Constitution</p> <p>DB highlighted that there were only two main changes to the constitution this year and they were due to the addition of Activate Forum merging with WHSPAA. All changes to the constitution were unanimously accepted.</p>	
6	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>MR thanked all clubs and current officers for their support over the year.</p> <p>The following were accepted on the executive board as club representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug King – Digswell Park Sports Association/WGC Bowls • Toby Garrett – Hatfield Rugby Club • Mike Banissy – Panshanger Football Club • Jon Mather – North Mymms Cricket Club <p>The following were voted on as executive officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Bartlett – Chairman and Executive Board Chairman • Lynne Pestle – Treasurer • Claire Smith – Contacts Secretary <p>There is still an open place for the minutes secretary, which will be voted on at the next executive board meeting as agreed. Child UK have expressed an interested in holding the position.</p>	
7	<p>WHSPAA Development Plan 2011-2012</p> <p>MR went through the plan and explained the reasoning behind the change in format. As WHSPAA moves forward and looks to work closer with Herts Sports Partnership and Sport England it was felt that the WHSPAA plan should reflect the priorities that Sport England has, Grow, Sustain and Excel. Each area has three targets which have been set a specific budget as well. The main areas of WHSPAA work will continue in the newsletters, club forums and club development money which come under sustain. The new areas of Grow are around promotion and development of youth programmes such as the Herts Youth and School Games as well as working closely with Herts Sports Partnership and the new Active Universities programme. The Excel framework is built around the Olympic/Paralympics Games as well as supporting the Sports Awards for 2011.</p>	
8	<p>Partner Reports</p> <p>Due to the last executive board meeting being only two weeks prior to the AGM it was felt by those present that there was no need for partners to run through their report, all report are on the website for review. Any questions please refer to that specific partner</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>PW, asked whether the borough council has a playing pitch strategy; this is in line with the new Sport England funding around Keep Playing Fields and Inspired Facilities. WHBC does have a study around the majority of sport facilities within the borough which is currently being written into a strategy as mentioned within MR's report.</p> <p>Blue Velvet Dancing stated that due to funding they have had to stop their mixed ability class, question asked around is there any help available to these individuals to find them another session. ACTION MR to speak to the club direction</p> <p>Vote of support was acknowledge to Stevenage FC who play in their Final Saturday 28th.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:40pm, After Meeting there was an Olympic Themed Clubs Forum Presentations from: HSP, Herts Ready for Winners and Olympian Mark Richardson</p>	MR