



GENERAL MEETING

JULY 4th 2016

HELD AT THE CIVIC OFFICES GRAYS

Present

Chair Les Hughes, Vice Chair Glenda Stephens, Barry Norrington treasurer, Jenny Hurley, Alec Hurley, Cliff Cansdale, Terry Hills, Robert Pearn, Peter Madgewick, Mike Wayans, Garry Warren, Geoff Appleton, Cllr Joy Redsell Cllr Steve Liddiard

Apologies for absence

Chris Jessener, Mike Lee

Matters arising (from Secretary, emails, last minutes)

None

Treasurer's Report and Grant Aid

Thanks were expressed to Marie Wilson for her years as treasurer. Barry Norrington was welcomed as the new treasurer.

The accounts are still with the auditor, Rowland Hall. After their fee is paid there will be about £7500 in the account. This year's grant was £6888.

Grants were agreed for:

Yamaguchi Goju-Kai karate members to take part in the British Championships £542
Belhus Cricket Club first aid course £150

It was noted that NGAGE run free first aid courses for volunteers.

A number of "thank you" emails have been received and are included with these minutes.

Planning Applications (if any)

There was a query about what is happening at Arena Essex and if houses are to be built on the site. There were discussions around the rumour but no concrete information.

AOB

Mike Lee of Mencap informed us that their recent sports day was not so well supported by spectators but it was a brilliant day for the participants.

Deneholm Primary Netball team won the Thurrock Rally and will represent Thurrock in the county championships.

The Friends of Blackshots group reported that the feasibility study is being carried out by Steve Wright who is also conducting the council's study. They have not received the outcome yet.

Cricket

There was a long discussion about the condition of playing fields and cricket pitches. Grass is not being cut outside the cricket area. This is a health and safety hazard as dog owners are not finding and picking up mess and players do not see it when they retrieve the ball. The grass is also too long for the general public to enjoy the playing fields. There are numerous reasons given for the problem but the cricket clubs are making complaints to the council. They pay for a service they are not receiving and need to look at their contracts.

The girls section is growing in cricket.

Flying

There are issues that the flying field floods when the Mardyke overflows.

Bowling

Bowls membership has increased by about 50 as the council have not charged new members green fees.

The Lifestyle group is still playing at Blackshots.

Serena Madgewick is playing at high county level. The Billet club are uncertain about their future so their ground is in a poor state.

Team Fitness

Mike Wayans came to the meeting to find how the sports council works. He explained his Thurrock based company. They are working in schools and will be running summer schools involving fitness. They encourage young people looking towards careers in fitness.

Essex Spartans American Football

This is the first year in Thurrock and one of only 2 clubs in Essex. Boys and girls 14-18 meet on Sundays at the Gateway Academy. There are 40 children and 60 adults and some have gone on to national sides. The U17 team won their division and have gone on to the National finals. The seniors play under floodlight at Thurrock Rugby club. This is an expensive sport to play and ideas for funding were given.

Funding -Jenny to contact CVS re funding opportunities.

Coalhouse Fort Radio Yacht Club

The club has been doing well in County competitions.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Emails received:

Dear Sirs

at the end of last year, The Sports Council gave me a grant for the cost of my Level 1 Gymnastics Coaching Course.

The course took place on three Sundays during February and March with an assessment day on 8th May. I am pleased to tell you that I passed the course and have received my certificate from The BGA.

At times the work was quite time consuming, especially as I was also studying for my A Levels, and although it was challenging, it was worthwhile and good fun. I broke my little finger in two places on the Friday before we started which was a worry but thankfully the first week was in the classroom and I was able to complete the rest of the course without it affecting me.

I wanted to say thank you for your grant to enable me to go forward with my training.

Thanks again

Hannah Turner

Hello,

Just thought I'll let you know how I've been and how your contribution has benefited me to the start of my outdoor season and Olympic year.

To start with, thank you again with the financial support. This went towards new kit and costs towards travel to training as I train 60 minutes away everyday so that really helped.

I recently finished my indoor season running a huge PB of 7.74 (previous PB 8.00) and finishing top 5 in my age group in Europe and top 5 in Great Britain overall.

Last week, I opened up my outdoor season competing for my club in a league match. I ran on the Saturday opening up with a moderate and fastest opener to date. I then went to Newham to race the next day and ran a PB of 13.70 putting me first in the UK and a tenth off the European qualifying and 0.25 off the Olympic standard.

Just want to say a huge thank you again for the support.

Kind regards,

Khai Riley-La Borde

Good Morning

I thought I would just drop you a quick email to say a huge thank you for the grant from the sports council. Steven MacPherson took part in the British Youth Championships and finished 3rd with bronze medal. He is certainly now on track to be selected for the GB Squad. If it wasn't for the grant that Steven received things could have been very different as he was able to have the equipment needed to fight at this top level. A huge thank you to the whole of the sports committee.

Regards

Sue MacPherson

Dear Thurrock Sports Council.

I just thought I would update you on Amber Barrie's results from the London and Home Counties judo event at the University of East London on Saturday 07/05/16. This was her first senior competition that she has entered even though she is still only 15. Amber went into a combined weight group of senior players up to 70 kilo's some 10 kilo below her own body weight. She proceeded to win every fight against all of her competitors no easy challenge but considering the age and weight difference it was a very big achievement. I have attached a photo of Amber with her gold medal that was presented following the competition.

Good morning,

My name is Greg Perry and I'm the Sports teacher at Deneholm primary school. Recently we had some great netball success and I wondered if we could have this published in the sports section. I have attached a photo and the report is below. At Deneholm this year the Netball team has one the Thurrock eastern league and then followed this up by winning the Thurrock netball rally. The team will now represent Thurrock at the county championships later in the year. Team coaches Greg Perry and Lyn Molyneaux would like to congratulate the team on their outstanding success and would like to thank all parents and staff that contributed to this outstanding achievement. If you can squeeze in the deneholm netball success I have found out our county championships is now on the 30th June.

Kind regards, Greg

Essex Spartans American Football Academy U17 put in three dominant performances in Bedfordshire to end their third tournament at 9-0, and crowned BAFA Outer London East Division Champions with three games remaining, securing a place in the BritBowl National Finals. With six victories already, the Thurrock based Spartans entered the tournament as the number one seed, and knew that three victories would be required if they wanted to claim the Division title on the day - anything less, and it would be down to the final tournament in July. The Spartans opened the day with a 41-0 drubbing of Hertfordshire Cheetahs, followed by an 18-6 victory over Essex based rivals the Colchester Gladiators. A win in the final game would see the Spartans take the division and the boys didn't disappoint with an emphatic 48-20 win over the Bedfordshire Blackhawks. Academy Head Coach Steve Watson said, "It's a great achievement to take the Division title and a place at the national finals. "A fantastic job has been done by all our players, and our coaches, to make this happen." As ever the Spartans were followed to Bedfordshire by an army of supporters and parents. A massive thank you is due to all the fans whom have travelled with us to all our tournaments, and were with us at this one to cheer the team on," said Watson. "It makes a huge difference to the boys." The Under-17 season concludes with a final fourth tournament held at the Spartans senior home ground of Thurrock Rugby Club, Grays on 23rd July, followed by the BritBowl finals in September. No time for a rest though, says the Head Coach. "We want to finish the season undefeated," he said. "We now need to focus on working hard for that home tournament to make it happen." The Spartans Academy accept boys and girls aged 14-19 for American Football training and competitive games. Anyone looking to get involved should email info@essexspartans.co.uk stating their age.

Notes: The Tournament took place on Saturday 25th June 2016 in Bedfordshire. It was tournament 3 out of a total of 4 in the Division. The Academy U17 squad consists of around 30 boys between 14-17. Last year the Academy made it to the Playoffs but failed to progress onto the National finals. We practise most Sundays at The Gateway Academy in Tilbury. Gary Warren – Academy Coach

Dear Thurrock sports council,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous amount given to me, especially, to improve my sport.

After receiving this cheque i feel it has boost me in many ways, here i list what this money as helped me with;

- I have been able to go injury free, after going to Cedar Hall Clinic twice. This has helped me improve in training, dramatically, as well as boost my confidence this season.

- Also i have been able to boost myself with new sporting equipment that will be very useful for the new season coming.

Thank you very much for the help and effort you all put in and i wish the best for a long hopeful sponsor.

William Adeyeye