

# Minutes of Herts West Badminton Development Group Meeting 13 October 2021

## 1 Present, Apologies and Introductions

Dave Bartlett, [DB] Herts Badminton Assn Development Coordinator; Acting Chair & Sec. HWBDG	Dave Hill, [DH] Harpenden Badminton Club and HWBDG Treasurer
Helen Hopkins, [HH] Community Sports Officer, Hertsmere Borough Council	Kirsty Jones, [KJ] Active Communities Manager for Everyone Active, Dacorum & St Albans
Frances Morrison, [FM] Coach, BE Tutor-Assessor, Chiltern Junior Badminton Club	Julie Pike, [JP] BE Relationship Manager
Chris Samway, [CS] Project Officer HSP	

## Apologies

Phil Adams, [PA] Coach, Watford	Tanya Angus, [TA] School Games Organiser (St Albans) and School Games Programme Manager
Liz Bateman, [LB] Coach, Gadebridge BC	Natalie Barton, [NB] St Helen's Junior and Senior Independent school: Teacher, Coach
Emmanuel Boyd, [EB] SDO for InspireAll Hertsmere - Bushey Grove (Bushey), The Venue (Borehamwood), Furzefield (Potters Bar).	[KB] Keith Burns, Coach & Abbey BC
Billy Johnston, [BJ] General Manager South Oxhey LC & William Penn LC	Clare McCawley, [CM] Cavendish School, & Dacorum School Sports Network
Ryan Watson, Sports Development Officer, Community Services, Three Rivers District Council (Report sent)	

## New Introductions

Kirsty Jones, Active Communities Manager for Everyone Active, Dacorum since 2014, recently started in St Albans.

## 3 Minutes of the meeting 23 September (previously circulated)

Accuracy: Dave Hill correction, Gill Manning is Chairman of Harpenden BC. Otherwise accepted.

Actions: Potential funding from HBA and HJBA: agenda item at their next respective meetings in next couple of months (no date).

Application form was accepted (with the revision to require an impact report).

## 4 Review/Acceptance of Statement of Operation of the Group (previously circulated)

There had been an expression of concern regarding an application requiring a member of the organisation requesting a grant attending and presenting their application.

The committee felt that a project should be robust enough to have more than one person who understood the application who could attend. However, as a backup, it was agreed that the project applicant should appraise the local authority's Sports Development who would then, if agreed, support the application at the meeting.

The wording of the form to be amended.

ACTION: DB

## 5 Assessment of requests for funding

The following requests had been submitted to the respective Local Authority SDO for support and to DB for circulation prior to the meeting:

1 GCSE Badminton Crash courses at Westminster Lodge, St Albans. Everyone Active (Kirsty Jones):: (previously circulated) In brief: 'Teens, aiming to reach 8-12 individuals, and helping them to develop their skills and confidence – working with Tanya Angus. Equipment costs – Maude sport £180 Yonex school badminton set including rackets, shuttles, two nets and a carry bag. Coach costs - £180 across 6 weeks. Courts costs (offered in kind by EA) £360.00. Total asked for: £360.00.'  
JP queried upskilling teachers to make sustainable in future years. KJ. 'Part of the plan.'

2 Building Better Opportunities, South Hill Church, at Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre, Dacorum. supported by EA – Kirsty Jones. In brief: '6 sessions, January start. Ages 18+ Those with learning difficulties, disabilities, or life challenges which have prevented individuals from being employed and having access to sporting opportunities. Equipment costs – Maude sport £144 senior badminton set including rackets, shuttles, two nets and a carry bag. Coach costs - £180 across 6 weeks. Courts costs £90 off peak (2 courts x 6 weeks.) Total asked for: £414.'

JP Keen to link in with Special Olympics not necessarily with this group.

ACTION: JP

DB: Coaches for these 2 projects? FM already discussed with KJ.

### **The committee approved both projects.**

DH: needs payment and account details. KJ to supply name on account sort and account number and recognizable description.

ACTION KJ, DH

### **Proto-projects**

Hertsmere Maxwell Mosque badminton do not want lines on the floor. HH will discuss options with group again later.

Hertsmere Afghans Refugee sessions: Communities1st, Jeremy Stace: 'I have discussed a few opportunities with Helen. The offer for badminton is very much appreciated, but at the moment we are going to hold off putting on badminton for the refugees. The reasons for this are because we are working with a small budget that will not be able to facilitate a lot of the costs. We have also been advised by public health, that if we are putting on activities for the refugees, we need exclusivity of the venues we are using as they cannot mix with the public [DB: Owing to lack of vaccinations]. As you can imagine this is quite difficult especially with the costs.

If we need resources from your group for this project going forward, I will definitely be in touch.'

## 6 AOB

1 DB; keen to recruit chairman and secretary from Herts West. There are 6 Clubs in this area. KB has expressed support. Clubs to be emailed.

ACTION DB

2 To keep a public presence with appropriate documentation HWBDG will replace the previous HWCBN website (part of HBA website domain).

ACTION DB

3 HSP's Primary Schools PE Conference (at which BE and HJBA provide a stall and activities),  
Date?

ACTION: CS

4 To find potential future funding for HWBDG: HSP have a Funding webpage  
<https://sportinherts.org.uk/funding/> ). Query support from LAs?

5 Wheelchairs access at leisure centres query, FM: KJ notify staff at booking.

6 Marketing in Dacorum and SA: KJ should be contacted.

7 Tanya wants coach/helper support for Inter-secondary schools badminton, 9 December at HSV.

ACTION: DB

And, to run a Badminton Young Leaders Award course beforehand. She will be in touch if she needs help.

**DOM** 12:30 Wed 12 January, via zoom.