

MINUTES 11 February 2008
BADMINTON HERTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Tim Fitches (Regional Development Manager)
Tom Burton (Herts BDO)
John O'Callaghan (Club, Coach, and Sports Development Manager, HSP)
Dave Bartlett (Committee Chairman)
Malcolm Fraser (HBA Chairman)
Gill Bartlett (HBA Newsletter Editor & BHDC Acting Minute Secretary)
Liz Bateman (SouthWest Herts)
Doug Clark (East Herts)
Bob Green (North Herts)

1 **Apologies** were received from: Karen Leach (PDM Rep), Angela Blowers (HSBA), and Colin Smyth (Wel Hat. SDO)

2 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was noted that in Item 7 (AOB) "Colin Jackson" should be replaced by "Brian Jackson". Apologies to both! Subject to this correction, the Minutes of 19 November were approved as accurate.

3 **BE HQ and Regional update by Tim Fitches**

Good news:

- Britain is the chosen venue for European and World Championships 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- Active People survey: Herts joint top county for badminton participation (other is Bucks) with 3.2 % playing once every 4 weeks.
- Sport England looking to run a badminton survey pilot: TF asked for suggestions for a chosen club to participate. During discussion it was pointed out that the choice of a "typical" club - senior or junior - is not possible; in addition there will be even more differences between senior and junior clubs. The purpose of the survey was not clear.

[Action: MF to write to clubs requesting a participant??????]

Workforce Development Plans: to be driven by Community Networks, ie club, school and community. 1 network per CSN. Expected to start April.

Regional Forum: meeting of Eastern Region to be held on Wednesday 13 February. Chairman of each County Association invited. MF will attend, and asked to be informed of any matters he should raise on our behalf.

4 **Herts Sports Partnership update by John O'Callaghan.**

Sport England Review: currently delayed by recent changes of Minister for Sport. Report expected to be available probably by end April.

Facilities Strategy:

Local Area Agreements:

- 1 2006-9 now coming to an end – emphasis on 16-21; Volunteers, and 45+
- 2 2008-11 expected to come into force May. JO'C distributed the HSP response to initial document. He warned that sport would be competing with main line services such as health. There is flexibility to choose only 35 indicators.

“5 hour offer”: JO’C distributed a paper updating Herts Badminton on the 5 hour offer – Extended Activity – and HSP’s role in helping to deliver it up to September 2011. Offer proposes:

- children and young people to engage in sport for 2 hours within the curriculum and 3 hours outside the curriculum
- 16-19 year olds now included in 3 hour offer

Approximately £300K for Herts, which works out to approximately 30p per hour.

Meeting with School Sports Partnerships and HSP in March to decide how to deliver. Essential to make sure money is not all spent on coaches and facilities - essential to open up school facilities. No details are yet known about how extended activities will be monitored.

JO’C promised that HSP will only work with SSPs who play ball, for example by matching HSP funding and/or opening up their school facilities. JO’C undertook to keep our officers updated.

[Action: All to study the paper and try to realise the opportunities. All to email DCB with 5 hour offer ideas.]

Get Back into Sport: Feedback – see our plans in HBA Development Report

Workforce Development: bids closed 31 January - oversubscribed! Badminton case well put.

[Action: TB to email our submitted badminton workforce bid to committee members]

CSNs: All Herts CSNs moved to “green”. Agreements drawn up and CIF bids submitted. Details and opportunities to follow asap.

LB confirmed that she had now made contact with Dacorum CSN.

Sunday 24 February – County Coaching Conference: filling fast. HBA have permission to have a stand in refectory/meeting area. Additional Child Protection and Equity courses arranged in response to demand. Target attendance 100; maximum 160. Please encourage coaches to attend. [Post meeting: conference was excellent and well-attended.]

Child Protection : HSP has applied for Intermediate standard Child Protection status. Expect to hear end February.

Step Into Sport: TB asked if Graham Keen had found out requirement for each sport. To be identified at/in time for Conference on 7 March.

Monday 30 June: start of National School Sport week. JO’C suggested things unlikely to happen until next year. [Action: MF to raise with BADMINTON England]

5 **HSBA Update** (‘phone call from AB to apologise for absence. DCB asked to report)

U19 sessions at Birchwood: these have been reasonably successful

Mike Woodward coach workshop: this is arranged for 15 March at St Albans School 10am-4pm

DCB also reported that AB had emailed stating that HSBA should be managing junior sport in Herts. He had replied (to MF, AB and KW) that no-one on the HSBA committee was responsible for either junior clubs or badminton development with SSPs.

6 **Development Report Update by Tom Burton**

See report updated post meeting and now on webpage.

7 **A O B**

Wizard Juniors (Goffs School) still need coach 2-3 Sundays. TB reported no reply to his attempts to contact. [ACTION: TB/BJ]

Badminton Open Day: to be discussed at next HBA meeting.

MF: is about to write to clubs about Child Protection. Anything else which needs to be included?

[ACTION: All]

DCB: 1st team won Premier B at weekend. Should go up again to Premier A for next season.

8 **DONM**

7.30pm on Monday 28 April at Campus West. (tbc)