

# HBA Development Coordinator's Report to HBA Committee 19 September 2016

## Countywide

The 4 Herts Community Badminton Networks (CBNs) have still been unable to find a date to meet this year: renewed attempts are ongoing. However there has been electronic and verbal communication.

While at least 3 of the 4 of our CBNs have substantial funding we are still short of coaches to fill vacancies and undertake promotional sessions. As reported in July several of those taking Young Leaders Award declared they intended setting up extra-curricula sessions, but we have had only one report this happening.

## Young Coach of the Year

We still need the trophy back from last year's winner to get a photo with Jonathan Larkworthy and to have it inscribed.

## County Badminton Facility

### **Birchwood Leisure Centre**

I met Hatfield Town Council Leader, Lenny Brandon, 14<sup>th</sup> September: HTC are to be presented shortly with the designs for the rebuilding the Birchwood LC - to include 4 badminton courts as part of the new Football stadium provision. To increase the number of courts (e.g. to 8) would require capital to do so (even though HBA would substantially increase footfall and income). When I said that it was unlikely that BE would know how much they could support this by until December, Lenny said this was likely to be acceptable within their time frame. However, he was unsure if there would be enough space for another 4 courts. They do envisage that the current facility would need to be knocked down before the new one could be built – no date is set.

The proposal that £10,000 is ring-fenced for facilitating a county and other centres was considered by Jonathan Lee (and our committee) as not helpful. However, we had to pay £500 to obtain Gail Emms for the opening of the JFK Sports Centre September 2009 – what price Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge?. On the other hand the opening of new facilities that we have needed to spend some money occurs only every few years.

Jonathan Lee, BE Facilities Development Manager, has retired from BE but is keen to stay involved in facilities in Herts (at least until he gets a new job, I suspect).

## Herts Community Badminton Networks and Development Funding

While there is no more funding to come for CBNs from BE, we have been successful for a one-off bid for tournaments: EH CBN £184; WH CBN £192; HW CBN £244; NH CBN £109.

### **East Herts CBN**

Brian Jackson and Doug Clark report they have established a constitution and bank account. More information from Brian. Paul Widdicombe is investigating the new Chauncy School sports hall, Ware

### **Herts West CBN**

HW CBN AGM, 12 September (8 attendees), approved the necessary requirements to update the Constitution, the bank details and authorised signatories. The finances show there to be about £3000 after current applications are committed.

Beaumont school opens its new facility this term and Level 1 coaches at the school (from HSBA squad, Comets and Marshals JBC) plan to provide after school sessions.

Harpenden BC have contacted Brian for a coach to start coaching for the seniors and are interested in setting up a junior session. Marshals JBC has extended its closing date to December 2016 in the hope that someone is found who is prepared to run it thereafter.

The facilities operators at the AGM will help to find a venue for the U18 B grade tournament (that will be open to schools and No Strings sessions) before the HSBA U18B 13<sup>th</sup> November (£244 in HBA account for this).

West Herts College (Thomas Klymkiw [Thomas.Klymkiw@westherts.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.Klymkiw@westherts.ac.uk)) are keen to have once a week one hour session of badminton and also run an activator course with students, Thursday 12-1 or Weds 2.30-3.30pm at Watford Central Leisure Centre. The CBN could fund this.

### **Welwyn Hatfield CBN**

CBN meeting 2Aug16 (5 attendees).

AIM Project (£2000) to provide coaching in local schools for 2 terms was approved and Ian Robinson is starting to deliver in 4 WGC primary schools and Monks Walk. This provides some synergy with the Satellite scheme he is managing at Hatfield LC with Comets JBC.

Bishop's Hatfield Girl's school: I wrote to the headteacher (Ms Nickson) 31<sup>st</sup> August offering HBA support including for an opening ceremony and free curricular or extra-curricular sessions for 6 weeks (and help mentoring their two YLA students). As yet I have received no reply.

The annual Bisi tournament for Stanborough schools cluster of 8 primary schools are again scheduled to start in October. John Stobo is again coaching in several WG primary schools and has after-school sessions at Gosling Sports Park (GSP). GSP management was taken over by GLL in the Spring: no obvious changes yet (apart from paying off the £6M debt).

The WH CBN U18 B grade tournament (that will be open to schools and No Strings sessions) is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9- 12 at Birchwood LC (£192 in HBA account for this).

Events and Promotions:

3<sup>rd</sup> September: badminton was promoted at the Northaw and Cuffley Village day on the WHSPAA stand; approximately 2000 attendees on the day (write up on WHSPAA website: [www.welhatsports.org.uk](http://www.welhatsports.org.uk)).

4<sup>th</sup> September: Hatfield Leisure Centre No Strings Singles Tournament: 20 men and 6 women took part in the Hatfield LC No Strings Badminton Singles Tournament 2016. Organised by Ian Robinson, the prizes were funded by Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network (report on HBA Facebook).

24<sup>th</sup> September: Badminton will be promoted at the Hatfield Healthfest on the WHSPAA stand and possibly if not too windy in the Street Stadia.

8<sup>th</sup> October: Badminton for Shoppers at Hatfield Galleria under WH BC's project 'This Girl Can' to encourage more women and girls: there will be a hitting challenge with racket prizes.

26<sup>th</sup> October: taster sessions provided at the Peartree-Woodhall 'Health MOT' in Pomegranate Café.

The next WH CBN meeting is 7pm, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **North Herts CBN**

See Bob's Report