

HBA Development Coordinator's Report to HBA Committee

28 November 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.

As previously reported, while at least 3 of the 4 of our CBNs sufficient funding we are still short of coaches to fill some vacancies and undertake promotional sessions. However, contrary to July and September reports we have now heard of several of those who took the Young Leaders Award course in July that they have set up extra-curricula sessions and helped with community sessions in Gosling SP and Hatfield LC: a few have indicated they wish to attend the UKCC Level 1 in February. Of February's Level 1 participants, Sam Newlove is assisting Phil Adams at Gosling and Jonathan Larkworthy is assisting at Marshals JBC.

Young Coach of the Year

The trophy has now been returned from last year's winner, is being engraved and will be presented to Jonathan Larkworthy at Marshals JBC 30Nov.

County Badminton Facility

Birchwood Leisure Centre

Hatfield Town Council Leader, Lenny Brandon, is yet to meet DB regarding either expanding the proposed new facility to 8 courts or to increase the 4 court footprint for tournaments and a viewing gallery: Nick Goode and DB are to meet Richard Sutcliffe, Funding4sport, 1Dec. regarding funding opportunities.

Herts Community Badminton Networks and Development Funding

The BE funding for tournaments: EH CBN £184; WH CBN £192; HW CBN £244; NH CBN £109. WH CBN has used theirs for an U18B tournament, I haven't heard from the others.

East Herts CBN

To be reported

Herts West CBN

There has been no meeting since HW CBN AGM, 12 September and reported previously: the next meeting, provisionally 19th December.

The Barclays bank setup is still to be finalised. The finances show there to be about £3000 after current applications are committed.

BJ and DB visited the Beaumont school new facility courts are block-booked by netball except for Sunday mornings. The hall costs £50/h ex VAT.

The after-school sessions set up by Level 1 coaches at the school (from HSBA squad, Comets and Marshals JBC) have stopped until next term owing to exams..

DB has provided Harpenden Racqueteers with 4 sessions of coaching.

Marshals JBC has had interest from DKway to take over in the New Year.

The facilities operators at the AGM were unable to find a venue for the U18 B grade tournament (that will be open to schools and No Strings sessions). Beaumont may be an option.

There have been 5 requests for funding, 2 from clubs and 3 from SDO/facility operators. They will be pronounced upon at the next meeting.

Welwyn Hatfield CBN CBN meeting 14th November

Action 1 Woolmer Green SmashUp restart – Participation, below:

Action 2, brought forward from previous meeting: UoH No strings report: Post meeting, Becky to provide. Re: Levon (the Badminton UoH HEO for 2016-17) no further contact received (although he was playing in the Badminton 4 MacMillan Workplace Tournament 24Nov16).

Action 3: Birchwood Leisure Centre, demolition and rebuild opportunity for HBA 8-court centre: see under Facilities

1. BE Head Office Report: MP

Primary school Bisi resource replacement: MP reported that the primary school Bisi resource has been completely overhauled and is now 'Racket Pack'. MP forwarded the presentation for clubs and schools and order form (£25 for cards): they are now on the HBA Coaching Courses webpage:

www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=10

Action: DB to circulate

County Badminton Association Engagement Tour, 24th October, UoH, was led by Nick Rimmer (Head of Community Badminton) and Julia Strong (National Game Director). 23 representatives attended from education, facilities, schools, LAs and clubs including WH CBN members PG, Gobi Ranganathan, GB, PS, Tracy Barnard, DB and Mike Piggford.

Post meeting: MP has forwarded the meeting's report (available on HBA website, About us, www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=2) and it will be discussed and progressed at HBA Committee meeting 28Nov.

Action: DB

2. Treasurers Report:

Finances are still healthy: £1722. Waiting HSBA £1000 for their AIM contribution.

3. Development Plan incorporating Members & Partners Reports

Our plans are recorded under the headings of: Participation, Clubs (Junior and Adult), Schools (Primary & Secondary), FE College and University, Facilities, Tournaments.

.1 Participation

No Strings sessions are all at or near capacity at all 4 facilities (waiting Becky's HSV/UoH report) and Oaklands College (20, approx., according to David Brown). See also Facilities, below.

Woolmer Green Village Smashup to restart 30Nov: Paul Woodley (Comets JBC member 2009) wishes to become SmashUp Activator for the revamped Wednesday 6-7pm session. DB has provided PW with requisite info, and will mentor his first 1 or 2 sessions.

WH CBN Shoppers Badminton Taster sessions at Hatfield Galleria Saturday 8th October, 10 am – 4pm had 120 people hitting and taking CBN leaflets. As part of the national and WH Borough Councils 'This Girl Can' campaign there was a 1 minute hitting challenge for women and girls with racket prizes for winners at U11 (Emma Hewitt), U18 (Hatty Gouldstone) and U90 (Sarah Easterby). Thanks to Comets JBC coaches: Alex Curtis, Gill, Sarah and Dave Bartlett. See HBA Facebook videoclip: www.facebook.com/HertsBadminton/videos/396060600518186/.

.2 Clubs

Junior

Knebworth BC reported problems with some of their club bookings (at GSP) taking priority over their regular sessions. As a result they are considering moving other facilities. The committee suggested (if it hasn't happened already) to have a meeting with GSP management with help from CBN chairman if required and to report back.

Comets JBC: Numbers have increased but could still take more at all ages above 11 years. Following the loss of about a third of club nights (at HSV) to other higher priority events DB and GB met with Bookings and Events Manager Jessica Hurle and Dir of Sport, David Connell. It was agreed that: although most of the bookings cannot be reinstated HSV management will re-look to see if some nights can be restored; 2017-2018 has been booked so there is less likelihood of priority bookings; CJBC will investigate Birchwood for remaining unresolved club nights.

Swifts: could take a few more U11s.

Senior clubs: no reports.

.3 WH School Games Partnership

National and County-wide

Offsted expect that children need to be 'breathing heavily' in PE, CW reports.

County Primary Schools PE Conference, 24th January at HSV: The Racket Pack presentation (see 2, above) will be presented by Brian Jackson, Ken Winchester, Mike Piggford, Dave & Gill Bartlett.

InterDistrict Championships

Local round, U14 & U16 Boys tonight 14Nov. Post Meeting; Monks Walk and Stanborough through to County Round 6th December (9:30am start).

More scorers needed. Ask Brian Jackson.

Action DB

Local

Bisi Badminton tournaments for Stanborough's 8 primary schools, November 3,4, 10,11, at GSP were again, this year, very successful for pupils and Stanborough leaders: John Stobo (JS), GB and DB assisted and provided 180 WH JBC leaflets.

WH SGP's Primary schools Gifted and Talented Tournament 24th November, organised at Stanborough school by CW, had 9 primary schools competing: WH JBC leaflets were provided for each child: JS talent- spotted.

CW has 16 tickets for All England.

After-school Sessions with JS are continuing

WH SGP Primary School PE Teachers training Day, 9th Feb. Racket Pack to be presented:

Action CW

AIM project, jointly funded by HSBA and WH CBN, to provide weekly sessions for 2 terms at 4 primary and one secondary school (Monks Walk) is on course. Ian Robinson reports:

'All the schools have requested that we continue at least to Christmas plus Commonswood Primary, who will have John Stobo coaching the sessions. John has offered his time free of charge. The registers show that the sessions are well attended but not at capacity, and can be pushed a little more by the PE staff.

The equipment has been gratefully received. Each of the schools will require a dozen more shuttles until Xmas. Only Catherine Mabb at Commonswood has expressed an interest in assisting the sessions and taking the Smashup activator Course.
The parent / child sessions were attended by one parent at Holy Family and two at Peartree. Flyers for Swifts and Comets were handed to participants.
Personally, I think these sessions have been a relative success in promoting awareness of the game at the schools .'

HSBA-WH CBN Young Leaders Award update: the WH participants (10Jul) known to have either helped at community sessions and/or set up after school sessions are:

<i>Lia Nicole Di Gesaro</i>	<i>Under 17 squad Queenswood school Brookmans Park</i>
<i>Christopher Adey</i>	<i>U17 County and Comets BC Monks' Walk</i>
<i>Charlie Corke</i>	<i>County Squad, D and K Academy, Swifts Club</i>

We have not heard from:

<i>Katie Wakeling</i>	<i>Comets JBC</i>	<i>Bishops Hatfield Girls School</i>
<i>Amelia Thorpe</i>		<i>Knebworth JBC Bishops Hatfield Girls School</i>
<i>Edward Yeh</i>		<i>Swifts BC & Barnet Badminton Club, Mill Hill County High School</i>
<i>Anthony Yeh</i>		<i>Swift BC & Barnet Badminton Club, Queen Elizabeth School</i>

A few have requested to attend UKCC L1 in Feb. Details from BJ. **Action DB**

.4 HSP:

Peter Simmons provided a report to the committee, see November update on website, CBN page. 17th October HSP Partner Forum, Disability Focus – University of Herts.

Levon D'Souza (now doing a Masters) is again the HE Badminton Officer for 2016-17 (with possible helper/s). No contact has been received.

.5 Facilities

HSV, GSP, SFO, Birchwood: No report from (anecdotally NS and other sessions going well).

Oaklands College, WGC

David Brown reports good attendances (about 20) at his Tuesday lunchtime sessions.

HLC: Ian reports sessions are full or nearly full: Saturdays 16 on 3 courts, Tuesdays could take more. Workplace Challenge on 24 November.

Post meeting: Ian is investigating the potential for:

BADDERCIZE a 40 minute instructor-led studio exercise class set to music involving a range of movements and exercises, some of which are specific to badminton.

Badminton Tots is a 30-minute coordinator-led class for pre-school toddlers aged 3 to 5 years old with games and exercise, some of which is related to badminton

KS1 Bisi cards to be provided

Action DB

New 4-Court Facility at Bishop's Hatfield Girl's School

Still no reply to a letter was sent, 31 August, to Ms T Nickson, Headteacher, with support for curricula, extra-curricula and any open day support of the new facility opening soon.

Knebworth BC are to see the new facility. A report would be helpful.

Action PG

Birchwood Leisure Centre, demolition and rebuild opportunity for HBA 8-court centre: Nick Goode reported that the WHSPAA Hatfield Community Sports Fund meeting 13 October provided details of application process. DB still expecting a meeting with Lenny Brandon.

DB and NG are to consult with Richard Sutcliffe, Funding4sport, 1Dec. to investigate funding for the additional 4 courts and/or wider hall and viewing gallery.

Post meeting: Adrian Christy said, at Gen Comm. 10Nov., that any capital from BE Head Office is likely to be very little and not announced until Feb-Mar17. Julia Strong said 'safer to assume none'.

.7 Tournaments

Inter-District Junior Tournaments are to resume at "Under 12", "Under 14" and "Under 16" (age at 31Dec17) this season but the first was postponed from 13th November to 'March' owing to limited number of LA teams.

New WH CBN U18 B Tournament, 30 October at Birchwood (other CBNs are holding similar tournaments). Only 9 participants and managed by Ian Robinson.

Badminton 4 MacMillan Work-Place Challenge Tournament, 24 Nov. Organised by HSP with help from Jacky, Christine and Christopher Adey, HSBA, MP and DB. Eight teams participated in a very enjoyable event: Adan Freeman, HSP, reports: 'we raised a decent amount of money through ticket sales and the raffle.' Photos on website, soon.

Yonex Olympians' Tour Event 16 December at HSV

Originally, Marcus and Chris, now another Olympian to replace Chris. See associated 'Draft Yonex Olympians Tour Event Plan and Schedule 25Nov16'. Squads and clubs to provide pairs to play Olympians by 9th Dec.

Action: HSBA, Committees and Clubs

4. AOB:

Young Leaders Award Licence

Herts Schools Badminton Association meeting 23Nov., agreed to purchase the YLA Licence for 1 year starting 1st January 2017. Because all Herts' schools, colleges and junior clubs are members of HSBA this means (as agreed with Lee Bent) they can access the resource. Bushey Meads, Hertsmere, has asked for a YLA course/courseware. Forward to HW CBN: **Action DB.**

Next Meeting: Monday 16th January at 7pm – venue tba.

North Herts CBN

See Bob's Report