



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

### 1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

Rob Barlow (Treasurer, *from item 4f*), Tim Bowen (Social Co-ordinator), James Falvey (Chair), Lizzie Harling, Eleanor Hopkins (Development Officer/Coach), Natasha Mafunga, Ed McCauley (Secretary), Ellie Scholes-Lawrence, Andrew Smith (*from item 5*), Andy Stubbs (*from item 5*), Dan Tomkinson, Fiona Treacy

Apologies: Jo Roper (Recruitment & Retention Officer)

Also absent: Neil Sarginson (Team Manager/Safeguarding Officer)

### 2. MINUTES FROM AGM 2016

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

### 3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Club's Constitution was presented with proposed amendments shown as track changes. These included the removal of references to the British Korfball Association (BKA), as it was defunct, and clarification of the 'concession' rate as it was applied to membership fees and payments.

The proposed changes were **approved** and the Secretary would publish the updated version [**ACTION**].

### 4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

The reports from the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Development Officer were circulated to committee members in advance and the key points were highlighted at the meeting.

#### a) Chair

This year the Club had struggled at times both financially and for player numbers. The EGM held in February had sought to address the Club's financial predicament, which had been caused by reduced numbers at training, and the membership fee was now due.

More recently, new players had joined the Club and thanks were noted to the Coach and Secretary for their hard work this year.

#### b) Secretary

The Club's involvement at Area level was noted with three of the Exec Committee also serving as officers on the Staffordshire & Cheshire Korfball Association committee.

The application for accreditation status through the England Korfball Inspired scheme was progressing and it was hoped that a successful application would help

with recruitment. The Club's Code of Conduct was highlighted as a key document for members to refer to.

c) Treasurer (item taken after 4f))

The Accounts for 2016-17 had been circulated in advance. These showed a significant loss in the year, which led to the decisions taken at the EGM in February to implement for regular members an annual membership fee and monthly standing order payments.

d) Team Manager

No report was given due to the absence of the Team Manager.

e) Development Officer and Coach

Detailed Development and Coaching Reports had been circulated. These mentioned challenges in organising refereeing and coaching courses due to an overall lack of interest from clubs in the area; a lack of activity in relation to development events and school visits; and limitations in operating a medium-long term training plan due to fluctuating attendance at training.

A separate Development Plan was in existence and would be maintained through the year.

f) Social Co-ordinator

A number of social outings had taken place to celebrate club members' birthdays and there had also been a Christmas meal this year. In addition, the recent trip to play in the Bristol summer tournament had been highly successful with a full team attending.

g) Safeguarding Officer

No report was given due to the absence of the Safeguarding Officer.

## 5. END OF SEASON SOCIAL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The idea of organising an end-of-season social event was supported. Potential ideas were to go to Offbeat Brewery in Crewe after an activity such as Go Karting, Archery or Clay Pigeon Shooting. A suitable date would need to be identified first and the Social Co-ordinator would put out a request via Facebook [**ACTION**].

The Chair presented the following awards for the 2016/17 season:

- Club Person of the Year – Ed McCauley
- Dedication on and off the court – Eleanor Hopkins
- Most improved player – Fiona Treacy
- Ones to watch – Lizzie Harling and Ellie Scholes-Lawrence (joint award)
- Chair's award – Tim Bowen

## 6. BUDGET FOR 2017/2018

The proposed budget would ensure that the Club remained solvent with the membership fees contributing to an overall projected reserve at the end of the year.

The move to monthly standing orders had advantages in terms of removing the need to sort out cash payments at the end of each training session and it also encouraged more regular attendance. Home match fees were included in the standing order; however, it was noted that these would need to be collected for any players paying for training on a weekly basis.

It was noted that there was a delay in finding-out what monies had been paid into the bank account, such as the setting-up of standing orders, due to the lack of an electronic banking facility for security reasons.

The register of attendance and payments for the year was available for checking.

The budget for the 2017/18 year was **approved**.

#### 7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following members were elected to positions on the Executive Committee for the 2017/18 season:

Chair: James Falvey (re-elected)

Vice-Chair: position left unfilled

Secretary: Ed McCauley (re-elected)

Treasurer: Rob Barlow (re-elected)

Team Managers (joint): Tim Bowen and Fiona Treacy

Development Officer: Eleanor Hopkins (re-elected)

Social Co-ordinator: Tim Bowen (re-elected)

Safeguarding Officer: Andrew Smith

#### 8. ELECTION OF NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following members were elected as non-executive officers for the 2017/18 season:

Recruitment and Retention Officers: Tim Bowen and Jo Roper (re-elected)

#### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was pointed-out that the start-up club at the MMU Cheshire campus in Crewe, which CaNKorf had supported, had not met recently and may have ceased activities towards the end of the academic year. It remained to be seen whether it would re-commence at the start of the new academic year in September.