

Crewe and Nantwich Korfball Club [CaNKorf]

Minutes of executive committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th February, 2018

1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

✓	James Falvey	Chairperson
✓	Rob Barlow	Treasurer
✓	Eleanor Hopkins	Development Officer / Coach
✓	Ed McCauley	Secretary (minutes)
✓	Fiona Treacy	Team Manager
A	Andrew Smith	Safeguarding Officer
A	Jo Roper	Recruitment & Retention Officer

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved and circulated.

3. FINANCE

a. Membership fees review

The level of subs was good due to the recent increase in the number of members; however, only a proportion of members had paid the annual membership fee for 2017/18. This was thought to relate to confusion about whether the fee was linked to playing in matches, with priority in selection having been given to those to have paid. In fact, the fee was intended to be paid by all with a proportion paid by those joining mid-season. There was a sense that the fee was on the high side and warranted review.

At a future meeting prior to the AGM the Committee would consider the fee schedule and look at the current financial position of the Club. Examples of the fees charged by other clubs would be looked at. [**ACTION**]

b. SaCKA Subs

There was no discussion under this item; the subs for 2017/18 had been paid.

4. DEVELOPMENT

a. EKA AGM Response

England Korfball's AGM had been moved to February 24th alongside its 'Club Day'. The Club couldn't send a representative and therefore the Committee agreed on how to vote in respect of the various motions published by EK, such as election of officers and approval of the EK budget.

In all cases the Committee decided to vote 'yes' with the exception of the fees for 2018/19, for which the vote would be to 'abstain'. This was intended to be in protest at there being a single rate for established first teams regardless of club size or location. The Secretary would submit the votes via the online voting system [**ACTION**].

b. EKI Update

The application for 'England Korfball Inspired' had now been submitted and acknowledged by our EKI Ambassador. Once they had checked the application a visit would be arranged to check certain details.

c. Recruitment

The Committee considered a paper detailing proposals for publicity ideas.

The potential opportunity to attend a local parkrun event and promote korfball, as done by Nottingham Korfball Club, was supported by the Committee. A new parkrun event had just been set-up in Crewe and the proposal was to arrange on a Saturday morning to offer to volunteer at the parkrun alongside setting-up posts and offering parkrunners the chance to try korfball. The Secretary would contact parkrun organisers and consider a date in the spring/early summer [**ACTION**]. Support would be needed from a number of club members to make it worthwhile.

The idea of focusing on Chester as a potential source of new players was debated. Although some recent members have come from Chester it was questioned whether the distance to travel to training would prove to be a stumbling block. If there was some success in recruiting new members from Chester it may instead prompt efforts to establish a club there, which would benefit the league and korfball in the local area.

The Chairperson had promoted the Club and the sport of korfball on a local radio station, *The Cat*, on Saturday. The Club had an open invitation to appear on the station. It was suggested to invite *The Cat* to attend training on a Tuesday evening to produce a pre-recorded segment.

d. DBS Checks

Some checks were outstanding and enquiries had been made with the National Development Officer at England Korfball. The Chairperson would chase this up once the EK Club Day had taken place. [**ACTION**]

5. COACHING AND TRAINING

a. Guest Coaches

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

b. Equipment transportation – to & from training etc.

The Coach, who transported all equipment to training each week, reported that her car was due to be replaced and alternative arrangements needed to be made. A number of sets of posts had been lent out to local primary schools and there was therefore a lack of equipment to leave with others to bring to training should the Coach be absent. This placed too much pressure on one individual.

A proposal was made to first of all contact Malbank School again as to whether equipment could be stored at the School. Two potential solutions were suggested: firstly, to see whether the School's gym, which appeared to have closed, could be used for storage; and secondly, to tether scaffold-style posts to the external wall of the sports hall. The Secretary would contact Malbank to see whether either option would be feasible [**ACTION**]. In the event that equipment could not be stored at Malbank consideration would be given to alternative venues for training or to sharing the burden for transporting equipment to training.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further items discussed at the meeting.