

Crewe and Nantwich Korfball Club [CaNKorf]

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 23rd June, 2015

1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

Present: Rob Barlow (Treasurer), Tim Bowen, James Falvey (Chair, Team Manager), Eleanor Hopkins (Coach), Steph Lapsley (Social Secretary), Ed McCauley (Secretary), Alex Roberts, Lewis Roberts, Jo Roper, Neil Sarginson, Andy Stubbs

Apologies were received from Lucy Jerome and Sarah Minshull.

2. MINUTES FROM AGM 2014

The minutes of the previous AGM were not presented but it was confirmed that there were no outstanding items.

3. OFFICERS REPORTS

Copies of written reports from the Executive Officers were circulated to club members via email in advance of the AGM with the key points raised at the meeting.

Chair

Player numbers had remained broadly consistent across the year however there remained a need to increase numbers overall.

The Juniors section had been relocated to Malbank from South Cheshire College due to unsustainable hall hire costs. It was hoped that attendance numbers would increase once the exam period had finished.

Positive news to report included fielding a team at the Castle tournament and Most-Valuable-Player awards for Steph (Crewe) and Ed (Crewe & League overall). The club came 2nd in the league on goal difference.

One issue was raised regarding the lack of responses from some members to communications about matches, which presented difficulties assembling a team.

At the recent SaCKA (Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association) AGM, there was a discussion about encouraging more players to train as referees and coaches.

Secretary

The report highlighted items for the new Executive Committee to consider. This included recruitment of players, especially targeting the issue of new players who attend one or two sessions and then don't return.

There remained some outstanding registrations to complete on Fixtures Live. A deadline would be set to complete this with assistance given to sourcing profile pictures if necessary.

Purchasing new First Aid equipment should be considered in relation to the budget so that the club has serviceable supplies.

The SaCKA AGM also discussed the format of MGVs, which was under review for next year. The likely arrangement was a larger event, such as a mini-league held across a weekend.

Treasurer

A surplus of £400 had been made this year, in part due to higher attendance at training for a period of the year. The accounts included funds to cover historic unpaid bills. It was confirmed that one item, a debt to Tom Shave, could now be written-off.

(see item 5 for report on the budget for 2015/16)

Team Manager (Express)

No separate report was given.

Social Secretary

Three successful events had been held during the year: a farewell to Pete Styles, bowling at Christmas and a drinks social in Nantwich.

Tournament Secretary

A Crewe team took part in the local Castle tournament, coming 11th out of 15 teams. Club players also took part in the Leicester tournament playing alongside Castle, with the teams securing 14th and 15th places out of 24. It was likely that some players would attend the Milton Keynes tournament in July.

Development Officer

Demonstrations had been given at a Red Shift Radio event, the Nantwich Societies Spectacular and in Crewe Town Centre.

This year's Societies Spectacular was scheduled on 18th July, 9am-2pm with set-up from 8.30am and there was also an event in Queen's Park, Crewe on Sunday 16th August. Members were asked to contact the Chair if they could help out at either event.

Safeguarding Officer

An email from the SaCKA Safeguarding Officer reminding clubs of their responsibilities had been circulated to all members.

4. END OF SEASON SOCIAL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The event was suggested for a Friday night in Nantwich. In order for it to be fully inclusive, a meal would be arranged first with drinks afterwards. The Social Secretary would create a vote on Facebook to choose a convenient date.

5. BUDGET FOR 2015/16

The budget was balanced but tight due to conservative estimates of attendance at training. No fee was currently paid to the Coach. It was noted that there was uncertainty about the cost of MGVs and home matches held at Malbank were prohibitively expensive.

The meeting **approved** the creation of a new non-executive position called 'Vice-Treasurer' to be responsible for taking a register and collecting money for matches and tournaments. A separate account book would be obtained for this purpose in advance of the start of next season. The arrangement was that home matches were charged at the standard training rate and, if the club was fielding its own team, tournaments at 1/8th of the entrance fee with the club covering any shortfall.

• Membership Fees

A revised fee structure was proposed to simplify the current structure and provide a fairer concession rate. The meeting **approved** the new fee structure as follows:

£5 per session: standard Adult fee

£3 per session: all concessions and Juniors who stay for Adult training

£1 per session: Juniors session only

6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The meeting **approved** a change to the constitution as follows:

- To remove the role of Tournament Secretary and add the responsibility for co-ordinating teams for tournament fixtures to the Social Secretary position, as tournaments had a strong social element.

7. TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

There were instances, particularly in the second half of the season, whereby players who did not attend training played full league matches, sometimes at the expense of those who did attend training. Although there may be other factors affecting players' commitment to training, it was felt that reward should be given for regular attendance and the support this gave to the club.

It was **approved** that the club would from now on follow a policy whereby priority would be given in team selection to those who attended training regularly.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The meeting **approved** the election of the following executive officers for 2015/16:

Chair: James Falvey

Vice-Chair: position left unfilled

Secretary: Ed McCauley

Treasurer: Rob Barlow

Team Manager: Neil Sarginson

Development Officer: Eleanor Hopkins

Social Secretary: Steph Lapsley

Safeguarding Officers: Neil Sarginson & Steph Lapsley (shared role)

9. ELECTION OF NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The meeting **approved** the election of the following non-executive officers for 2015/16:

Vice-Treasurer: Eleanor Hopkins

Recruitment and Retention Officer: Jo Roper

The remaining positions advertised on the agenda (Junior Development Officer, Vice Social Co-ordinator, Communications Officer and Web Officer) did not necessitate a separate named individual this year.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The England Korfball Association (EKA) AGM was scheduled to take place in Oxford on 18th July.
- In light of the move of the Juniors section to Malbank and the arrangement of demonstration sessions at local Primary Schools, it was agreed that due to the later time the focus of Junior recruitment would be age 11+.