

## **Crewe and Nantwich Korfball Club [CaNKorf]**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

Present: James Falvey (Chair), Rob Barlow (Treasurer), Tim Bowen, Helen Chapman, Eleanor Hopkins (Development), Ed McCauley (Secretary), Jo Roper, Neil Sarginson (Team Manager, Safeguarding), Fiona Treacy

Apologies were received from Andy Stubbs.

#### 2. MINUTES FROM AGM 2015

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record and there were no outstanding issues to discuss.

#### 3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Copies of all written reports were circulated in advance with the exception of the Treasurer's report and budget proposal for 2016/17, which were tabled at the meeting.

##### Chair

The main activities from the past year included significant efforts at recruiting new players, such as the event held at the Barony Park in Nantwich in May; a decent turn-out for matches, noting difficulties securing enough girls; and good performance in the league. With all 'Junior' players now eligible for and representing the Adult team there is currently no designated Junior section at the Club, although some sessions in Schools were planned for July. The Chair felt that the Committee had done a good job overseeing the running of the Club this year.

##### Secretary

The activity of the Exec Committee was summarised and player registration was reported to have been fully completed thereby meeting the requirements of the England Korfball Association (EKA).

The EKA's consultation on proposed changes to the membership model had been responded to by the Club and the revised proposal going forward to the EKA's AGM later this month showed that feedback from clubs had been listened to. If approved the proposal would lead to a small uplift in the Club's annual affiliation fee and individual members could expect to receive more communications from the EKA about their activities.

The recruitment event in May at the Barony was included the report along with a list of the associated promotional activities undertaken in support of the event.

##### Treasurer

The Club's bank balance showed a loss of £362.80 in the past year, largely due to a decline in membership numbers. The balance sheet included historic debts, some of which could now be written-off. There were no figures for club assets such as equipment, as a full stock check had not been undertaken (*see item 5, budget for 2016/2017, which was discussed at the same time at the meeting*).

### Team Manager

The Club had a successful league campaign with both the presence of a full team at matches held on Tuesdays and the involvement of the Juniors in the Adult team for the first time highlighted as positives. The Club continued to struggle to field enough girls for matches; conversely, there were at least 6 boys regularly playing and the challenge was to balance their participation fairly.

The suggestion of investigating involvement in the Manchester local league was discussed, noting the cost implications of fielding incomplete teams and the expected requirement for leagues to confirm team participation by the end of the summer. It was proposed to contact the co-ordinator of the North-West area in the first instance to see whether this was a viable option.

### Development / Coach / Vice-Treasurer

The decrease in membership levels was a significant issue that presented a risk in that players could potentially losing interest if their development was static. It also meant that a coherent training plan could not be followed due to fluctuating numbers at training each week. On a positive note the Club's current players were thought to be good enough to compete at regional league level.

A refereeing course had been held at SaCKA level with two new theory-qualified referees, Ed and Dan Tomkinson, added to the existing two referees, Eleanor and James, who both retained their theory-qualified status. The coaching course had to be cancelled. It was noted that Eleanor was now an approved Shot Clock Operator.

The Club's Clubmark status remained active, although with the Council's role in local sporting activities having been transferred to a company called 'Everybody' no contact had been made with the Club about this recently.

Participation in local community events was encouraged to raise the profile of the Club and korfbal in general. The development plan had been updated for 2016 and was presented alongside the report. The plan was supported by the AGM with the focus on recruitment activities highlighted as important.

### Safeguarding

No issues were reported. Transport arrangements for Juniors playing in away matches had been organised with parental approval in place. With Junior training currently incorporated within the Adult sessions there were always sufficient numbers of Adults present.

## 4. END OF SEASON SOCIAL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The Chair presented the following awards for the 2015/16 season:

- Chair's award – Neil Sarginson
- Dedication on and off the court – Eleanor Hopkins
- Most improved player – Tim Bowen
- One to watch – Fiona Treacy
- Club Person of the Year – Ed McCauley

## 5. BUDGET FOR 2016/2017

Due to the Club's financial position, with the loss posted in 2015/16 leading to a balance of just over £1,070, an increase in the weekly subscriptions was **approved** in order to cover expected costs in the forthcoming year. The new fee structure was as follows:

- Senior subs and the Concessions rate would both increase by £1 to £6 and £4 per week, respectively. Monthly subs for those paying by Direct Debit would increase by £2 to £20. Should membership numbers increase the Exec Committee would review the fee structure.

In the past year no refereeing or coaching fees had been paid-out. This year's budget included provision for refereeing costs in order to encourage more members to take on refereeing duties.

Other options for fund-raising or cost-cutting were discussed, including hiring-out club equipment (some of which was currently on loan to Aberystwyth University); charging coaching fees when delivering sessions in Schools; and looking at alternative venues for training. The contract for hiring Malbank School was signed in September each year and Reaseheath College was suggested as a possible alternative.

## 6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following members were elected to positions on the Executive Committee for the 2016/17 season:

Chair: James Falvey (re-elected)

Vice-Chair: position left unfilled

Secretary: Ed McCauley (re-elected)

Treasurer: Rob Barlow (re-elected)

Team Manager: Neil Sarginson (re-elected). *NB:* the role also now incorporated summer tournaments and additionally Tim Bowen was elected as Deputy Team Manager

Development Officer: Eleanor Hopkins (re-elected)

Social Co-ordinator: Tim Bowen

Safeguarding Officer: Neil Sarginson (re-elected)

## 7. ELECTION OF NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following members were elected as non-executive officers for the 2016/17 season:

Recruitment and Retention Officer: Jo Roper (re-elected)

*NB:* the Vice-Treasurer position was left unfilled this year with monies from matches to be collected by the Team Manager.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Castle tournament was taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> June and information was provided about arrangements for the event.