

CREWE & NANTWICH
KORFBALL CLUB



Crewe and Nantwich Korfball Club [CaNKorf]

**Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting
held on Monday 6th October, 2019**

1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

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| ✓ | Lizzie Harling | Chair |
| ✓ | Rob Barlow | Treasurer |
| ✓ | Eleanor Hopkins | Head Coach |
| ✓ | Ed McCauley | Secretary |
| ✓ | Andrew Smith | Safeguarding Officer (joint) |
| ✓ | Jason Bridges | Safeguarding Officer (joint) |
| ✓ | Liz Dawes | Development Officer (joint) |
| ✓ | Sarah Wharton | Development Officer (joint) |
| A | Andy Stubbs | Social Secretary |
| ✓ | Matt Gough | Team Manager (joint) |
| A | Marc Ziegler | Team Manager (joint) |

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019 were accepted as an accurate record. Two actions listed in the minutes prompted discussion:

- i) Refereeing theory course: there was interest from some committee members in taking a course. A minimum of ten participants was required and there may be possibilities to attend courses already arranged or in combination with other clubs in the area. Enquiries would be made to England Korfball. **[ACTION: Sarah]**
- ii) Guest coaches: the practice of training sessions being taken by different club members would be revived and held on a monthly basis on the first Tuesday of each month. A schedule would need to be produced so that appropriate support could be provided by the Head Coach. **[ACTION: Lizzie]** It was noted that coaches could be paid a £5 fee per session.

3. Competitions

a) SaCKL fixtures

The league fixtures had been released and were all scheduled before Christmas. Keele had asked if the fixture on 10th November can be re-scheduled and the availability of the hall at Malbank would be checked for other weeknights. **[ACTION: Ed]**

Post-meeting note: match rescheduled for Friday 8th November and updated fixtures list circulated by email.

b) Proposed rule changes

- i) 'Make It, Take It Penalties': the proposal was that the person fouled takes the penalty (the only exception being where the player was injured). It rewarded the player who was denied the goal-scoring opportunity and avoided

designated penalty-takers from amassing inflated goal-scoring statistics. Players would need to respect referees and help by self-identifying who had won the penalty.

The proposed change was **supported**.

- ii) 25 Second Shot Clock: shot clocks were in use at national and regional level and the proposal was to introduce them in the local league. The Committee's view was that the pace of the team's play was sufficiently fast not to require a shot clock and the premise that it would influence players to shoot more may be undermined by the additional pressure it would create. It was expected that if the rule was introduced the club may be required in future to purchase a shot clock and provide a trained shot clock operator.

The proposed change was **rejected** due to the potential additional costs and logistics. Both decisions would be reported to the SaCKA Competitions Officer. **[ACTION: Ed]**

4. Development

Recent recruitment attempts had had limited success and in response the number of free sessions for new players would be extended from two to four weeks to allow new players more time to assess whether they wanted to join the club before paying.

The Development Officers would focus on recruiting beginners in January and would consider possible recruitment activities, such as the 'Merry Mile' event in Crewe **[ACTION: Liz/Sarah]**. The first four sessions in January would be run as split sessions with new and experienced players separated for part of the session.

5. Finances

An update on finances showed a healthy bank balance and a small surplus on the year so far. With a set of new balls having been obtained via a grant, the equipment budget line would instead be spent on new bibs.

6. Safeguarding

There were no issues to discuss.

7. Social events

In order to encourage the social aspect of the club regular post-training visits to the pub were agreed. This would take place on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Christmas meal this year would be held as a family-friendly afternoon event on Sunday 8th December, which was after the final home match of the season. A provision time of 3pm was agreed to allow players to change after the match. Options for a venue were discussed and the consensus was to book a local hall. Club members would be asked to bring a plate of food with them and some co-ordination of the arrangements was needed. **[ACTION: Andy Stubbs]**

8. Any other business

Arrangements were made for the spare set of balls to be stored. The broken korf had, in effect, been replaced already.

9. Date of next meeting

Regular catch-up meetings would be held before training on the last Tuesday of every month, starting from 26th November.