



## Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association [SaCKA]

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

##### Present:

Committee members: Jon Allison (Chair, Castle), Lana Baker (Keele), Chris Betteridge (Competitions Officer, Castle), James Falvey (Safeguarding Officer / Communications Officer, Crewe & Nantwich), Eleanor Hopkins (Treasurer / Development, Crewe & Nantwich), Ed McCauley (Secretary, Crewe & Nantwich)

In attendance: Rahul Dawda (Keele), Dave Webb (Castle), Hannah Winsbury (National Development Officer, England Korfball)

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2017

There were no outstanding actions to discuss.

#### 3. COMPETITIONS

Three league fixtures needed to be rearranged due to postponements. These were as follows:

- Keele 2 vs Castle Dragons (Potteries Cup), originally due to be played on 1<sup>st</sup> December and now rescheduled for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February;
- Keele 1 vs Keele 2, originally due to be played on 26<sup>th</sup> January and now rescheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February;
- Castle Dragons vs Birmingham University 4, originally on 10<sup>th</sup> December had yet to be rearranged. As Keele would struggle to field two teams at the MGV arranged for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February it was suggested that this match could be accommodated in place of the Keele 1 vs Keele 2 game that was due to be played on that date. The Competitions Officer would investigate. **[ACTION]**

#### 4. DEVELOPMENT

##### a. Referee Theory course

Although there was reported interest in a theory course, only one expression of interest had so far been received via email. The Development Officer required the names, email addresses and phone numbers of participants in order to organise the course. Keele had the greatest need for new referees; however, the other clubs in the area were also to ascertain if there was any interest from their members. **[ACTION]**

No coaching courses were currently planned.

The National Development Officer said that she would contact the club at MMU (Cheshire campus) to determine whether they required any further support.

Keele was opening-up its Friday evening training sessions to members of other clubs in order to increase participation. Attendance would be free for the first couple of sessions with a small charge of £1-£2 thereafter.

Sessions were being delivered at Wheelock Primary School by a member of Crewe & Nantwich.

## 5. FINANCES

Invoices were distributed in hard copy to clubs via those present at the meeting. These were for the area association affiliation fee plus a proportionate share of MGV costs. The Treasurer would circulate a copy of the invoices by email. **[ACTION]**

It was confirmed that a longstanding float of £30 had been repaid to the Treasurer.

### a. Invoice to Keele for missing balls

There was an outstanding debt of £300 for the loss of 10 korfballs belonging to the Area Association. Although of the old-fashioned type, the balls were part of an equipment stock used for development purposes. The debt had been discussed at previous meetings and the matter now needed to be resolved. In terms of how the matter was handled it was requested that communications relating to area association business should not be targeted at individuals.

Keele Korfball Club was not in a position to pay the debt and had not been supported by the University's Athletic Union in this regard. It was reported that there had been a number of equipment losses at the University and it would be prudent to reconsider how equipment was stored. Keele was asked to confirm in writing that they were unable to pay the debt and it would then be written-off in the budget as a result. **[ACTION]**

## 6. SAFEGUARDING

### a. DBS checks

There were DBS certificates in place for the coaches of Castle and Keele and some Crewe & Nantwich officers as well.

The names of all club representatives requiring a DBS check had been submitted by the Safeguarding Officer; however, many applications had not yet been progressed.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

Hannah Winsbury from England Korfball informed the Committee that part of her role was to address any previous disconnect between the national body and area associations. In response to Hannah's invitation for any feedback or items to take back for consideration the following was noted:

- the Area Association had a perennial problem recruiting new players and in particular female players;

- the affiliation fee for area associations was the same regardless of the number of clubs and teams in the area, which meant that SaCKA was paying a disproportionately high amount;
  - there had been some issues with the email addresses used by England Korfball for the Area Association, which Hannah would look into.
- a. England Korfball conversations with Area Associations about strategy development  
There was nothing further to report from the recent conference calls about strategy development, which the Development Officer had taken part in.
- b. Notice of England Korfball Club Day on 24<sup>th</sup> February  
The Club Day was being combined with England Korfball's AGM, which was being held much earlier in the year. There were existing CPD days for coaches and referees but, until now, not for clubs more generally.

The National Development Officer would clarify whether the option to vote electronically would be retained. There was expected to be a vote on the position of England Korfball Chair.

The Committee agreed that the minutes of SaCKA meeting should be circulated to generic club email accounts, including that for Birmingham University.

The Committee noted the lack of an invitation to the Inter Areas competition. The Competitions Officer would check the date of this event on the England Korfball website. [**ACTION**]

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The option of introducing rolling subs was raised and it was noted that any amendments to league rules needed to be submitted to the AGM for potential implementation the following season.

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April was suggested for the next meeting.