



Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association [SaCKA]

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th May, 2019

1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

Present:

Jon Allinson (Chair, Castle), James Falvey (Communications Officer, Crewe & Nantwich), Mike Holdcroft (Inter Areas Officer, Castle), Eleanor Hopkins (Competitions Officer, Crewe & Nantwich), Ed McCauley (Secretary, Crewe & Nantwich), Dave Webb (Development Officer, Castle/Keele)

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2019

The actions from the last meeting had been completed and some updates were noted:

- Match forms had not been returned by the University of Birmingham 4th team and neither UoB4 nor Castle had returned a signed Code of Conduct.
- The Potteries Cup had not been arranged this season and it was now too late to do so.
- The minutes from the England Korfball AGM showed that a review of the Level 1 coaching course was being conducted.
- England Korfball was running an initiative for workplace tournaments.
- Due to a lack of interest no team had been entered in the Inter-Areas tournament.

3. PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

The North-West Korfball Association (NKWA) was interested in expanding its league to operate two separate divisions of 8-9 teams each and had sent an outline proposal. The initial proposal included holding all matches in Manchester as MGVs, i.e. with multiple matches taking place on the same day.

With newly joining teams expected to start in the lower division it would be feasible to use fixtures between SaCKA clubs for both the NWKA league and SaCKL.

Members were asked to take the proposal to their clubs for discussion and it would then be reviewed at the AGM. [**ACTION**]

4. FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SACKA

It was SaCKA's turn to Chair the Central England League (CEKL); however, it was decided to request a deferral, as other area associations had done, due to the need to focus on the local area and ongoing issues with communication. [**ACTION**]

5. COMPETITIONS

The lack of match forms submitted by UoB4 undermined, to a certain extent, the player eligibility related complaints they had previously made. Furthermore, it appeared that the UoB4 team had not been passed on information about the league rules this season from within the club.

The Potteries Cup had not been organised although Manchester Hawks had expressed an interest in taking part. Arranging the event during pre-season was suggested.

Keele University had taken part in the CEKL play-offs but had been outclassed by strong opposition. There appeared to be a lack of involvement of area chairs in the arrangements for the promotion play-offs.

6. DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that an enquiry regarding junior development had been received from the Deputy Head of a School in Ellesmere Port. The NWKA may be better placed to assist the School.

One of the coaches at Keele, Leah, is seeking funds for the Level 2 Coaching course run by Avon Tyrell, which costs approximately £700. Noting SaCKA's limited finances, a number of possible funding routes were suggested, including the Staffordshire Sports Partnership and Sports England.

7. FINANCES

Club fees had been set to cover affiliation costs this season and some new korfs had been purchased for development purposes. There was an outstanding payment due from UoB4.

8. SAFEGUARDING

There was no discussion under this item.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion under this item.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no discussion under this item.

11. DATE OF AGM

The AGM would be held on Monday 24th June, 2019.