



## Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association [SaCKA]

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE LIST

Present:

James Adams (Keele), Jon Allinson (Chair), Dave Attwood (Safeguarding Officer), Leah Elston-Thompson (Communications Officer), Mike Holdcroft (Competitions Officer), Eleanor Hopkins (Treasurer), Ed McCauley (Secretary), Dave Webb (Development Officer)

#### 2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were noted with actions having either been completed or were otherwise covered on the agenda.

#### 3. COMPETITIONS

The SaCKA League would not include any participating clubs from outside the area this season. The West Midlands Association did not want clubs to enter external competitions, which had prevented the University of Birmingham from joining again. Since the last meeting it has also been confirmed that the North West Association had voted not to allow SaCKA clubs to join the North West local league.

The Chair had responded to the England Korfball consultation on changes to the league structure, objecting to the alignment of the area with the Midlands instead of the North. The response from EK said that the changes would go ahead and would have limited impact at local level; however, the Committee felt that there was a threat to the sustainability of korfball in the local area due to a lack of competition. The Chair would draft a further message to EK regarding concerns about the development of korfball in the area and it was proposed to invite EK's Development Officer to attend the next meeting to discuss options [**ACTION**].

With the limited playing opportunities facing the area over the coming season it was agreed to contact other clubs to arrange friendlies. This would be done by the Competitions Officer in the first instance [**ACTION**] with clubs then using their own contacts thereafter. Various ideas for additional matches were discussed, including an enhanced hat tournament with mixed teams held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The local league this year would feature 4 teams with home and away fixtures against each team and fixtures would be added to Fixtures Live by the end of October. Clubs were asked to update Fixtures Live player lists.

4. DEVELOPMENT

Dates for a referees course would be considered. There was a theory course taking place in Birmingham on 12<sup>th</sup> October with a practical course at a tournament in Manchester the previous week.

5. FINANCES

England Korfball affiliation was now open and needed to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> November. The cost was said to be £120 and would be split between the four team with any additional matches, such as friendlies, split between participants as and when they were arranged.

6. SAFEGUARDING

DBS verifiers needed to be confirmed and the Treasurer would re-send the email to the Safeguarding Officer to action.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Comms would be done once the fixtures were arranged.

8. ENGLAND KORFBALL NEWS

a. Update on playing rules, including penalty takers

Two areas were under discussion: the use of shot clocks and the trial at national league level of the rule that penalties are taken by the player that wins the penalty.

Keele had purchased a shot clock and it would be used only if agreed by both clubs. The penalty rule was supported by the Committee and the EK wording would be used, if adopted. The proposed changes would be sent to clubs for approval by the Competitions Officer [**ACTION**].

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Castle representation on the Committee was needed.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To set a date for the next meeting with Hannah Stockley at England Korfball in order to discuss development.