

Minutes from the committee meeting of the Cambridgeshire Korfball Association (CKA) held on Sunday 25th April 1993.

Present: Jon Herbert (Chairman), Stephen Hinchliffe (Secretary), Hugh Barker, Gillian Card, Debbie Challis, Heidi Croxson, Rebecca Elliott, Vicky Hyatt, Alan Lewis, Jenny Wynn.

Apologies: Carline Lee (Treasurer).

- (1) Jon Herbert explained the current standing of the CKA. Cambridge University KC (CUKC) have two teams. Addenbrookes KC (AKC) have two teams, though are short of male players. CUKC own 2 sets of posts and 4 balls. AKC use the 2 sets of posts on loan to the CKA from the British Korfball Association (BKA) currently stationed at the Netherhall School and use CUKC korfballs. CKA has applied for BKA recognition as a regional association. CKA has thus far been financed by £10 affiliation fee per club, £10 league entry fee per team, and by a grant from the Cambridge City Council of £500, plus a further £200 for in-house publicity. In order to provide more games for each team, further clubs should be set up. A city based club looks likely to start at the Netherhall, practising on Tuesdays 7-8 pm. A recruitment campaign was being set up, using the publicity grant from the city council. Press releases would be sent to Cambridge Cable, CNFM, BBC radio Cambridgeshire, What's On, the Cambridge Evening News, Weekly News, and Town Crier. A poster campaign would also be undertaken. Bedford College KC (BCKC) have agreed to affiliate. Time is not available for them to play each team twice in the current league. A shortened league programme would be made available, and the league tables adjusted. Next year the league was hoping to include three teams from both CUKC and AKC, two from BCKC, plus a number of other teams from Cambridge City, Bedford and Northampton.
- (2) The format of the league was discussed. Suggested models were the Norfolk league, which runs from September to May, with nothing over the summer, and the London leagues: Indoor - December to March; Outdoor - April to June and August to September. The league has to fit in with university terms. If enough teams enter next year, it was agreed that league matches would be played from October to March. A summer league would also run from late April to early August. This year the summer league looked likely to contain one CUKC team, two AKC teams and two teams from the new city club. Each team would play each other twice. There is currently a shortage of referees. All clubs will eventually have to provide referees. A refereeing course will be arranged, with new referees to be introduced

during this summer's league.

- (3) The CKA tournament is taking place on Jesus Green on the 15th May. This is to be used to publicise the sport, and leaflets advertising the new club will be handed out. The cost of hiring Jesus Green for the day is £50. Teams from Norwich, Oxford, Vultrix and Essex University have already expressed interest in taking part as well as the Cambridge teams. A party for participants would be arranged by Jon Herbert for the evening of the tournament.
- (4) How to spend the £500 from the city council was discussed. It was agreed to purchase one set of posts, plus three balls. These would be situated at the Netherhall School, replacing one of the on loan sets. It was stressed that these would be the property of the CKA, and that once the Netherhall based clubs had purchased their own, they would be moved to a new Cambridge site. It was also agreed to purchase a league trophy. Gillian Card would look into this.
- (5) Youth development was discussed. On June 17th two teams from the Freisland regional squad in Holland would be coming to Cambridge. The BKA had agreed to pay all costs. It was agreed to invite sixth-formers from local schools to host a morning event, while the afternoon would be used for youth development as required by the BKA. It was suggested that recruiting teachers to existing adult teams would open up the opportunity to set up other youth teams.
- (6) The County Championships in Northampton on 24th/25th July were discussed. A squad of 12 is required. It was agreed to use this as an opportunity to allow some of the game's less experienced players to learn from playing with other more experienced players. A decision was not reached as to when trials and practice sessions should take place. Suggestions were either that practices took place right up to the event, thus excluding most of the university club, or that practices finished during June, with perhaps one final session close to the event.
- (7) Committee positions were discussed. Positions to be filled are: Coaching/Refereeing Officer; Development Officer; League Officer; Youth Officer; Newsletter Editor. These posts would run for one year, from June. Hugh Barker took the coaching post, Heidi Croxson and Vicky Hyatt agreed to work on youth development, and Debbie Challis agreed to edit the newsletter.