

Minutes from the committee meeting of the Cambridgeshire Korfball Association held on Wednesday 20th October 1993.

Present: Jenny Winn (Secretary), Hugh Barker (Coaching & Refereeing Officer), Rebecca Elliott (League Officer), Andy Nealy (Development Officer), Alan Lewis, John Gregory, Robert Nudds, Andy Rutter and Steve Watts.

Apologies: Gillian Card (Youth Development Officer)

(1) The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved.

(2) All those present introduced themselves and the committee members described their positions and their aims. The role of the CKA in development and promotion of the sport was then detailed for the benefit of all the new members present.

(3) Andy Nealy kindly volunteered to take on the role of liason with the City Council and will shortly be contacting them to introduce himself.

(4) Development. The committee was informed of the invitation from the City Council to feature Korfball as one of the sports offered by the "sport for all" course. This would cover a period of ten weeks starting in the springtime (March-April). The course would provide an excellent means of introducing people to the sport at no cost to the CKA and would hopefully encourage many people to continue with the sport. The new players could either join one of the existing clubs or, depending on the numbers involved, become the basis for the planned club which would train in the Kings Hedges area of the city. Hugh Barker offered to run the course and everyone present was very enthusiastic about the idea.

Discussion then turned to providing equipment for any new clubs and it was agreed that Max Buttinger (British Korfball Association Development Officer) would be asked for assistance. It was also drawn to the attention of the meeting that an individual would have to be responsible for the initial setting up, organisation, welfare and coaching of any new clubs. Plenty of those present were willing to undertake such a commitment if the opportunity arose.

Hugh Barker informed the meeting that he has received 4 junior posts (suitable for up to age 12-13) on loan from the BKA. The BKA would ideally like £50 per term hire charges but may well be open to negotiation if this means that the posts will be put to good use in the areas schools. The posts were placed in the charge of Gillian Card to distribute as she felt appropriate. The possibility of introducing the game to schools through teachers who play with the City Club was suggested and it was decided to ask the opinion of the teachers involved.

(5) League Report. All fixtures for this term have been arranged and the dates and times of the hall bookings have now been distributed to all the clubs playing in the league. All matches have so far been played. It was unanimously agreed that it would be alright for a referee from one club to officiate at a match involving a team from the same club in order that full use could be made of all referees, especially the many that the University could provide. Clubs were warned that their first and second teams must have separate identities. City reported a shortage of men available to play regular matches but were optimistic of remedying the situation shortly. Addenbrookes were experiencing problems because of the pattern of shifts worked in the hospital and the strange holidays given to members. It was noted that the primary aim of the CKA is to promote Korfball and as such that clubs should not be too harsh on teams who fielded a couple of substitutes. It was also understood that no club should act contrary to the spirit of the sport and use their first team players as substitutes when second team players were available.

The league officer informed those present of her intention to strictly enforce the deduction of league points for those clubs failing to provide referees. The system of awarding points for the league was fixed as follows:

Win	2 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points

and for failing to provide a referee or sending a non-qualified referee
-2 points

Addenbrookes will be given a further chance to obtain some qualified referees and until they are ready John Gregory will fulfill their commitments.

Match fees to cover the hire of a hall will be payed by the home team unless any club can prove that their hall hire fees are disproportionately large compared to those of the other clubs. In this case the matter will be reconsidered.

The league officer warned clubs to remember that bookings must be made a long time in advance if suitable match slots are to be obtained.

The league fee was set at £20 per team entering and affiliation fees at £25 per club with a reduced rate of £10 for those affiliating for the first time. It was decided to abolish the personal player affiliation as it was felt that this created unnecessary paperwork when clubs were already affiliated. It was suggested that a letter should be prepared to explain to the clubs where their affiliation fees and league fees were being used. However it was also pointed out that the CKA must have a small float of money to enable the smooth operation of the organisation and to provide a secure backup in case of unexpected problems.

It was emphasised that the CKA posts currently being used by Addenbrookes are only a loan and may well be needed in the near future to help with the setting up of new clubs. However the need to establish Addenbrookes as a sound club must take priority over their need to raise money for their own posts. The City Club are currently using equipment belonging to the University which is conveniently stored at the Kelsey Kerridge sports hall. The University shortly hope to take delivery of four new posts which are being kindly donated by Dutch clubs who hosted a Korfbal exchange this summer.

(6) Coaching and Refereeing report. Hugh was thanked for the very successful refereeing course which greatly increased the understanding of the rules of all those present. He reported that the BKA wish to hold their Eastern Region development course in Cambridge and this should be arranged for as soon as possible. The course will be a one day introduction to the sport to be aimed at the teachers from the local schools. If there is insufficient interest in this sector then the course will be opened up to players and will provide a basis for improvement of individual skills. Personal contact and a short explanatory brochure will form the preferred methods of publicity for this venture. The brochure may also be used by the clubs to help with recruitment.

Hugh will try to obtain a few copies of a step-by-step Korfbal coaching guide designed for teachers who have little or no previous knowledge of the sport.

(7) Carlene Lee announced with regret that she would have to resign her position as treasurer due to work commitments taking her out of the area. John Gregory kindly agreed to take over as acting treasurer until such time as a permanent replacement may be found

The position of Chairperson remains vacant after the departure of Jon Herbert to research his PhD in the USA.

(8) The next meeting was set for 7pm on Tuesday 30th November.