

Minutes of the meeting of the Cambridgeshire Korfball Association held at 7pm on the 18th January 1994.

Present: Mark Walters, Andy Neely, Jenny Winn, Rebecca Elliott, Jon Gregory, Juin Fokseang, Robert Nudds, Hugh Barker and Andy Rutter.

(1) *Apologies:* Natasha Traill

(2) The minutes of the last meeting were passed.

(3) *League Officer's report.* Some problems have been experienced with organising all the fixtures but these should now be settled. Addenbrookes are currently reorganising their club and appointing new committee members but they foresee no difficulties in meeting their match commitments, if any assistance is required then CKA committee members will do their best to help. Jon Gregory is to continue to coach the club at their 9pm sessions on Mondays. Other venues will be investigated for the possibility of training at more convenient times.

(4) *Refereeing Officer's report.* One recent league match was left without a qualified referee but no club is to be penalised because the fixture was only announced at very short notice. This served to emphasise the fact that more qualified referees are needed in the area and that they need to be better distributed between the clubs than they are at present.

Mark received a refereeing theory exam from Graham Box (BSKA development officer) and when he has studied this he may use it in part for the CKA refereeing theory paper. A date has been agreed for the theory session to be held in Bedford and Andy Neely will arrange suitable facilities in Cambridge. Practical assessment sessions will follow these courses and will take place over at least two games. Addenbrookes players are to be encouraged to attend these sessions although due to a lack of experience they may not yet be ready to provide referees.

Mark suggested that referees for all league matches be named in person rather than by club. This idea seemed not to be very popular with many of those present and it was agreed to leave the matter until we have run the refereeing courses.

(5) *Development report.* The results of the development questionnaire were distributed and have been sent to the City Council, BKA and other appropriate organisations.

Andy reported that he had attended a meeting about the City Sport course and that all was going well. We may choose to target any group of people that we wish and we may also choose the venue. Andy will write an introductory piece for the accompanying brochure. It should be possible to run the course for a period of ten weeks at Kings Hedges starting in April/May.

Equipment will be rented for the course and the coaches will be paid: it was agreed unanimously to return these earnings straight to the CKA to help fund the starting costs of the new club to be established following the course. The annual carnival may well feature Korfball as a demonstration sport and this would be held on Jesus Green. The junior posts on loan to us from the BKA may be used for the city sport course and we may have four senior posts for only a delivery charge of £50. Andy will contact Max Buttinger of the BKA concerning this matter.

The Botisham taster session has been fixed for the 27th February and will be coordinated by Robert Nudds. This session will require four posts and as many balls as possible.

The Eastern Region Cup is to take the form of a knock-out competition with first round losers entering a plate competition. All members of the Cambridgeshire and Norwich leagues will be invited to take part. Mark will organise this and will send out invitations when Jenny has sent him a complete contact list for all the clubs involved. All matches would have to be played by a specified date which would allow plenty of time for those clubs with heavy commitments to arrange convenient times. This first year of the cup will be a trial but the aim is to run a yearly competition. Andy Rutter will organise the trophies.

Rebecca offered to organise the CKA outdoor tournament having had experience of running such an event from work with the University club. Andy N. will contact the City Council about possible venues, for example Jesus Green. A suitable date would be towards the end of June.

(6) *Coaching officer's report.* A course aimed at those players wishing to learn to coach is required however this is unlikely to take place before the summer due to the pressure of finals for the coaching officer. Hugh will contact Max Buttinger to find out details of the BKA coaching course which is usually held in August at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forrest. The Bedford college club are to be contacted to see whether they also require coaching assistance, especially when looking ahead to the next academic year.

(7) *Treasurer's report.* Clubs will soon be receiving demands for registration and league entry fees.

(8) *Other Business.* There is a chance that Gary Richards will set up a club in Luton. If this occurs would they be eligible to join the CKA and to play in the League? and would Cambridge clubs travel to Luton for away fixtures? The general opinion was that if the club were to be set up then the CKA and existing clubs would do their best to provide help and support whilst the CKA remains the nearest Korfball coordinating body.

(9) The next meetings were arranged for 7pm on February 16th and 7pm on March 15th.