

Minutes of the meeting of the CKA held on October 24th 1994

Presesnt: Hugh Barker, Jon Gregory, Steve Watts, Robert Nudds, Rebecca Elliott, Juin Fok-Seang, Johannes Reisert, Jon Herbert, Scott Christie and Jenny Winn.

Apologies: Mark Walters, Andy Neely and Andy Rutter.

(1) The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

(2) Treasurer's Report.

Jon G. requested copies of all publicity notices produced by the CKA for submission with the next round of grant application forms, due in November.

Assets: 10 posts and a large number of balls. There are 5 posts at Kelsey Kerridge, 2 at Netherhall, 2 at Kings Hedges and 1 being stored by Alan Lewis. Two posts will be moved from Kelsey to Netherhall for the training session to be given by a team from Friesland. Currently the best posts are in Kelsey and are being used by the University and City clubs. If Max Buttinger (BKA) decides to charge for their use then it was suggested that these to clubs should pay. Various objections to this were brought by both clubs and especially from the University representatives who pointed out that the University club owned four posts that had been or were being used by other clubs. It was decided to let the matter rest until such time as the BKA wanted some payment.

The CKA will pay the first installment to Phillip Buttinger of the Norfolk Korfball Association to cover the debts of Cambridge Phoenix K.C.; the posts will then be CKA property on loan to Phoenix.

The University are to follow up the offer of three posts from K.V. Drachten, Friesland.

Application for £19 to help cover the cost of County Squad training sessions from August. Motion passed.

(3) Coaching Officer's Report.

Hugh Barker offered to continue in this position, after an enforced break due to finals, and thanked Scott Christie for stepping in during the interim period. The duties of the coaching officer were seen to be as follows:

(i) Make sure every club has a coach

(ii) Encourage people, especially those Avon Tyrrell graduates, to help by coaching clubs other than their own. This would require cooperation from the main club coach with the coordination of sessions and also advice on coaching techniques etc. All existing coaches were willing to do this.

(iii) Advising other coaches on their performance as coaches. Reports would be personal between Hugh and the coach and would be kept private. These would cover two areas: firstly coaching style and secondly content/knowledge.

It was noted that it is not necessary to have attended Avon Tyrrell in order to become involved with coaching.

(4) League Report.

League is running OK but scheduling is very tight so matches need to be played at the prearranged times rather than trying to postpone fixtures. Phoenix are now able to provide referees for the league matches. League fees of £25 are to be paid to Jon Gregory immediately.

It is possible that the league may be split into two divisions after Christmas. The second division would contain the following teams: Phoenix 3, City 3, CitySport 2, Bedford College 2, Uni. 3, and possibly a sixth form college team. This would require a new league officer to oversee the second division and also mean that more referees would be needed. Mark Walters to be asked to organise a course.

(5) CitySport course/club.

Currently the course is run jointly by Jon Gregory and Andy Neely and they are happy to continue. The club has approx. 8 players. Four people had signed up for the next course (starting Nov. 20th) at the time of the meeting. The club is presently training for 1/2 hr. and then playing a match for 1 hr. The session costs £2.50 for the evening. Non-club members are encouraged to attend the open matches at a cost of £2.00.

(6) Publicity/Communications Officer.

Jon Gregory talked for 5mins. about Korfball on the BBC Radio Cambridge sports program and left contact numbers with the radio station.

Maura has been working with Robert in putting out notices to newspapers. Kay, Anna and Nicola have been helping with the artwork for the beginners week posters and other adverts. Robert is to coordinate these efforts for maximum coverage and to avoid contradiction.

Robert suggested putting occasional league tables and match reports in the local papers. He will get results from Rebecca but would like each club to produce their own match reports, perhaps one from each club every couple of months.

The CKA has a publicity account with the City Council which runs until the end of the financial year i.e. April. Robert to enquire whether this may be used for producing headed notepaper.

(7) Youth Development.

Steve, Jon H. and Andy are to meet and discuss this.

(8) Development Report.

Thanks for all the help with the beginners week, a dozen players were recruited for the various clubs. The idea is worth repeating but a little longer would be appreciated for the planning and publicity. Encourage the idea of everyone bringing a friend. All club members must make beginners very welcome and can always help by explaining what is going on. This is very necessary because coaches must aim their sessions not just at the beginners but also at improving the experienced players.

Letter received about Coach Development Schemes run by the local / Regional / National sports councils and bodies. Recommended by Hugh. Aimed at coaches of all sports based on coaching style and didactics. CKA grants available for £7 towards the cost of a course on written application to Jon H./Jon G. Applications should show proof of a positive contribution to korfball in Cambridge.

Possible BKA level 1 coaching course to be run by Karen Wilding. Would require 8/9 hours hall time. Decided that this would be too expensive an undertaking for the CKA alone without any external BKA backing. The present coaches will run an alternative course with the aid of Hugh's experience from the Papendaal course. Hugh will call Karen to explain the situation.

(9) Special case of Johannes Reiser.

He has asked to be allowed to play for two teams in the league because he has just become eligible to join the student team after enrolling for a PhD. Captains of both teams agree subject to the conditions imposed by Johannes. Motion passed.

(10) Long term plans for Development.

Steve- need to move focus to areas a little way out of Cambridge and/or to schools. Hugh- first need to consolidate coaching standards, increase number of coaches and remove the dependence on Uni. players to coach other clubs. Jon H.- believes can easily accommodate more clubs in Cambridge and that people still aren't hearing about the sport. Perhaps can put notes in sports shops and talk to those working in sports related areas.

Huntingdon hit squad. Composed of Jon G. + 1 more coach and 2 administrators/helpers. To develop Korfball in Huntingdon. Jon H. to set up a similar group in Cambridge, which will possibly be based around a third CitySport course. Requires lots of posts and balls.

(11) Other Business.

Committee members are to reply to any enquiries/mail within ten days of arrival, if absolutely necessary this may just be in the form of an acknowledgement. This includes passing letters on to the relevant person in plenty of time for them to respond within the ten day period.

City and Bedford payed money to enter teams into the CKA cup which was postponed last season. Check with Mark Walters and then award refunds or credit notes for entry this year. The cup will not run until after the end of the league, probably in May.

The CKA Christmas party will be on December 3rd, venue to be announced. Robert will organise a raffle to coincide with the party.

(12) Next meeting 21st Nov. 7.30pm in the ~~Panton Arms~~ Unicorn