

Minutes of the CKA Meeting
11th November 1996
Held at Milton Arms

Present: Dave Sheldon, Rob Nudds, Paul Bullough, Hugh Barker, Scott Christie, Julian Lipscombe, Juin Fok-Seang, John Jones arrived later.

Apologies: Ginnie Smy, Dave Bate, Janine Carr.

Officers Reports:

Division One

Rob said he had, unusually, few problems with the league. No match report forms for the referees had gone out yet. Rob provided a copy of the league table as at 11th November, see attached. One or two clubs had pressure on hall space and had asked if there could be an extension to the 31st December cut off date for 1st half of season matches; the meeting decided that there should be no extension as there were plenty of halls that could be used, especially on Sunday evenings, including Hills Road 6th Form College.

Division Two

Paul also had few problems. He said he was not receiving many match forms (see above). Cambridge City seemed to be experiencing problems in booking some home games.

The meeting then discussed the procedure to be used to inform opposing teams of match dates and venues. It was agreed that the home team would inform the league officers of the arrangements for the match and then the league officers would inform the away teams.

Both League Officers agreed to have the 2nd half fixtures out within the next two weeks, before 25th November, to allow the secretaries to book matches in advance of the Christmas break.

Refereeing

Hughie made the following points:

Refs. need to start checking that teams have first aid kits at courtside. It was also agreed that clubs should be encouraged to have "crumple" ice packs available as these were judged to be the most effective for Korfbal injuries.

Oundle are offering people £8 a match to carry out their refereeing commitments for them, this would save their players an over 3 hour round trip to Cambridge. It would be Oundle's responsibility for any non attendance by referees.

It was confirmed that the 2nd half's refereeing commitments would be dependant upon the number of teams a club has in the league.

17 people have passed the refereeing exam. Phoenix 4, City 5, Uni 3, Tigers 2 and Kites 3.

Consideration had been given to running a referees practical course in conjunction with the BKA but this was not yet planned. There would be BKA theory and practical assessment available to 10 people who wanted to be BKA qualified at the CUKC Christmas Tournament.

Youth Development

Scott said that the junior club at Netherhall was gaining momentum with 12-14 kids coming each week. This meant that the venture was still making a slight loss.

Several other things were also mentioned: a session for prospective junior coaches, a junior tournament, a match against juniors from Norwich and the situation regarding the number of junior posts.

Publicity

Julian had talked to the Cambridge Evening News and they were considering giving the first National League match some publicity.

A CKA newsletter is again on the starting blocks to be produced after the 1st National League game by 7th December.

Development

Mark asked those present about how they had tried to recruit players in the past and various methods were discussed to help recruitment for next year.

Dave S. then told everyone about the developments on his "dream". Informal discussions have taken place with Cambridge Rugby Club and it could be a possibility to site a Korfball Hall there. The cost of building a 45m x 25m hall has been estimated at around £400,000. Dave S. is planning to lead a project team to make a National Lottery bid for the necessary funding. Hughie said that an approach to the IKF may help the cause.

Dave S. also suggested that the CKA should run a raffle next summer to try to gain additional funds from non-Korfball players. He asked that anyone that played Korfball who had access to items that could be used as prizes should be asked to try to get some. Hughie said that the Cambridge Colleges usually managed to get meals for two at local restaurants for their ball raffles.

Any Other Business

Julian said that Kites were looking for a new coach. Steve Watt has been helping out since Thea left but he would be unable to help after Christmas. A plea to anyone interested.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th January 1997, 8.30pm at The Rose & Crown, Histon