

Minutes of the LKA Development Committee

5/12/09 Held at Wimbledon Community Centre, 28 St George's Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4DP

Executive Summary

- Next Meeting to be held on Saturday 6th March
- Nomads have found an online site that will process CRB checks for a £5 fee and have passed on details to the LKA Committee.
- Non-attendance at meetings will result in discretionary restriction of LKA funding for LKA clubs and its members until attendance at the next development meeting.
- Process for becoming a qualified referee to be publicised on LKA website
- NYD needs to be a springboard for recruiting U9s to the sport. Opportunities for U9s to play after NYD need to be put in place. LKA development committee to put together an outline plan for getting U9s playing.
- Proposal to hold a LKA tournament prior to an award's giving night at the end of the season to encourage attendance.
- The date of the competitions meeting is unclear and needs to be made public.

Present: LC (Bec), CA (Nomads), JMcG (Supernova), JB (Croydon), SR (Highbury), SB (West London), CB (West London)

1. Apologies (Mitcham, North Downs, North Downs), no apologies received from: Scorpions, Trojans, Woking
2. Minutes of the previous meeting

CA followed up on the CRB application process. Nomads have found an online site that will process CRB forms. Nomads have a person that can sign off on CRB forms. Cost is £5 per check. Information has been passed onto LKA.

Action – LC to restate the support from the LKA re CRB costs. Put a page on LKA website.

Action – LC to follow up on beginner coaches course – CA noted that JH of Tornadoes runs this course.

Action – LC to follow up on NYD organising committee

Action – LC to check if LKA development plan is updated

3. EXCO Minutes

CA noted that equipment loaned to schools it needs to be looked after. CB asked if LKA would support the conversion of wicker baskets to plastic basket. LC responded that this would be acceptable.

4. Juniors

1. NYD – The committee discussed the purpose of NYD. There are two aims: recruiting juniors into a club and raising the profile of korfbal to schools, i.e. to encourage schools to run korfbal themselves. It was agreed that getting kids to NYD should not be the aim of clubs in an of itself, but that NYD should be used as an event to introduce juniors to the sport. It was agreed that it is important to offer juniors competition in order to keep their interest. JB suggested that a series of tournaments with junior competitions should be identified before NYD for clubs or schools to bring their juniors to.

CA reported that the EKA youth symposium recommended that all clubs recruit U9s, so that there are lots of players of the same age. The aim would be to play monthly matches regional matches.

Suggestion is to target U9 teams for national youth day, to promote junior tournaments after NYD and then lead into a winter indoor competition. It is important that there is a follow on from NYD and a clear route. LC noted that different clubs have different models of recruiting and retaining juniors. Nomads run a junior training session before

senior training, whereas clubs near central London (Bec, Supernova, Highbury) would struggle to provide the people to run such a session. It was felt that these clubs would benefit from trying to get the parents involved as well and try to make sure that they do not end up as a baby-sitting service.

Action – LC to draft a one page “route to juniors” document and circulate to clubs.

2. CRB Checks

Being followed up by the LKA's CPO officer

5. Referees

1. It was decided that onus of finding an assessor should be down to the club. LKA needs to make the list of assessors available to clubs.

Action – SR to produce a draft of web page giving instructions on how to get qualified.

Action – LC to put EKA rules on assessing on LKA website

6. Coaching

1. Meeting discussed coaching. It was decided that the LKA would like to have a high level dutch coach coming over and delivering a high level course. Highbury would like a low level course. LC responded that this would be covered by the “Introducing people to Korfball” course which is planned.

Action – LC to follow up with LS on progress.

2. CA noted that NYD is a good opportunity to try out coaching.

Action – LC to send out an email, in relation to NYD coaching, to ask if people want a short course on coaching juniors at a match.

7. Promotion

The meeting discussed the end of season awards and felt it was important to have a London Tournament beforehand to make it an event.

Propose to the competitions committee that the LKA hosts a London Clubs only tournament. Suggested that the pools reflect current leagues so that fewer games are played, i.e. 2 LKA 1 pools of 4, with 3 pool matches and a play off match.

FixturesLive – West London expressed concern about the level of personal detail and data security on FixturesLive and requested not to be forced to put photos on the website. There are concerns that the requirement for information might put off new players. Request that the registration requirements for playing in the LKA leagues to be discussed at the competitions meeting.

8. Outdoor Fixtures

Outdoor league starting 2nd weekend in September. Proposal is that the competition is regionalised, with one competition in Central London and another in Croydon/Epsom. Final weekend of competition will be a play off between the two competitions.

9. LKA Hosted Events

LC reported that the LKA will be hosting NYD and Cup Finals.

10. AOB

1. Requirement for attendance – CA wanted to know what how we incentivise attendance.

It was decided that non-attendance would result in discretionary restriction of LKA funding for clubs and their members until attendance at the next development meeting.

2. CA reporting on the website Ning – free website with groups. Lkadevelopment.ning.com has a Q&A section, proposal to meet online. Can put events on the site. Can also do live chat so could be used between meetings, or as an alternative to meetings.

3. Date of next meeting agreed to be 6th March 2010.