

## Minutes of the London Korfball Association Committee Meeting

held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Attendees: KP, MP, LC, LM, SM

### 1. Apologies: KJ, SB, RW

It was noted that non-attendees should let the committee know if they are not able to attend a meeting.

### 2. Accounts

MP distributed a summary of accounts, a historical trend of profits and potential expenditure. The cost for development is for travel to National Youth day and London players trialling for the GB team.

Income for the year is about £2,000 (league fees and affiliation). Estimated costs for running the competitions is about £800. "Cancelled fines" in the account summary are from the 2008-09 season, and no fines for cancelling matches have been given out for the 2009-10 season. There has not been an issue with fines to clubs for referees missing matches this season.

### 3. Outstanding Matters

~~Action: MP to produce a formal application form for LKA funding for all courses that LKA clubs might want to run.~~ Done

~~Action: RW to send an email out to LKA clubs informing them about the course taking place.~~ See LKA minutes from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

~~Action: LC to respond to Highbury outlining the options.~~ Done.

~~Action: LC to identify a committee to run NYD.~~ This will be followed up.

~~Action: LC to chase up SW regards the referee proposal.~~ SW is no longer able to coordinate the assessment of referees. This issue is being dealt with by informing the clubs exactly what they need to do in order to get their players to be qualified referees. This information will go out on the LKA website for clubs to use.

~~Action: LC to put a list of referee assessors on the LKA website.~~ Clubs have a list of qualified referees, some of whom are able to carry out assessments (NL referees). There are concerns about putting people's names on the website and clubs will be instructed to check the list of qualified referees.

~~Action: LC to put refs assessment form on the LKA web site.~~ Done.

~~Action: LC to check if LKA development plan has been updated.~~ To be followed up.

~~Action: LC to put junior fixtures on the LKA site.~~ Awaiting fixtures from KJ.

**KP will compare prices and make the order.** KP – has ordered 2 full sets of equipment (4 x collapsable posts) and 24 balls (sizes 3,4,5, eight of each). Highbury are going to borrow the equipment on a short term basis.

~~LM to email clubs and ask for an inter area senior manager and coach.~~ LM – emailed clubs re Inter-Area manager. No one replied to the email but MF (Bec) has stepped forward at the competitions meeting.

~~Action: LC to book Wimbledon for 6<sup>th</sup> December development sub-committee meeting.~~ Done, meeting took place and minutes are on the LKA website.

~~Action: LM to look into the EKA rules to see whether or not club affiliation of players determines which area players can play for.~~ London based players can represent the LKA regardless of the competition that they play in.

~~Action: LC to contact SW and ask him to identify at least 20 people to try and achieve qualification by the end of the season.~~ Different approach being taken to get people assessed.

Onus being put on the clubs.

~~**Action: LC to organise a practical referee course, in a sports hall. LC to identify dates etc.**~~ To be followed up, taken up by LM.

LM – reported that LKA are hosting NYD and Cup Finals. Cup finals are on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April and venue needs to have seating and warm up area. Looking at Brixton Rec, Kingston College, Spectrum in Guildford and Crystal Palace. Agreed to look at Crystal Palace as a first choice.

The meeting discussed how people get assessed to be a referee. The EKA are wanting to encourage people to identify local league matches that take place before or after National League matches. It was also mentioned that tournaments and particularly NYD are good opportunities to get assessed and student tournaments.

**Action – LC to expand LKA how to be a referee document with encouragement to find matches next to National League referees as assessment opportunities and note that each club will have a list of qualified referees.**

**Action – LM to organise a practical referee course to prepare people to be assessed at NYD. Hall needs to be provisionally booked and an instructor arranged to be present. NYD is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. A Sunday in May would be ideal (9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>). The course will cost £5 if booked before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

**Action – LC promote the course on the website and send the email out. Put a link to the website in the email.**

**Action – RW to email all clubs to remind them to look at updated website following committee meetings and that the committee is regularly adding news.**

~~**Action: SB to approach CRB and see whether the LKA can apply for CRB.**~~ The LKA cannot apply for CRB checks and will have to go through an umbrella organisation. The LKA would need to process 100 CRB checks a year to be eligible.

**Action: SB to review the EKA child protection policy and update language/guidance on who needs a CRB check and that the LKA will accept CRB checks from other organisations. Up to each club to check that CRBs are current. Need to take into account the use of ISAs next year. Outstanding.**

~~**Action: SM to ask Trojans for clarification and to look at the rules to see if we can ask Trojans to pay for Mitcham's expenses.**~~ SM reported that Mitcham have not sent expenses in.

MP reported that Nomads had requested funding for CRB checks and that they had found a website that processes CRB checks for £7. The LKA's policy is to fund up to two people for CRB checks. The meeting discussed that this limit was based on a cost of £15 per person and there is effectively a budget of £30 per club.

**Action – MP to contact Nomads and inform them that Nomads will be reimbursed up to £30 for CRB checks.**

**Action: KJ to propose a series of dates for junior fixtures/friendlies.** To be followed up.

#### 4. Competitions

KP noted that the LKA has not had an invite for the inter-area.

LM reported that we need a fixtures secretary for next year to deal with the ongoing changes to fixtures that occur during the season.

Only one referee for the regional league has missed a fixture – Mitcham did not provide a referee for the Croydon 1 vs Croydon 2 fixture. The meeting noted that appointed referees need to find a replacement. No fine was given as it was due to a genuine breakdown in communication.

Games cancelled due to snow. FixturesLive fixtures are postponed, but the EKA website shows fixtures as 0-0.

North Downs did not attend a game on 10<sup>th</sup> January. Nomads, Woking, Mitcham and West London had let the league know that they were unable to play. North Downs did not inform the league that they were not going to fulfil the fixtures. Supernova need to decide whether they are going to ask for hall costs.

Highbury 4 have not put out a legal team throughout the whole season. Asked to withdraw the team, Highbury disagreed with the decision but have withdrawn and will play friendlies with those clubs that agree to play them. Highbury have asked for a refund for half of their registration fee. The meeting agreed not to repay the registration fee. KP noted that it is important for Highbury to understand how the LKA came to its decision as it is thought unfair on other clubs, who are expecting a competitive fixtures to then be faced with an illegal team.

Highbury 4's results have been taken off the league table.

**Action – SM to contact Highbury to highlight how Highbury can get involved in the LKA.**

**Action – MP to draft the letter and send to SM for checking.**

**Action – MP to order and pay for the end of season medals.**

LM reported that Highbury had asked for the hall costs to be claimed as a result of re-arranged game with North Downs. The meeting agreed not to accept the claim for hall as sufficient notice had been given.

SM noted that Trojans 3 have not played in the first game of the season for the last 3 years.

**Action – SM to contact Trojans and inform them that Trojans 3 have missed the first match of the season for the last 3 years and this will not be tolerated next season.**

Regional League – LM reported on discussions with other areas regarding the regional league. Decision at competitions meetings was to inform the EKA that they will have to make a decision regarding allocation of places in the Champions Trophy.

U9s tournament – need to get the clubs involved. Plan of communication is to send out an email confirming the date of the competition and what we would like clubs to commit to. LKA committee members to then following up with face-to-face communication.

KP – Trojans, Scorpions, Bromley LC – Bec, Highbury, Woking MP – Supernova, West London, LM – Nomads, Mitcham, Pelham KJ – Croydon, North Downs,

KP reported that there are issues with Croydon council and the costs of Lloyd Park. In negotiation

to book venue for the day. The LKA may need to look at alternative venues.

SM talked about young players playing in the senior league. It was agreed that the underage player forms are there to document that a club's coach and child's parents have agreed that the player is physically and mentally capable of playing in a senior league. The LKA underage player request form was updated.

**Action – LC to put underage form up on the LKA website.**

#### 5. AOB

Proposed date of the LKA AGM is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Wimbledon Community Centre. 11.00 start.

**KP to contact EKA and see when their AGM is scheduled to be held.**

The meeting discussed penalties for repeat missing of attendance at the competition and development meeting. It was agreed to extend the restriction of funding to non-attendance of competitions meeting, but

The meeting discussed kit. It was agreed to purchase 14 shirts (inc 2 x XXLs) for senior squad, and 12 shirts for each junior squad (U16s and U13s). The cost of the shirts proposed by MF (£23 per shirt). The logo was decided on. Colours of Blue and White were agreed on.



It was agreed that the LKA will pay for the entry fee, but the costs of the coach and hall should be met by the players. The LKA will pay for travel expenses of the manager and coach.

#### 6. date of next meeting

Date of next meeting is suggested to be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at KP's house.

Action – All to let KP know availability for these two dates.

