

Minutes of the London Korfball Association Annual General Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
Wimbledon Community Centre, St George's Road

Executive Summary

- The LKA would like to produce publicity material (leaflets, posters). If anyone knows someone with graphic design skills who would be willing to help please let the LKA know.
- The LKA is getting very little response from clubs and would like suggestions as to how the LKA can better communicate with clubs.
- The LKA secretary requests that club secretaries forward LKA information to their club committees and wider members as appropriate.
- The LKA and its clubs will discuss requirements for having a number of qualified referees based on the number of teams entered into the league at the competition sub-committee meetings.
- The LKA is not currently seeking to form a regional league with the SERL, although Highbury and Croydon have been invited to join.
- Financial support for development activities, e.g. subsidised places on courses, will not be available to those clubs who do not attend the development meetings.
- The LKA does not currently have a Child Protection Officer and will need one for the upcoming Independent Safeguarding Authority process that is coming in to replace CRB.
- The LKA does not currently have an Indoor League secretary or Indoor League referees co-ordinator, without whom the league will not go ahead.
- Can any clubs with blue LKA equipment (sourced from the £15,000 sport for all grant) let the LKA know if they have any of it or the whereabouts of it.
- The LKA is running National Youth Day on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Sparrows Den, West Wickham (no World Cup games) and are looking for volunteers (referees, refreshment stall, car parking organisers).
- The LKA development co-ordinator will be sending out a development questionnaire for all clubs to fill out to assess clubs' development needs over the coming season.

MINUTES

1. Attendees. Bec (3 delegates, 3 votes), Scorpions (3 delegates, 1 vote), Woking (1 delegate, 1 vote), Trojans 1 delegate, 1 vote), Highbury (2 delegates, 2 votes), West London (1 delegate, 1 vote), Croydon (2 delegates, 2 votes), Nomads (1 delegate, 1 vote), Pelham (1 delegate, 1 vote), LKA Committee (Chairperson (1 vote), Treasurer (1 vote), Competitions Co-ordinator (1 vote), Development Co-ordinator (1 vote), Child Protection Officer (1 vote)). Apologies received from Supernova and LKA Secretary. No apologies for absence received at the meeting from Mitcham or North Downs.
2. Minutes of the LKA minutes 2009. The meeting unanimously accepted the minutes from the 2009 AGM.
3. Committee Reports
  - a) Chairperson

The committee have made a number of changes to the committee over the year with the formation of the competitions and development subcommittees. The aim was to put more responsibility on the clubs and for clubs to have a more active role in the activities of the LKA. The LKA filled the vacant positions and had a full committee and have carried out a

number of activities and development initiatives.

The LKA have purchased korfball equipment (two sets of collapsable posts, variety of balls) for LKA clubs to hire. Highbury are currently borrowing one set, with the other set being used by the LKA chairperson at a school. The LKA have relaunched the London senior squad and purchased new kit. Team London won the Inter-Area competition. The LKA had hoped to produced leaflets and posters and asked clubs to help. No one came forward and the LKA has not produced the leaflet.

The LKA have been running the competition and development meetings and putting the minutes on the LKA website. The development meetings have been sparsely attended and the last competition meeting was poorly attended. In general the LKA is getting very little response from the clubs.

b) Treasurer

See accompanying annual accounts. It was noted that the LKA financial year goes from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March in order to give the treasurer time to produce the accounts. Accounts have been audited by BE and RP.

The balance sheet shows that the LKA has made a loss of £1,443.41 in the year 2009-2010. Last year it was noted that the LKA has a lot of money and it was a committee decision to invest the money. This was the first year that the LKA has made a loss in about 9 years. The committee are pleased to have spent the money but still feel that there is more scope to spend money on activities and equipment that will benefit London Korfball and hope to continue in this vein going forwards.

The main items of expenditure are detailed in the accounts: Korfball Equipment, playing kit and entry fees for 2009 National Youth Day. The LKA will fund the development activity of its member clubs if those clubs provide appropriate paper work (invoices, attendees) and submit the form that is on the LKA website (see <http://www.londonkorfball.co.uk/index.php?p=news/new&nid=33>).

There are expenditure items since 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, in particular the U9 tournament just held. The LKA would be very interested in to hear from clubs of other opportunities for investing in korfball.

Croydon asked if the affiliation fee should be waived given that the LKA has so much money. The LKA committee responded that it did consider waiving the fee but that it had decided against it as to not collect fees would deplete the reserves too quickly.

c) Secretary.

The LKA secretary sent apologies due to work commitments. He has enjoyed being secretary and thanked those who responded to his emails. He requests that clubs' secretaries forward LKA information to their clubs committees and wider members as appropriate.

d) Competitions.

The LKA competitions co-ordinator thanked the league administrator, the clubs for being accommodating when changes to fixtures happened and the referees for all their hard work. Congratulations to the league winners: LKA 1 - Bec 2, LKA 2 - Nomads 3, LKA 3 -

Supernova 2, LKA 4 - Supernova 3.

The LKA have run competition meetings for the LKA clubs to attend. From those meetings MF (Bec) stepped forward to run Team London, who won Inter- Area and lost on golden goal to England in the Home Nations Challenge.

There were a number of changes that needed to happen to the fixtures over the season. Going forwards it is proposed that the LKA should have a fixtures secretary, someone to put the fixtures together at the beginning of the year and to deal with changes to the fixtures during the year. The competitions co-ordinator is happy to continue to appoint referees to the regional league (LKA 1) but proposes that there be a referee co-ordinator for the lower leagues.

The LKA discussed requirements to have a number of qualified referees per team in the LKA. This should be looked at during the competition sub-committee meetings.

There is talk of having an outdoor league in September and this will need an outdoor league co-ordinator.

There are a number of changes being proposed for the National League and it is unclear what is happening until after the EKA AGM. EKA have expanded the National League to 10 teams which has had a detrimental impact on the SERL. The Competitions Co-ordinator attended a SERL meeting and told them that LKA was not currently interested in joining with the SERL to make an expanded league. Lol More told the SERL meeting that he didn't think that Croydon or Highbury would want to travel but that SERL were welcome to approach the clubs individually.

The meeting briefly discussed the relative merits of the SERL without its top two clubs with no clear conclusion being reached.

The Competitions Co-ordinator summarised the status of regional competitions in relation to EKA's requirements to attend the Premier League promotion competition. At the start of the season, London was not considered a region and one possible outcome was for London to sub-divide into two and form a region. This will be considered again should the EKA require that London become a region.

FixturesLive went live during the season. A number of the problems with FixturesLive are platform specific, e.g. away team post match editor not being able to input the score. After initial problems things appear to be running smoothly.

e) Development.

The LKA has been running Development sub-committee meetings. These meetings have not been regularly attended by all clubs.

Development is an important part of LKA clubs' ongoing survival but the attendance and discussions at the development meetings do not suggest that clubs are putting enough effort into these areas.

The LKA has organised a practical refereeing course, designed to take people with theory qualifications and give them the confidence to take charge of a match. The course was well attended with most attendees coming from Supernova (with Bec and Woking providing the

other attendees). The LKA have organised a youth coaching course. The course was poorly attended.

It was noted that clubs not attending the development meetings will not be able to take advantage of the LKA's financial support until they have attended a development meeting.

Going forwards the Development Co-ordinator stated that he would continue in the role, but would be looking for someone to take over so that he could focus on organising coaching courses for the LKA.

f) Child Protection.

The LKA offers funding for CRB checks, only Nomads have used the facility. The LKA has also changed the process for underage player form so that LKA committee do not have to sign the forms, but forms have to be submitted to LKA CPO. The underage players forms do not have to be updated annually for players in a club, but will have to be updated when a junior player changes clubs.

Highbury asked about the new junior coach/helper registration process Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), which will require everyone involved with juniors to be checked through ISA process. Little is currently known about the process LKA see ISA being the first priority of the new committee.

g) Junior Co-ordinator.

This role has been largely carried out by the Chairperson this year. The LKA had intended to run a junior league at the start of the year but it did not work out. The LKA attended a youth forum in Kent, which highlighted the benefit of starting with U9s. The LKA have limited resources and are focusing on U9s.

The LKA have been running U16s and U13s regional teams. Training sessions have been poorly attended due to lack of definite programme and clashes with England training. The LKA needs to book training sessions in advance, but are unable to do anything until England training dates are announced.

The LKA would very much like someone to come forward with a passion for junior korfbal to take on the junior co-ordinator role.

4. Election of Auditors. Existing auditors (RP and BE) have offered to be auditors. LKA Treasurer proposed, West London seconded. Agreed unanimously.

5. Constitution Changes.

a) LKA Treasurer proposed that rule 12.7 be deleted because it is repetitive. West London seconded. Unanimously agreed.

b) The LKA constitution is unclear as to the status of abstentions in AGM votes with regards to 2/3<sup>rd</sup> requirement for a change to the constitution to be agreed. It was proposed that abstentions are not counted as votes cast. LKA Treasurer proposed, West London seconded. Unanimously agreed that abstentions do not count as a vote cast.

- c) Competition Co-ordinator proposed to include non-executive members for the running of the indoor league and co-ordination of referees into the constitution. Woking seconded. Unanimously agreed.

## 6. Rule Changes.

Competitions co-ordinator reported that there are changes to the rules so as to prevent the 'tap' free pass. If the EKA AGM follow the IKF proposal, which they are likely to, the LKA competition rules will use these rules.

## 7. Election of new officials.

The LKA chairperson reported that the LKA sent out a questionnaire asking for nominations but only had 3 responses.

- a) Chairperson. Current chair is willing to stand again, no other candidates. LKA treasurer nominated, Croydon seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- b) Secretary. Current Secretary is willing to stand again, no other candidates. Highbury nominated, West London Seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- c) Treasurer. Current treasurer is willing to stand again, no other candidates. Scorpions nominated. West London Seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- d) Competitions Co-ordinator. Current Competitions Co-ordinator is willing to stand again, no other candidates. Nomads nominated. West London Seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- e) Development Co-ordinator. Current Development Co-ordinator is willing to stand again. LKA treasurer nominated. Highbury seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- f) Child Protection. Current Child Protection Officer stepping down. No one stepped forward. Position vacant.
- g) Indoor fixtures secretary. No one stepped forward. Position vacant.
- h) Indoor referees secretary. Competitions co-ordinator will continue to appoint referees to the London Regional League, but referee co-ordination for lower leagues will need to take place. Position vacant.
- i) Area Team Managers. LKA Chair believes that incumbants want to carry on, joined by GB and CB (Trojans) who have offered to organise the U9s.
- j) Outdoor league(s). No one stepped forward. Position vacant.

## 8. AOB

- a) GB (Trojans) noted that the LKA had £15,000 of equipment, with 50% in storage, the other 50% loaned out to schools. Although the school equipment is lost, the stored equipment was at Croydon High School. Can everyone look for the equipment and let the LKA know if they have it?
- b) The LKA Chairperson noted that attendance at competition and development meetings have

been poorly attended. How can the LKA encourage attendance? Committee suggestion is to fine clubs up to £50. Scorpions suggested fine should just be for non notification, i.e. not sending apologies. Highbury requested that reminders for the meeting be sent out. Highbury noted that clubs had sent opinions to meetings without attending – would this be sufficient? The LKA responded that sending an opinion would be sufficient. Croydon requested that an agenda be sent out in advance (at least 3 weeks) so that the club committee can be consulted. Scorpions requested that contact be via texting rather than email. Development co-ordinator noted that this year development attendees have been fluid and would need direct contacts for texts to work. FixturesLive has the facilities to contact club and committee members and should be looked at. A fine was not agreed, but it was noted that clubs not attending the development meeting would not be eligible for LKA financial support until they had attended a meeting.

- c) Travelling to score. We have had problems with away teams going to play Highbury at Score. Current situation is that away teams cover any costs of the home team for not attending. LKA Committee suggested that fines be levied on teams that forfeit a number of games. Highbury wanted to play games and would rather play illegal games rather than no games at all. The meeting expressed that a balance was needed, while illegal teams in the lowest league is likely it should not be encouraged in the higher leagues. Highbury expressed a willingness to lend their own players to opposition who were short of players.
- d) Consequences of non-filling of roles. Meeting agreed that flexibility of current constitution was desirable and the LKA constitution does not need to specify what can and can not be done with unfilled posts.
- e) Next development meeting. The development co-ordinator informed the AGM that a physical meeting would not take place on 19<sup>th</sup> June, but rather a questionnaire will be sent out asking for information on club's development needs.
- f) North Downs. It was unknown if North Downs would be entering a team into the London league next season.
- g) National Youth Day. The LKA are running National Youth Day on 4<sup>th</sup> July – there is no World Cup Football on that date. Scorpions volunteered to run the catering. Croydon have offered equipment (BBQ). Bec offered 2 sets of collapsable posts. Need help with organising parking and putting up signs. LKA have organised for a sports photographer to attend. The LKA still needs people to run a refreshment stall. The mayor of Bromley will be attending. Teams are expected to bring their own balls and bibs. U9s will be mini-korf (i.e. two posts end to end). Please bring shade. The entry fee is set by the EKA who cover the cost of hiring the venue.
- h) Scorpions reported that they will not have a senior team next year. LKA Chairperson offered the LKA's sympathies.
- i) Scorpions asked about the 10<sup>th</sup> July Kent tournament and London representative teams. Information will be sent out by coaches. Scorpions informed the LKA that the older children will be looking to put an U19 team. The LKA chair said that the LKA committee would like to be informed by the team of their intentions. There is some uncertainty about the age groups being run at the Kent Inter-Area tournament.