

Exeter Korfball Club AGM 2015

Held at Mill on the Exe, Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Present:

Matt M, Helen C, Rach P, Helen J, Gav R, Steve T, Rob K, Claire W, Ian B, James H (Chair), Michelle S, Steve P (Secretary), Alex R, Alan M, Annabelle T, James D, Rosie S, Tony F, Will S, Lisa F, Hazel T, Hannah W

The meeting began by the Secretary (Steve P) reading out the minutes of the previous AGM (2014).

Next the Committee members gave their reports of the previous year.

James (Chair) began by stating that the proposals to player eligibility which Exeter had made at the previous year's SWKA AGM had been accepted. Next the issue of enabling U18s to play in the club was discussed. The committee have been looking into this in the past year and what is needed to be done to allow U18s to play is now understood. It was stated that there didn't seem sufficient demand at the moment to implement an U18s policy and allow U18s within the club but things were in place for it. James thanked those who had replied when an email had been sent out asking for feedback on a 3rd team. A specific meeting had been held to go through the logistics of how a third team would work. James said that our position in SWKA was improving due to better attendance.

Next Michelle (Treasurer) gave her report, going through the details of the club's account. The number of players on direct debit had increased slightly. Outgoings had gone up, including hall prices, EKA costs and referee fees. SWKA had held their membership costs. Accounts were generally healthy and at £20/month gives good value for the training sessions and matches it also generates a slight surplus for the club. A third team would be affordable for one year but increased membership numbers would be needed to keep it viable.

Ian and Matt, Social Secs, next gave their report describing the different socials which had occurred. James highlighted that as the first and second teams had sometimes played on different days socials were important.

Gav, Development Sec, gave his report stating that 3rd team games had been played, unfortunately a couple of games were cancelled by the opposition but having a separate role for development had worked well.

Alex, Recruitment Officer, stated that at the beginning of the season posters had been put up around town. A large number of new people turned up on the beginners session. A second smaller recruitment also took place in January.

Helen J, Club Manager, stated things had carried on as usual with the addition of using doodle poll to obtain availability for fixtures. Helen stated there had been some mixed feedback on it as some people don't put their name down if they see that a sufficient number of people have already put

their name down to play. Further trialling of anonymous polls might be done. EKA had been much hotter on registering players this year, photo and county of birth both needed.

Rob K, Coaching Coordinator, thanked the coaches: Claire, Hazel, Michelle, James and Alan for their help throughout the season. The first and second teams had finished fourth and fifth in the SWKL 1+2 leagues. There was still the possibility that a session held by a “professional” coach could be held jointly with Taunton and other clubs. Rob K was now Head of SWKA referees and congratulated Gav and Matt on refereeing this year within SWKA.

Elections were held with the results being:

Treasurer: Ian B

Social Sec: Matt M and Annabelle T

Coaching Coordinator: Claire W

Chair: Steve P

Secretary: Steve T

Development: James D and Gav R

Recruitment: James H

Club Manager: Helen J

Next the item of having a third team was discussed and the issues associated with that. James stated that he had contacted SWKA and that ten teams were a likely maximum number of teams in a SWKA league. If a lot of third teams enter from other clubs then a third league or developmental league would likely to be created. It was stated that more members were needed to make having a third team sustainable. SWKA can refuse entry of an additional team.

The issuing of defaulting some third team games was discussed and currently teams are not fined if they default a game, it is likely to stay like this. Having fixtures in different locations was discussed and whether we would have enough players to field separate teams at different locations. It might become SWKA rules that you can only play in one game on a given day.

Training was also discussed with coping with large numbers an issue. Possibility to extend Exeter School booking by half an hour earlier, 6pm-8pm. Had nearly lost training at Clifton Hill this last year as wanted to change timetable. Need to look into other venues for training sessions. Two parallel halls would be best. There was some flexibility amongst the members about timing of training on Thursdays.

It was mentioned that without a third team a lot of people are playing half games which is not ideal. A recruitment plan was discussed. Having a third team would benefit the first and second teams as it would act as a good feeder of players though the teams. Having a specialised training session outside the normal training times for first and second team was discussed. It was noted that it was important to look after new players if we are to retain them and give them tips and advice as the game can seem strange at first.

Two options were proposed:

Enter a third team into SWKA

Develop third team outside of SWKA

A majority vote of 17/4 was given to entering a third team into SWKA.

Next, the club logo was discussed. James H will continue working on this.

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To get new members along a cash incentive could be given if you bring someone along who ends up on the direct debit scheme.

Summer training venues were discussed, Exeter School until end of May.

Helen J highlighted that SWKA had committee roles available. People were asked to fill out the club survey as this will be useful to the incoming committee.

The meeting was then closed.