

ECKF Committee Meeting 3rd July 2014 held at Clifton Inn

Present: Helen J, Gav, James, Rob K, Alex, Steve P
Apologies: Matt, Michelle, Ian

The meeting began by going through the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th June. James mentioned that Exeter recently attended the SWKA AGM and that proposals which Exeter put forward, including changes to player eligibility rules, had been accepted. James said he would write a report for the club and email it out. Rob mentioned that EKA games will affect SWKL 1 fixtures as SWKA teams will play in these, it is worth keeping an eye on the EKA fixtures.

Alex next gave feedback on the club survey and gave overall results for different sections including training, socials, communication and recruitment. Training received positive feedback and there were comments that more competitive matches could be played in training. There were comments on people paying per session and that we should encourage people to move to direct debit scheme as quickly as possible. There was then a discussion about how to keep a record of who needed to pay per session. An attendance record book could be kept in the ball bag and attendance taken for each session. This could then be checked against who had paid.

An **action** was created to discuss with Michelle the issue of pay per session and how to keep a record.

Alex next brought up the survey results on socials and there was a strong tendency for an outdoor social. The point was made that the club has quite a few injured people at the moment and so a social should include them!

Alex next discussed communication results and said that the club email newsletter was well received. James had some ideas about what could be included in the newsletter, for example player milestones, e.g. first goal scored etc... . Match reports were also discussed, these could be included in the newsletter if appropriate and timely. The frequency of the newsletter should be sent out twice a month approximately.

An **action** was created for Steve to send out an email in July as a club newsletter, could include date for a club social.

Alex also mentioned about the communication surrounding the promotion of the 2nd team. It was generally positive but some people weren't sure about what teams had been promoted/demoted. Rob K said that the SWKA AGM had still not sorted out the issue of what happens when a club declines promotion.

Next recruitment was discussed and there were lots of comments from the club survey about the 3rd team being important for the club. A recruitment event was discussed and whether something could be organised in a park or Princesshay. There was then discussion of putting up flyers around the city and putting up posters at Clifton Hill sports centre. Tuesday 9th September was decided to be the advertised date for new players with Tuesday 2nd September being the first training session.

Gav then mentioned dealing with new players and an **action** was created for Alex and Gav to discuss how they would share the work and perhaps come up with a standard email with information about the club etc. It was also mentioned by Helen that it should be pointed out to new members that we go to the pub after training on Tuesdays. Gav said that the information packs for

new players were nearly complete and questions were asked about who dealt with club email addresses. It was suggested that Hannah should be contacted for this. Gav also mentioned that he had been in contact with Taunton and Exeter Uni about 3rd team matches. Exeter Uni were keen but had some concerns about travelling to Taunton.

Business cards were discussed, some would be printed off before the new logo was complete and an **action** was given to Steve to contact Michelle about this.

The club's policy on paying direct debit when injured for a long time was discussed. Options included the club refunding the player so that they didn't have the hassle of stopping the direct debit and it would mean the club would keep them on the direct debit scheme. Another suggestion was that half (£10) or full amount would be refunded. The issue however is quite complicated and would be discussed at the next committee meeting. No decisions were made but further discussion required. It might be that a formal policy is placed in the club's constitution.

With new players it was discussed that if they put themselves forward to play then we should put their details on the fixtureslive website. Rob thought that this season we would need to be very upto date with fixtures live.

At the end of the meeting there was some discussion of the Western Regional League and the Welsh Korfball Association as Cardiff and Oxford had been putting in amalgamated teams into the regional league. This might no longer be possible and club teams only be allowed to be entered.

James also said that the English Korfball Association had been discussing whether to change to a plc as this would allow the association to better promote korfball. The association would then need to have a different structure at the top of the organisation.

The next meeting was pencilled in for 24th July. An issue to discuss at the next meeting was whether to change the day on which the committee meets.

The meeting then closed.

Other actions which were created in the meeting were:

Steve to contact Michelle to see if she had contact details for Mel in Plymouth

Add James to secretary email address.

Does anyone in the club have a video camera suitable for recording matches, does the club have the resources to buy one? Ask Michelle