

Scottish Korfball Association AGM

APRIL 2011

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1. Reports

Scottish National

- > Ranked in 15th at our first appearance at the European Championships
- > Ranked 6th at the Home Nations with a developmental squad
- > Appearance at U23 World Cup with good reviews from independent sources and close results

Financial

- > IKF membership funds required are significant
- > We are able to keep league fees at same price next year due to lower national squad training costs in the previous 12 months
- > Sponsorship is needed, after Arjan's funding plugged a gap which should not be expected to be the norm
- > A pledge to cover National squad entry fees and a payment to the National squad coach were agreed at the AGM last year, and should be met

Sponsorship

- > Naobh will pass on information she has to newly elected officer
- > Potential for using clubs to gain sponsorship due to restrictions of a National Organisation
- > Grants have proved difficult for the SKA to attract in relation to restrictions on any 'selected squad' or national organizations

Dutch Visit and Actions

- > Having some sort of coaching course next year is seen as key to enable new coaching at a higher level
- > Proper Scottish Development Squad training should be undertaken
- > Both initiatives need to be well attended, all clubs will be expected to participate

Development

- > 10th team attempted last season in the SKL - Development teams to be encouraged.
- > Rules for Development teams to be further reviewed

- > Inverness team developing - a league entry would involve clear fixture difficulties, although full club weekend trips would be an option
- > A Dundee team will be setting up from September

League

- > Weather caused cancellations in the first half of the season, although good efforts were made by all to replay games
- > Awareness of League Rules was not good - all clubs must consult the rules on the league website, not rely on asking questions which should be obvious

2. Elections

- > There is clearly a major communications bonus of having representatives from each club on the SKA committee. Noted to clubs that at least one nomination is therefore expected. All positions have busier periods, but workloads average out at just 1 hour per week.

Chair

- > Role includes coordination and supporting committee, liaising with BKA etc.
- > Chris re-elected for another term

Treasurer

- > Keeping accounts, delivering cheques, collecting money from the clubs
- > Tasha re-elected for another term

Internationals

- > Supports Beth in organising training etc. Planning for next events.
- > Will Lawton (Ed Uni) elected, with assistance from Kyle Crombie as a communication representative, and Dave E(St As) as representative from St As. Laura Powell able to help out.

Secretary

- > Help out strugglers on the committee at busy times, receive emails and forward on, action lists from meetings and minutes, SKA Party role.
- > Rosy Nolan (Ed Uni) elected.

Development

- > Helping new clubs, bringing new ideas for League, developing referees, noting efforts with children.
- > Josh happy to run again. Josh re-elected.

Funding

- > Track down new sources of funding, events to raise cash, grant applications.
- > Will Ellis (Ed Uni) elected

League Secretary

- > "Challenging task" of arranging fixtures, rearranging fixtures, match forms, putting things on website/stats etc.

- > Kathryn Maltby received thanks for very good job.
- > Simon Messenger (Mavs) elected

Child Protection

-> Not a regular committee post, but will support Development in this key area in which the Dutch contacts would like to expand efforts.

-> Louise Pirie (Ed Uni) elected.

-> As they have not nominated themselves for any committee roles, Glasgow and St Andrews representatives will be involved in sitting in on meetings if possible.

3. Drugs Policy

-> The WADA general position is applied to all sports. It involves Certificates, tests, bans. The IKF have signed up to it, therefore the SKA have to adopt a version of it, at least to an extent, as part of being a member of the IKF.

-> If we have a policy we could have to perform drugs tests, which seems impractical and invasive to more social players. International players are already subjected to such regardless.

-> Scotland would be reasonably independent in policing, but the wider British organisation could turn up at any point, so people would need certificates.

-> Proposal: We adapt rules so that it applies to International events (including ones taking place in Scotland) but not for league fixtures.

-> Careful note to exclude the Edinburgh International Korfball Tournament

-> Proposal passed. SKA to draft amended rules and deliver these to the IKF.

4. League Issues

-> Discussing problems this year and possible rule changes to address them. For example, heavy snow causes rearranging, then rearranged fixture is impractical. How much time can go by? Should set rules be put in place to ensure that a fixture is rearranged within two weeks?

-> Rule instated that discussions of rearrangements must occur within 2 weeks of fixture? Suggestion not approved.

-> The role of League Secretary as independent arbitrator will remain and should be noted by all.

-> If a cancellation is within 48 hours of fixture, contact has to be made BY TELEPHONE. Rule to be amended accordingly.

-> Contacts: Additionally, having a contact for each TEAM (2nd/3rd teams) for more direct contact should be ensured.

-> Forfeiting points: Is 10 goals as a forfeit margin too low? A vote was taken, the result of which is that the margin is to remain on ten points.

-> It was debated that Goal Difference is unhelpful to large skills gaps between clubs and to some instances of 10-0 forfeits. After debate and voting, it was decided that overall goal difference will no longer be a factor in deciding league positions. Places will be decided on points, then head to head, then goal difference between teams, then goals scored, then play-off.

-> Match Forms were not being delivered by all teams on time. There is already a fine system set up last year, and this year the SKA will start enforcing it. Teams must make sure match forms are filled in, and that they bring forms to matches when required.

-> Referees for single fixtures, if there is another 10th team, was difficult this year. A Development team combination from multiple clubs may be entered. Proposal for the fixtures to try to combine single fixtures to double fixtures wherever possible.

-> Indications of star players will be placed on the website - more information publicized so that other teams can check if they suspect rules have been breached.

-> New Balls: For the 2011/12 season, the new balls are capable of being used in matches with the consent of both teams. If either team objects, an old ball must be used. It is intended that the new balls will be used by all from the start of the 2012/2013 season.

5. League Structure

-> Josh's summary: Idea is to be able to take in more teams.

-> The initial proposal is to move to a two division structure, where teams in same division play twice, and play other division teams once.

-> An alternative model would be a League Split idea. All teams play each other once, then split into two divisions in February based on standings.

-> Queried whether change is necessary until there are actually new teams. Discussed that there should be a trigger number for a swap to a new structure. Foresight of what team entries are expected will be looked at closely.

-> As additional ideas, the potential for play-offs or a Scottish Cup were debated.

-> How many games is an ideal amount is a key question, and one which clubs have differing ideas, particularly as University sides play more tournaments than city teams.

-> One popular proposal: stick with a 9 team structure, then have development team having separate games.

-> There is a potential team expansion explosion coming - we should be prepared. But structure is fine as it is for the coming season. Noted that we can't plan for things we can't predict, but it is worth having proposals for eventualities.

-> Contacts at Stirling/Stirling Uni. Laura and Dom can liaise potentially on projects for a team there.

-> Friendlies: Just contact people, they'll be happy to play.

6. Summer League

-> Idea to have a league of 4 on 4 Korfball, over Summer. Anyone can enter in any teams, anyone can play, rotating subs, with potential to assign one day/weekend for non-Edinburgh teams to play.

-> This can raise funds for SKA. £15 entry fee, with £5 refunded on completion was proposed. Suggested that more should be charged in order to ensure complete participation and completion of matches.

-> Ideally outdoor matches, on Meadows eg.

-> Josh given 3 weeks to find interest.

7. Funding Scotland Team

-> Is it fair for new players to be paying for International escapades?

-> More view to using expertise given to Scotland team for more development activities. Eg. One day where Scotland trains in the morning, then teams come in and play high calibre teams and receive coaching.

-> Training weekends where we can identify potential (forward looking Scotland team). Bring a coach who can have a session coaching the coaches of clubs.

-> Two weekends? One of development and games where people can turn up, then one of actual trials where Beth can invite people.

8. Scottish Cup

-> Proposal that this would be for teams who can't perhaps commit to entire league season, but could commit to two weekends, say, over entire year.

-> Mainly thought of as an idea for additional fixtures if fixtures were to be cut, not essential if league structure remaining same.

-> Proposal that a cup competition could replace Finals day. This would be separate to the league. Cup-tournament would be finishing on final day so everyone is involved. Scratch Team Idea rather than clubs was proposed.

-> The SKA will look into this later in the season. Emails will be sent to clubs in November.

9. AOCB

-> None

Meeting closed, 12.17pm.