

LKA Competitions Committee Meeting January 7, 2017

1	<p>Lol More (LKA Competitions Coordinator – Nomads), Sally More (LKA Competitions Administrator – Nomads), Karen Palfreyman (LKA Chair), Eiti Stein (LKA refs secretary - Supernova), Dan Brooks (Bec), Bill Berry (Bromley), Ben Walsh (Croydon), Rich Hayward (Highbury), James Siphthorpe (Highbury), Tom Highton (Mitcham) and John Coughlan (Supernova).</p> <p>Trojans apologised after the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>LKA Senior Indoor League</p> <p>i. Fixtures so far for Senior Indoor Divisions for 2016/17</p> <p>LM explained that it had been a difficult start to the season due to the EKL fixtures coming out so late. Also, there had been a lot of problems with halls cancelling/changing times after they had been booked. There had been problems at Whitgift, Trinity, Millwall, Graveney (and New Line Learning in Kent). In particular, during one week before Christmas, Bec had problems with both Whitgift and Graveney.</p> <p>However, overall, most matches had taken place and there were only a couple of fixtures which need rearranging.</p> <p>SM reminded clubs of some issues regarding match report forms/FixturesLive as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Only substitutes used should be input on FixturesLive. These substitutes should be ticked as a reserve on FixturesLive. b) The referee's name (not just club) should be completed on the match report form and FixturesLive c) The shot clock operator (LRL only) should be on the match report form and FixturesLive d) Transfers must be completed on FixturesLive before a player plays in a match e) Dual registration forms must be approved before a player plays in a match f) All underage players must be registered (which includes providing a signed underage player form) before they play against adults. <p>ii. Referee Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assigning referees for LRL <p>ES reported that most teams participating in LRL had been allocated 8 matches to referee. Some clubs had fewer referees allocations due to EKA appointing referees to some matches and unattached referees. However, these clubs may be asked to referee more matches, depending on the dates/times of some of the rearranged matches.</p> <p>SM had put together a list of all the qualified referees in London, together with those who have passed their theory, which had been circulated, together with the refs fees payable.</p> <p>Will Tiddy and Dave Butters from Bromley should get themselves qualified. Also, Mo Hutchinson-Pascal from Highbury and Jamie Miller from Supernova as they had all refereed LRL matches.</p> b) Refereeing in lower divisions <p>LM had recirculated the referee guidelines for lower leagues again. However, there were no reported issues with referees in the lower divisions. LM had circulated the list of offence codes for yellow/red cards.</p> c) Assessments <p>LM reminded the clubs that he can arrange assessments in LRL and LKA2 matches if a few weeks' notice is given. He can also arrange informal assessments at lower levels to give aspiring referees pointers. The best places for assessments are Royal</p> 	

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	<p>Russell, Trinity and Epsom College were there more likely to be senior referees present.</p> <p>d) Minimum Age for Referees</p> <p>It was confirmed that the minimum age to referee adults is 16. However, an approved signed underage referee form must be in place.</p> <p>iii. Possible changes the rules for season 2017/18</p> <p>Concern had been raised by Mitcham regarding the criteria for playing a development match. Currently, in order to play a development match, a club must provide 6 of its own players and 2 may be borrowed. The reason for a minimum of 6 is that is the minimum required to play a korfbal match i.e. 3 players in each division. If a club only provides 5 players a match could not be played. Therefore, it was agreed that the Rule should not be changed and a match can only be classed as a development match if a minimum of 6 players are provided.</p> <p>Also, Bec had raised an issue last season with regard to transfers after 31st January. In the National League, transfers can only take place after this date due to exceptional circumstances e.g. a player moving house/job by more than 100 miles. It was agreed that the LKA Rules would not have any restrictions introduced with regard to transfers after 31st January.</p> <p>During the meeting, Mitcham expressed concern as to whether the bottom division was going in the right direction. It was agreed that the “London Cup” days run by Highbury had been a success. Therefore, it was requested that proposals be submitted for the set-up of the bottom division next season, These should be sent to the LKA in time for discussion at the next LKA Competitions meeting in May.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Junior Competitions</p> <p>A meeting between all clubs who have juniors had been held and dates set for mini-tournaments. However, due to the lateness of the meeting in the season, it was only possible to set 3 dates in the second half of the season. These dates and venues should be put on the LKA website.</p> <p>It was agreed that most clubs running juniors were struggling due to competition from other activities and the meeting had discussed how to get more juniors. However, Bill Berry mentioned that he has approx. 60 children playing and also Cambridge seem to be doing well. Feedback should be sought from Liv Harcourt.</p>	<p>LM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Inter-area</p> <p>i. Senior LKA representative team</p> <p>The Senior Inter-area is being held on Saturday 20th May 2017 in Oxford. The coaches for the LKA Senior team are Liam Clarke and Dave Synott. The manager is Sarah Halpin.</p> <p>Liam had put together a proposed selection policy and this was agreed by all present.</p> <p>ii. Youth LKA Representative teams</p> <p>The Youth Inter-Areas are being held the weekend of 21st/22nd January in Harrow. The age groups will be U17 and U13 on Saturday and U15 and U11 on Sunday. LKA have entered 2 teams in U11, 1 team in U13, 1 team in U15 and 1 team in U17, coached by Dav Patel.</p> <p>Since the last meeting, the hall in Kent for the U19 age group on 30th April had become unavailable. Therefore, LKA were asked to host. The LKA Committee had agreed to this and booked Royal Russell on Sunday, 30th April. SM mentioned that under the LKA endorsement for clubs to play in the National League, all clubs would have to help at the event. ES volunteered to be one of the referees.</p> <p>Jack Protheroe of Mitcham has done a great job in the role of Representatives Officer in pulling all the age groups together and ordering new kit for the younger players. KP thanks him for all his work.</p>	

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7	<p>Outdoor korfbal in summer 2017</p> <p>During the summer of 2016, Supernova, Highbury and Bec had all been successful running sessions outdoors. Time Out had been used to advertise some of these sessions and free adverts had been placed. Bring a friend sessions were also tried.</p> <p>Sessions will also be run in 2017.</p>	
8	<p>LKA Endorsement for National League teams (Premier and Promo Divisions)</p> <p>The current document was distributed.</p> <p>It was noted that since the last meeting, James Siphthorpe of Highbury had taken on the role of LKA CWO. Therefore, Highbury now had 3 members in administrative roles as required.</p> <p>SM confirmed that all clubs had attended the required number of meetings and had the required number of personnel performing roles for LKA. Therefore, LKA will be endorsing all clubs currently in EKL and LRL, except Bromley who don't want to be endorsed.</p> <p>It was noted that going forward there may be an issue with the number of administrative roles performed by Trojans members. KP to follow up at the Youth Inter-Areas.</p>	KP
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>BB had raised the issue of training in Child Welfare (safeguarding) issues for junior coaches. It was agreed that ideally, this training should not be optional. However, it would be difficult to enforce and LKA should "advise" coaches to take a course. JS mentioned that a safeguarding course would take about 3 hours, but there are courses on line. DVDs and films may also be available. LKA Committee to discuss at their next meeting.</p>	LKA Comm
10	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>It was proposed that the next meeting will take place on 13th May 2017 at the same venue. However, after the meeting, it was confirmed that the venue was not available in the morning on that date. Therefore, the meeting will now take place in the afternoon on Saturday 13th May 2017 starting at 2 p.m.</p>	LM