

LKA Competitions Committee Meeting May 13, 2017(2pm)

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2	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>LKA Senior Leagues</p> <p>i. Final positions of Senior Leagues for 2016/17</p> <p>LM confirmed that LRL had been won by Trojans 2, LKA2 by Supernova 2 and LKA3 by Bec 4.</p> <p>Less fixtures had been played during the season, and more fixtures in the bottom division had been development matches than last season. However, it was commented that last season was a particularly good year.</p> <p>There had been problems at Millwall due to FA Cup matches being played on a Sunday, which meant the hall could not be used. There had also been some problems with hall time at Trinity being cancelled when matches were due to be played. Consideration needs to be given to clubs using Trinity to book their own hall time next season.</p> <p>ii. Fixtures Secretary</p> <p>Helen Eardley had confirmed that she was not willing to continue in her role as Fixtures Secretary for next season due to pressure of work. KP/LM thanked Helen for all her hard work. John Coughlan (Supernova) and Rich Hayward (Highbury) had agreed to take on the role. Fixtures Secretary to be confirmed at AGM.</p> <p>iii. Structure of divisions for 2017/18</p> <p>SM circulated a schedule showing where all the teams finished this season and the reordering of the teams for next season under the current Rules.</p> <p>GB mentioned that Trojans were considering entering 4 teams next season. However, SM pointed out that this season Trojans 3 had only provided 8 eligible players in 8 out of 14 matches, i.e. just over 50% of their matches. Therefore, entering another team may be a struggle.</p> <p>LS mentioned that Bec may increase to 5 teams next season. However, if they remain at 4 teams, they would still like their 4th team (i.e. their bottom team) to play in LKA 3.</p> <p>LC mentioned that Mitcham may reduce to 1 team and Mitcham KC may change their name to South London KC, with the team known as Mitcham. Further teams would be named after different areas in South London. LM mentioned that Nomads would enter 4 or 5 teams.</p> <p>Bromley asked if their 1st team could stay in LRL. Nomads 3 wanted to stay in LRL and Supernova 2 wanted to be promoted. That would mean increasing LRL to 10 teams. Highbury had commented last season that a 10 team LRL would mean too many matches for them. However, this season the 2 teams in the EKL Promo Division from SERL were both in Norwich, so the away matches could be played in one weekend.</p> <p>Therefore, it was agreed that the LRL would increase to 10 teams. Next season, the Rules will be reviewed regarding 1st teams playing in LRL.</p> <p>It was agreed that the make-up of LKA 2 and 3 could not be decided until it was known how many teams clubs were entering. However, LKA 3 should not be split into 2 sub pools if there are less than 10 teams. If it were, it should be split on location.</p> <p>RC and LC had produced proposals regarding LKA 3 which had been circulated. It was agreed that the London Cups were a good idea, but they should be played on a Sunday, say</p>	

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2/3 during the season. On these dates there would be no LKA 3 fixtures. These 'tournaments' would be for new players and LKA 3 standard players only. It was also agreed that the matches would be 8X8, not 4X4. Venues to be agreed, but one should be Ernest Bevin.

The deadline for final number of teams for next season would be the end of June.

LS asked if LKA could have a couple of "MGVs" during the year where senior matches of different clubs were played at the same venue as junior matches. The ideal venue would be Trinity, but GB confirmed that the main hall is only available to book in the morning for the majority of the season. However, it may be possible prior to Christmas.

RH confirmed that Highbury 1 would be playing at Trinity again next season and JC confirmed that Supernova 1 team also wanted to be play their EKL Promo matches at Trinity.

iv. Initial Timetable/calendar for league in 2017/18

SM confirmed that the EKL Premier Division is likely to start on 22nd October, but may start on 15th October. The EKL Promo Division matches will again have set dates. The London league can therefore start on 1st October, but may not start until 8th October.

Also, next season Easter is earlier (Easter Sunday is April 1st). Therefore, the league can run after Easter until 15th April.

v. Referee Issues

a) Assigning referees for LRL

LM reported Eiti Stein had assigned neutral clubs to referee LRL matches which had worked better than previous years. There was only one match where the referee did not turn up and the club was fined and had a point deducted. Unfortunately, Eiti is stepping down as Referees Secretary as she is moving back to Luxembourg. LM thanked her for her help this season.

DB commented that he thought that discipline was better this year in the LRL and there had been less backchat.

b) Refereeing in lower divisions

LM mentioned that the EKA Referees Sub-Committee had taken on board the underage referees form that LKA had introduced. However, they have gone one step further by stipulating that a responsible adult (i.e. someone who understands korfbal) is in attendance when an underage referee is refereeing and also signs the match report form. SM to update the form and remind clubs next season.

Following an incident during the season, LM mentioned that referees reffing their own clubs should not appear to coach their own team or take part in the "hands in" at the beginning of the match and half time.

c) Assessments

LM reported that a few assessments had been made during the year. However, he can only arrange assessments in LRL and LKA2 matches if plenty of notice is given, and the matches are in the Croydon area or at Epsom College which are convenient for the assessors.

vi. Discussion on possible changes to the rules for season 2017/18

a) the use of the new "rolling subs" rule in the LKA2 and 3 next season was discussed and it was agreed to use it in all LKA senior competitions next season.

b) DL had proposed on behalf of Highboy that guest players in the bottom division should not be allowed to score more than 25% of the goals for their team. The current rule is they cannot score 50% or more. It was confirmed that the 25% was collectively, and not each. After much discussion, this was agreed.

c) DL had also proposed that time outs should be allowed in LKA 2 & 3, 1 per team but only for 30 seconds. LM suggested that if it is agreed to use time-outs, they should be the same across the board, i.e. 45 seconds, otherwise there would be confusion. It was agreed that 1 time-out per team of 45 seconds would be allowed and half time stipulated as 3 minutes.

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	<p>d) LS on behalf of Bec had proposed that match report forms be sent to the league administrator electronically, rather than by post. It was agreed to try this for next season, and the mechanics of it would be discussed at the next meeting in September. However, it was suggested that clubs would need to keep the paper version and one person in each club would send the email copies of the forms.</p>	
4	<p>Junior Competitions</p> <p>There had only been 3 junior mini tournaments this season which had all taken place after Christmas. It was agreed that the juniors meeting should take place earlier next year so dates could be put in diaries sooner.</p> <p>LM mentioned that as LKA support Bromley in their juniors programme, they should prioritise the London mini-tournaments over Kent Fixtures. This would be easier if the London dates are known earlier.</p>	
5	<p>National Youth Day, Norwich 9th July, 2017.</p> <p>National Youth Day will take place on 9th July 2017 in Norwich. SM confirmed that the invites would be sent out in the near future. Subsidies towards travel costs of £20 per team of 4 or £40 per team of 8 would be available from LKA</p>	
6	<p>Inter-area</p> <p>i. Senior LKA representative team</p> <p>London will be well represented at the Senior Inter areas in Banbury, Oxfordshire later in May, with a mixture of players from different clubs. Liam Clarke would be the sole coach as Dave Synott had stepped down as joint coach.</p> <p>The turnout at the trail had been disappointing as over 30 people put their name down, but a lot did not turn up. In future, email addresses will be requested.</p> <p>ii. Youth LKA Representative teams</p> <p>London was represented at all age groups at the youth inter-areas in Harrow in January. Dav Patel coached the U17s, GB the U15s, BB the U13s and Natalie Moore/Claire Millett and Grace Seaton the U11s.</p> <p>LKA hosted the U19 inter area at the end of April and LM thanked clubs for helping at the event. London was also represented at the event, coached by Ben Rivers.</p> <p>SM asked for feedback as to the timing of this event. LS said it should be out of season due to exams and the playoffs.</p>	
7	<p>Outdoor korfbal in summer 2017</p> <p>No one is organising anything centrally this year. Clubs are running their own sessions</p>	
8	<p>LKA Endorsement for National League teams (Premier and Promo Divisions)</p> <p>SM had updated the list in the Appendix to the document which shows who fulfils roles within each club. It was pointed out that Trojans need one more person to fulfil a role. Natalie Moore cannot be counted for Trojans as she is not a member of Trojans.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>Those who attended the finals in Crawley thought they were very good. The only comments to feedback to EKA were there were too many VIP seats which were empty and the balloons blocked the view from some seats.</p> <p>GB mentioned that Trojans would be organising a pre-season tournament.</p>	SM
10	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 16th September 2017, 10:00 to 12:00 at the same venue.</p>	LM