

CKA Committee Meeting

Thursday 7th September - 8:00pm, The Boot, Histon

Attendees

Simon, Rob, Nick Armitage, Liv Armitage, Rosie, Liz Clark, Zarah Langridge, David Bate, Ian Birch-Machin, Jo, Scott Chrisite, Mark Wassell, David Sheldon, Andy Rutter, Rick Baldwin

Apologies for absence

Adrian Woods

Minutes of last meeting

Failed to note that the Juniors came second at the National Youth Day and that Liz Clark thanked all those who assisted to make the day a success.

Officers Reports

Chairman	Thanked Dave Sheldon for the work that he has done as CKA Chair over the last few years.
Secretary	Please can clubs send in changes to club contact details as soon as they become available.
Treasurer	The EA Cup has 100 GBP sponsorship from UK Fire. A decision needs to be made regarding the Juniors posts.
PR and Publicity	East Anglia Cup details have been sent to newspapers and Anglia Television. There will be three matches this coming Sunday. Could clubs with matches in Norwich submit reports to Rick as soon as possible after the match.
Results Officer	At the next meeting Nick will have finished printing the results cards. He asked who he should send result bulletins to. Actions: Clubs to ask members if they want to receive the results and to forward email addresses to Nick.
Fixtures Officer	Phoenix and City still need to send in dates and times of home games.
Refing	Handed out yearly officer's report.

League Rules

Walk Over Score

It is thought that 15-0 is too high for a walkover score. It was originally introduced to make a walkover the least attractive option and at the time when goal differences didn't matter. It was proposed that it should be 10-0 and 5-0 for the First and Second Divisions respectively. This was accepted by the meeting.

Promotion/Relegation

Automatic relegation/promotion could lead to a situation where a team goes up but a stronger team comes down. This would mean that the division split is not a true reflection of the abilities of each team in the league. The counter argument is that non-automatic P&R could lead to stagnation in the league.

Proposals:

1. Top vs Bottom playoff
2. Leave as-is

3. Second Div 1st vs First Div 8th playoff and Second Div. 2nd vs First Div 7th.

The first of this was accepted by the meeting.

Distribution

It was requested that the league rules be distributed more widely.

East Anglia Cup

It was proposed that for inter-city matches, hall costs should be covered by home team, and for intra-city matches that they should be shared. This was accepted by the meeting.

It was proposed that a BKA referee be asked to referee the final. This person could also be asked if they would be available to assess the other referees during the final matches. We may need to increase the entrance fee (currently 25 GPB) to cover the cost. This was accepted by the meeting.

It was proposed that we obtain a cup or shield for the competition. The cost should be around 40 – 60 GPB. This was accepted by the meeting. Andy Rutter to obtain one.

Dutch U23 Squad Tour

The Dutch U23 squad that is coming to the UK will be available for an AM, PM and evening session on 25th October. The issue for discussion is how to make the best use of them.

Points raised:

1. Can we hook into _ term sports clinics (for juniors)?
2. What would the cost be to the CKA?
3. Can we use them to help get the Ely club going?
4. For the evening session we could split this into two x one hour sessions for ordinary players and one x one hour session for National League players.

Actions:

1. Liz to canvas demand from junior players
2. Dave S. to contact our contact at ECDC (East Cambs. District Council) and see if there is financial support available from ECDC
3. Ian to find out the cost
4. Ian to find a venue or venues.

Counties Tournament 2001

Following information from the BKA, Andy asked if the association would be prepared to host the counties tournament next year.

The meeting agreed that we would. Andy to communicate this to the BKA.

Ely Development and Junior Development

Points raised:

- Kites are bearing the most of the cost (money and time) of junior development in the area. This is not guaranteed to continue
- Still difficulty get into higher schools
- If we are to start a club in Ely then it needs someone in the city or close by to be the nucleus of the club.
- Clubs should be forced to provide resource for junior development
- We should have a development committee
- National League players should contribute more

Actions:

- A working party is to be set up to investigate the issue. This should have at least one representative from each club.

Referee Grading System

Andy proposed that referees should be graded and that referees be assigned from a pool to matches based on the refereeing requirement for that match.

The meeting agreed that a grading scheme was a good idea but that clubs for this year will still be responsible for finding referees for matches. However, clubs will be encouraged to assign referees of a suitable standard to matches based on a recommendation by Andy.

Other Business

Constitution

Dave B. will review the BKA constitution, determine how compliant we are and propose an amended constitution. Officer holders are to check the description of their posts and to send amendments to Dave.

BKA Team Fees

As of this year, all teams in the Cambridgeshire League are required to pay league fees to the BKA. However it is possible that the BKA would provide development grants for the least experienced team of each club, although no details are available. The meeting was asked if there is anything that the CKA could do to help and if clubs had any more information.

Action: Ian is to ask the BKA what the policy is.

Insurance

The meeting was asked what insurance cover clubs and coaches had. Dave S. said that coaches are covered by the BKA.

Action: Ian to get details from the BKA

Junior Posts

The meeting agreed that we should send those posts that we are not using back to Norfolk and continue to rent the others.

Recruitment at APU Freshers Fair

Rob Nudds asked if the CKA was willing to pay and man a table at this years APU Freshers Fair (27th September)

Action: The CKA will not, but City would do so and other clubs could contribute team and money as they wished.

BKA Coaching Course

A reminder that there is BKA coaching course on 28th October

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Thursdat 5th October, 7:30pm, The Boot, Histon