SKA MC Meeting 29-09-2025

Attendees:

Christie Smilie (CS) - Chair
Jack Pitt (JP) - Secretary
Ellise Anderson (EA) - Treasurer
Peter Paulina (PP) - Competitions
Lily Hart (LH) - Development
Hope Murphy (HM) - Publicity
Robert Brewer (RB) - Refereeing

Non-Voting attendees

Sam Stevenson (SS) - Board Member

Apologies:

Rich Hayward (RH) - Board Chair

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Agenda Item	*Discussion*	*Action*
Board Update	SS introduced himself and gave an overview of what the board does. JP and SS encouraged MC members to consider areas that they could use board input on. SS and CS considered how the board could be more informed on day-to-day activities. RH has began to look at the membership survey results. Recommendation to use the board and some MC members to analyse the results and produce a report for the MC. SS discussed recruitment of third member. Ideally someone who is external to Korfball and preferably with some financial/accounting experience. Using the experience of SSA.	Board to attend future MC meetings in a non-voting capacity and be copied in to all club contacts CS to form a group and begin looking at results. SS/RH to reach out to SSA and CS/JP to provide support if needed
Comps Update	Season has started successfully. Digital match forms have been a positive innovation. JP asked about submission of squad lists, PP confirmed that submission has been timely. PP also has received feedback from clubs about the harshness of penalties (e.g. match forfeiture) if named player rules are not followed. PP to consider some suggestions he had received.	PP to circulate revised suggestions in the next 1-2 weeks.

	Currently ~90 player registrations. All players need to register (including those that registered last year) and we will send out a reminder in late October for players to register.	
Playoff Discussion	PP provided an update on the playoff. All clubs have now submitted their availability for the whole season. 4 x groups of 5 teams following the regular league season. Pencilled in weekend of 14-15 March to be a playoff day but looking at availability and acknowledging clubs varying commitments means that it will likely be held over several weekends. An effort would be made to keep individual teams to play on one weekend.	PP to share a draft with MC by 13 October
Beach Update	LH informed the committee Steve Lawrence (Beach coach) has prepared a report of the beach season. LH to share with the committee and will send to clubs shortly. Two targets (top 10 at Beach World Cup and 50 different players participating in a beach session) were achieved.	LH to share the report with the MC and then clubs.
Transparency	Some documents on the website are out of date	All to send HM updated documents for the website
AOB	Gender Policy JP has not heard back from various NGBs about their policies towards trans and non-binary people CS reaffirms that the SKA does not plan to change the current gender and inclusion policy. PP encouraged CS to discuss this with the IKF. Finance Update EA provided a brief update on the financial position. International costs have been mostly paid out already and Insurance costs have been paid. League fees are being invoiced currently. Refereeing RB provided a brief update on progress. Referee mentorship scheme has received 7 sign ups and those participating will be informed shortly. New theory test has been written and will be tested soon. RB to get in touch with SS for IKF contacts. RB has	CS to check in with Vivek Santayana (Wellbeing Officer) about progress with considering a policy and learnings from other sports.

	looked at referee discussions in the engagement survey and wanting to move to a culture where referees turn up to ref. Prompt ref nominations is a good starting point for this. MC agreed with this aim. Committee agreed to meet in mid-November. JP to organise the date.	
Meeting closed at 21.10		