



2024 Ely Vikings AGM

Minutes: Tuesday 2nd July 2024, 7.30pm to 9pm

Present: Michelle, Aaf, Jo, Phil, Wes, Lucy, Esther, James, Barbara, Kim, Oli, Dave, Gary, Rob, Dom, George

Apologies: Laura, Claire

Reports

1.0 Chair Report

Delighted for Vikings to celebrate the successes from the 23/24 season.

- Team 2 won Division 2 and have now been promoted.
- SERL improved over the season, having won the play off to Kingfisher, Vikings will continue next season in SERL 1.
- International success: 3 Vikings took part in the U17 World Cup and all played in the same division. England finished 5th. Congratulations to them all.
- Vikings Juniors continue to thrive; the numbers attending is growing and fantastic achievement.
- Training and the involvement in the social activities are really encouraging; 47 different players played for Vikings last season
- The turn out for the main social events this season has been fantastic. Thank you to Barbara and Aaf for their continued efforts. 86 people at the quiz and 72 at the end of season awards.
- 5 people were not with us this season, Vikings took this opportunity to reset and thrive to do things better. Excellent that people stepped up.
- Generally, we have seen more people helping across the club, including helping with the posts at end of training etc.
- Last year our aim was to have 8 referees' but departures meant that we were down to two. Lots of thanks to Dom and Gary for managing this between them. Qualifying more refs must be a priority. We are encouraged by the new referees on the horizon or newly qualified at the end of last season.
- We have done well as a committee and continued the contribution of support and development to the club. Thank you to everyone.
- Let's not get complacent; challenges are coming up. For example, how to fill the gap coming with juniors moving on.
- Overall, everything is looking very positive across the club, there is a job still to do.

2.0 Treasurer's Report

- Everything is looking good currently.
- £1758.30 to be paid into the bank.
- This year the miscellaneous expenses all are listed out.
- £2698.15 in the bank. We have 1 year contingency. We aim to affiliate to the EKA ahead of the membership costs being paid. Healthy position to be in.
- Question for the committee – what is the position we are aiming to achieve?
- Hive costs – we need to pay for fees coming up.
- Thank you to Aaf for your efforts on behalf of the club. Taking the money and tracking all the costs and income.

3.0 Coaching Report

- 23/24 was a very successful season.
- 2 Level 2 coaches with the transition.
- 5 Level 1 coaches.
- There have been very collaborative conversations over the season, positive way forward.
- Coaches regularly met to review squads, discuss training needs, needs of the individual teams and admin of the group is improving.
- Very helpful video footage to be used for game analysis. Thank you Lucy and Rob for covering these and sharing with players. Opportunity to increase this but appreciate time for editing and to film.
- Gary wanted to thank all of the coaches and anyone that has helped the coaches.
- Planning for next season already.
- Thank you from James to Gary.
- Side line coaching improved this year – thank you to Nick, Wes and Gary across the teams.
- Capturing game stats for Team 1 and SERL has been helpful too.

4.0 Juniors Report

- Vikings struggled to get young players back after covid. Not enough for u14. City and Vikings put a team together. Came 2nd to Tornadoes.
- Over the season, numbers have increased. Vikings may have enough eligible players for an U14 team next season. This will take the competition back to the size it was.
- U11 – Saturdays are difficult due to other commitments. Liv's traditional U11 didn't take place. City offered up their Sunday training. Struggled with the comms. Phil is looking at setting up a WhatsApp group.
- There are strong youngsters coming through – U15 Regional Academy is well attended. Hive and UEA will alternate for next season sessions.
- Selecton for Regional teams and Czech International Tournament coming up. 2nd International tournament for this age group.
- U15's do need more boys. Please spread the word.
- Having a helper at each post in Vikings training, is creating efficiency and positive impact on training is significant. Massive thanks to all who helped. Will try to keep this model.
- 4 maybe 5 coming up to adults next season, Juniors have transitioned really well.
- **Junior/Junior** – group of little ones enjoying the training. Thank you to Aaf for these efforts.
- Thank you for all the junior efforts from James to the Junior team.

5.0 Welfare Officer Report

- DBS checks have been an issue, with links not working.
- EKA have now outsourced this task. Links are now working but not much quicker.
- Gary now approved. Required lots of chasing, 5 still in progress.

6.0 Comms / Publicity Report

- Good start to the year. Wellbeing fair was very good for exposure, some came to training.
- The 'New to Korfbal' leaflet is now completed, is needed to be printed. Ideally before 28th August to use at the event.
- Newspaper article completed, Alex has done 2 articles.
- Social media has been good, Lucy requested help with this though, especially in season full flow, difficult to keep up with all fixtures and news.
- Coaches and side line coaches could do the scores and photo.
 - o Team Photo and score would be great for each match.
- The filming has been really good, not able to do that often. How many a year? Best games to go for? Wait for the fixtures come out and decide on the games to record.
- Website – Alex has written the history and we have new photos on the website. James has sent all the stats. Thank you Alex.

Actions

- Add links to the recent articles to the website
- Teenagers to get the social ideas going again ready for next season
 - o Capture Video ideas
- Once fixtures come out – prioritise the games to be recorded
- Rough cut of some games and prioritise best games to share

7.0 Fundraising Report

- No fund-raising officer.
- Aaf has the accounts to reflect fund-raising.
- Kim managed to get some fundraising for the U17 World Cup.
- EKA about to set up formalised fund raising, aimed at International programmes. Packs, guidance, letters. After Friday will get an idea for this information being available, ideally next season.

8.0 Election of Officials

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| Chair | James Thomson | Gary, Dave |
| Treasurer | Aaf Dawes | Phil, Esther |
| Secretary | Jo Ford | James, Aaf |
| Welfare officer | Esther McLeish | Phil, Barbara |
| Head coach | Gary Cole | Kim, Dom |
| Player rep | Lucy Lloyd | Michelle, Jo |
| Junior parent rep | Vacant – since filled by Claire | |
| First aid coordinator | Barbara Fraser | Gary, George |
| Referee coordinator | Dom McDonald | Gary, Phil |
| Club development officer | Kim Oakhill & Lucy Lloyd, James to support | James, Esther |

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| Volunteers | | |
| Referees | Dom, Gary, Madison Sam, Lucy and Wes to complete qualification | |
| Social media / publicity | Lucy Lloyd supported by side line coaches for post game content | |
| Website | Lucy Lloyd | |
| Membership secretary | George Notley, with support from Dom | |
| Fixture secretary | Phil Morton, liaising with Dom, Gary | |
| Results secretary | Gary Cole CKA – referees submit SERL – Gary to submit | |
| Venue liaison | Phil Morton | |
| Social secretary | Barbara Fraser with representative from each team | |
| Fundraising officer | Michelle Thomson working closely with Lucy for publicity | |
| Junior coordinator | Wes Jordan | |
| Safeguarding / constitution | Policy updated last year | |

9.0 Next Season Plans

Club survey

- Should have asked age and gender
- Good spread of who played across the teams who responded
- Very positive coaching responses, gave good advice, pre, during and after games
- Large percentage wanted to play more games – need to look at why they didn't play more games. Dom looked at team spread, fairly even
- Focus on more fitness – a bit more was the largest response
- Would like more technical skills, asking for more tactical training on Mondays
- Same pattern on Wednesdays, want more tactical training
- Good spread for each team – a lot of T3 players wanting to play for T2
- Aspirations are fairly expected. T2 to avoid relegation
- The anonymised data is available to the coaches – to go through at next coaching meeting
- Lots of comments made. Very positive
- Useful to break it down by team comments
- Amazing work and quickly completed. Thank you, Dom.

10.0 AOB

- Thank you to Kim for the development work, visiting clubs and bringing new ideas back into the club.
- Referee plans – need to get the experience for upcoming referees. Dom to coordinate Development games, National league or U15 tournament opportunities.

- Ideas for practice time for referees - push on with this next season.
- The move to the Hive has been a great move
 - o First aid requirements still ongoing – Barbara in conversation with the Hive
- Playwaze has been difficult to work with. Kick off another platform review – at next committee meeting
- CKA website is difficult to navigate
- EKA AGM – September / CKA AGM - July

Thank you to everyone and Vikings are looking forward to 2025