

Dundee Korfball Club AGM (10/5/2014)

Officers' Reports : Chair

At last year's AGM, committee posts were allocated to:

Nigel Cooper (Chair, Coaching Coordinator & Youth Development Officer)

Michael Nicholson (Vice Chair)

Mary Cooper (Secretary)

Steven Morrison (Captain/Manager)

Erwin Oosterhorn (Development Officer)

Alan Morrison (Treasurer)

Caroline Cohen (Child Protection Officer)

Chris Moffat (Social Secretary)

The club has held four full committee meeting this year (Aug/Sept/Feb/Apr), which is similar to the previous year. These meetings have had varying degrees of success/utility, but have seemed a bit more effective than in the past. There has definitely been a more positive vibe about the club this year.

The most important outcomes and achievements for 2013/14 include:

- (i) Running another successful Summer Tournament (Dundee Day, 2013), with entrance up from 6 teams in 2012 to 9 in 2013;
- (ii) Participating in our first ever overseas tour, and bringing home 2 trophies from the Etten-Leur tournament in Holland (August 26-28, 2013).
- (iii) Successfully meeting all of the requirements of our £2,000 Big Lottery "2014 Communities" and £1000 Comic Relief "Red Nose Day Communities" awards;
- (iv) Successfully "giving something back to the community", in the form of the £165 that Erwin Oosterhoorn's Blairgowrie kids raised during their Sports relief Challenge.
- (v) Successful fielding two teams in the Scottish korfball league – and being one of the very few clubs to have fielded legal teams all season long, without once having to rely on a "star player" playing down. IMHO, this is no mean feat, and a huge amount of thanks must go to Steven Morrison for managing the two squads so successfully;
- (vi) Encouraging several club members to qualify as SKA Level 1 coaches – a massive well done to Caroline Cohen, Michael Nicholson and Erwin Oosterhoorn for completing their qualifications already, and to Paul Grocott and Chris Moffat for being next in line (hint, hint!)
- (vii) Successfully growing the numbers of players that attend training sessions, including the recruitment of half a dozen or so new players around Christmas time.
- (viii) Successfully hosting a number of quality social events (the Etten-Leur trip, laser-tag, the Halloween & Christmas parties, and the hill-walking social to name a few: many thanks to all the hosts and organisers for making these so successful this year);
- (ix) Delivering a successful 5-week schools' korfball project to over 350 kids (with #kids x #sessions just over 900!) and hosting the SKA's inaugural "Scottish Schools Open

Championship" at DISC on June 15th 2013 (massive thanks to Mary, Caroline, Michael, Terri, and Rosie H, as well as outside help from Jo Whaite, Graham Robertson, Lucie Maupetit and Laura Henderson for this);

- (x) Successfully growing our main kids korfball club at Ardler, despite the fact that the hall charges have gone up (thanks to Michael, Terri, and Lauren for helping out with that);
- (xi) Steadfastly continuing our first "after schools" korfball club up in Birkhill;
- (xii) Successfully launching a second out-of-school kids korfball club up in Blairgowrie (a massive thanks to Erwin Oosterhorn for driving this project along);
- (xiii) Attracting a record number of entries for the 2014 version of Dundee Day (11 teams signed up so far for May 25th);

To me, that looks like a fairly impressive list already, and I am very, very grateful for all of the hard work that all of the committee and other volunteers have put in to achieve these outcomes. If there's anything that I've missed off the list, please forgive me (it's been a long day / week / year)!

There have been very few things that we have tried to do but failed this year. Perhaps the biggest shortcoming at the moment is our lack of qualified and/or willing referees, but we even look to be making some progress towards solving this issue at the moment. A slightly more worrying issue is the number of new people that we seem to lose touch with after a few weeks of training. While recognising that no one sport is truly a sport for everyone, I do suspect that there is more that we could, and should, be doing to keep (more) people happy. But these are just a couple of issues for next year's committee to deal with – we wouldn't want them to have nothing to do, after all!

Many thanks for everyone's support in making this into one of the best korfball clubs in the country!

Nigel

Chair, Dundee Korfball Club, 2012-14

PS: club attendance records for the previous year (or years), just in case no-one else presents them...



