Norwich City Korfball Club AGM
Chair’s Report 2019-20, Phil Buttinger

2019 / 20 ended with the news dominated by the COVID virus when it should have been the new that our first team won promotion to the England Premier Division and top of SERL: well done Rob and all the squad.

The local leagues managed to complete over 80% of their fixtures before the closedown:

City 2 finished 2nd in the top division 1A
City 3 finished 2nd in the next division 1B
City 4 and City 5 finished 1st and 3rd in division 2A
City 6 finished 2nd in division 2B

A wonderful result all round.

Now we are waiting for the government to approve the England Korfball return to play proposals before we can start this season.

While we have not played, this has given time for the club to reflect on how the club is run and what our plans for the future should be.

We identified the following areas for development:

1. Governance – getting policies and procedures up to date.
2. Community – making sure we are inclusive, as a club, and cater for the needs of all our members. We are a community.
3. Workforce – develop and encourage all members to volunteer and help make playing korfball at Norwich City an enjoyable experience.
4. Growth – With the 3 elements above, we will be a position to grow our numbers. We need to keep balance in the numbers of juniors and senior and both need to be represented on the executive committee.

These thoughts have led us to recommending, strengthening the Executive committee with additional posts: I hope you support the proposal.

In February 2019 we lost one of our players, Beth Alexander, in a tragic car accident. She is often in our thoughts and we donated £5,000 from the club’s capital fund to establish a fund in her name to support players in the England national squads.

25th Anniversary of the club was celebrated at Eaton Park Pavilion with a BBQ, cake and dancing and included a number of the founding committee that started the club in 1994.

This capital fund has over £30,000 in it and is the seed corn for the long term ambition of the club to have its own sports hall and club house.

Let us hope we are able to get back playing soon.