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NOTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2010

The following are the main points covered at the management committee meeting

1. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

- The chess clocks have been purchased (and were handed to DB for further investigation into the practicalities)
- Fundraising scratchcards have been purchased
- Lordswood are hosting the national GP1 on 28th March
- MW has the list of contents for the Medway sports locker

2. Treasurer's Report

- Only one transaction since the last meeting – a receipt of £35.
- A revised budget was provided including depreciation for the fleeces and for the container which is now likely to cost less than £500.
- All payments for Brean 2009 have now been received.
- It was pointed out that an increase in playing fees had been agreed in June 2007, for the 2008 season, but not actioned, the committee asserted they would strive to avoid making a similar mistake again.

3. Playing Matters and General Playing Matters

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject of moving the date of the first qualifier which is summarised as:

- Moving the date would cause problems for a number of teams who have made arrangements based on the dates shown in the rules
- No indication in the rules that the dates were provisional although the calendar has not been published
- At present there is no certainty of the number of teams who will be playing as Tovil have yet to complete their match
- By changing the system to 4 from 5 we were trying to avoid this sort of thing being a problem
- If the players are good enough they should be able to qualify anyway
- There were enough problems with changing dates last year, we really need to avoid this time
- The teams who will not be able to play if we change have been unable to voice their views as they don't know it is a possible problem

Eventually a vote was taken 7 to 2 in favour of retaining the date currently showing on the website in the rules.

It is planned to run the Kent League Handicap on 17th October as a true handicap as it was years ago.

The Playing Committee reported concerns over the so called "super club" that has been formed. It was pointed out that the French already use the system. Members felt it may discourage other clubs from taking part in the competition and that it was bending the spirit of the rules. Generally the Committee concurred but could see little that could be done about it.

3. Membership Report

- 279 members spread over 20 clubs
- 16 juniors
- 13 new or rejoining members
- 2 life members
- This is over 100 up on the same point last year.

4. Junior Development and Junior Fund

The Trustees were concerned over the use of the fund. It was pointed out that there is a large sum at present and questioned whether it was time to discuss how the money is distributed, and if the remit is expanded whether there is any differentiator between the junior fund and a general fund. The trustees have had discussions over this as there is some difference of opinion in how it is used, what is acceptable and what should be funded from general Kent funds, what a suitable use is and what isn't. Eventually, after extensive lively debate, it was decided that the Trustees would return to the next meeting with a wording of the junior fund remit for the Committee to vote on.

5. Any Other Business

- During a reviewing of past minutes and a recurring theme is umpiring issues. The County Umpire has recently attended the first meeting of the Umpiring Commission and the National Umpire has agreed to let him know when the next place is available on a course. County Umpire will act as umpire at the Regional Qualifiers as practice for this course.
- It was pointed out that we currently do not have a Young / Vulnerable Person's Policy available, which is failing our constitution. It was agreed to utilise the EPA policy and "KPA-ise" it.
- The Committee advised that the guidance on grants is now on the website.
- The webmaster asked the Committee's opinion on what information about club secretary's should be on the website – it was agreed we would leave as is, but if there is a specific request to remove that would be adhered to.
- The Vigo Village Hall is not available for the committee meeting scheduled for the 2nd December. The Whitehouse was offered, which was agreed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 15th April at Tovil Working Men's Club