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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2017 at GRFC, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Gaywood, Duncan Brown, Mike Capelin

Present: Tim Edwins, David Holden, Mick Nash, Alan Cregeen, Ray Keemer-Richards, Sheila King, Carolyn Edwins, Kevin Spillett, Scott Ashby, Mike Cubitt, Keith Atkinson, Tracy Spillett

2. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

None

3. **New regional qualifying format:**

The playing committee felt that the existing format has become stale and uncompetitive, especially amongst the higher ranked teams. The playing committee had briefly talked about new ideas or formats but will meet again in October to formalise some new plans to present to the management committee. Annette has agreed to look at the statistics and produce a report for the playing committee.

4. **Treasurer's report**

David circulated the latest accounts and announced that we are now starting to see money coming in for Hayling Island accommodation. We have paid £5,000 to IOW Tours for the Hayling Island accommodation, this is thought to be circa half of the final total. Ray to sort final details and invoices with IOW Tours and then forward the remaining balance invoice to David for payment.

5. **Membership report:**

Ray announced that there is nothing much happening regards membership at the moment. We have a total of 599 members which is around the same as this time last year.

6. **Inter-Regional playing order:**

Carolyn said that the playing committee had met and discussed the playing order of qualified teams. The only changes proposed were that team no 22 (Lordswood), were moved up to number 4 and

then teams 16, 1 & 4 all dropped down 1 place. In the Challenge it was proposed that Luke Ashford join team 24 to make a squad of 4.

All were in agreement with the changes presented.

7. Inter-Regional managers:

The playing committee had also met to discuss managers for the various Kent squads. They proposed that Humprey White manage the Championship squad, Matt Lomas the Challenge squad and Paul Reilly the Junior Squad. The management committee noted that Paul Reilly has family members playing in the Junior squad and that we wanted to move away from having a family member as the manager of the juniors. It was suggested that Matt Lomas manage the juniors and Andrew Dunstall manage the Challenge squad. All were in agreement and Kevin Spillett contacted the relevant managers who have accepted their roles. Ray has also sourced accommodation for them.

8. Kent County Show report:

Sheila reported good feedback from the recent Kent County Show, about 505 people had tried pétanque at the stall and over 1,000 people had come over and had some dialogue about the sport. Sheila said that everyone worked admirably on very hot and sunny days. Sheila announced she would do reports to various outlets that had provided grants towards the costs of the show. Carolyn then presented Sheila with a bouquet of flowers from the management committee for all her hard work and organisation in getting the KPA stand at the show.

9. Date of next meeting – Thursday 31st August (venue TBC):

Date confirmed. Tim to contact Duncan regarding the possibility of having the next meeting at the Villager. Duncan was previously going to check with Dave Littlely.

10. Any other business:

Alan Cregeen said that he needs to know which items to make for the Kent playing kit. It was agreed to have 2 polo shirts, 1 jumper and 1 waterproof jacket. Alan said there are 10 adults and 4 juniors that will require new kit.

Sheila found another invoice from the county show and passed it to David to set up the payment.

Mick announced that a petanquer at Hartley has arranged waterproof jackets with Erith Group on the back at no cost for all 4 juniors in the Kent squad. Therefore Alan will not need to provide junior waterproofs.

Meeting closed 20:32