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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd August at Star Meadow Sports Club, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Ayjay Keemer-Richards, Bryan Yates, Mike Cubitt, Duncan Brown

Present: Tim Edwins, Sheila King, Bob Gaywood, Alan Cregeen, Keith Atkinson, Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett, Ray Keemer-Richards, David Holden, Carolyn Edwins

2. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June were agreed as a correct record.

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

Carolyn wanted to confirm if Jamie Finley has been DBS checked yet, Bob said yes he has.

4. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the accounts by email on 30th July. The IOW Tours payment is now completed. There are still some monies to come in and out for the Inter-Regional Championships at Hayling Island. Also, there is £360 to be added to the junior fund, which is half of the surplus from the Winter League.

5. **Membership report:**

Ray announced that every Kent Pétanque League player is licenced. Ray has broken down the number of KPA members for the last 4 years, as below:

2015 – 670 members

2016 – 644 members

2017 – 603 members

2018 – 577 members to date

The MC agreed that this trend was worrying, but there are lots of pétanque players playing in unlicensed leagues, which is something we may need to try and look at, trying to encourage them to join the KPA / PE.

6. KPL Tri Way Tournament:

Ayjay is organising the KPL team this year and Ray announced that she currently has 12 of 15 players and all is in hand.

7. KPA Junior Team:

We currently have 4 juniors in the squad going to play in the Inter-Regional Championship. 1 of the juniors who played in the qualifying series is now unavailable so has been replaced. Tim read aloud an email from PE regarding the junior playing format in the Inter-Regional Championship, the suggestions is that the juniors play an extra 2 rounds on the Sunday to add more competition to the tournament. The KPA are happy with the proposal and Bob will email PE to show this.

8. Regional Qualifier Suggestions:

Tim reported he had received correspondence from New Ash Green, Meadow, Bat & Ball, Hartley and Istead Rise. These were all discussed by those in attendance and the relevant suggestions were passed to the KPA playing committee for consideration.

9. Date of next meeting – Thursday 23rd August at Gravesend Rugby Club

As Mike was not at the meeting Tim will send him an email to confirm the date and venue.

10. Any other business:

Kevin asked about the KPA now paying regional prize money at the AGM after representation at the Champion of Champions event. Bob confirmed this was changed this year to make sure Kent is represented at the Champion of Champions events after a poor showing in recent years. Kevin said this needs to be added to the relevant competition flyer to enable people to decide before entering the event. Tim will add the information to the flyers next year.

Ray asked if the playing committee reports to the management committee, Carolyn & Bob confirmed that it does. Ray said that after the playing committee meeting on 9th August he will need to know the finalised Inter-Regional squads ASAP to confirm the accommodation. Bob said that the playing committee decisions can be emailed to the main committee straight after the meeting to be ratified via email.

Carolyn reported that Paul Reilly organised and ran a doubles competition for KPL division 4 and below. The day was successful with a good number of teams and players that do not usually come out to Sunday tournaments. Carolyn said the KPA should offer Paul some assistance next year to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

Meeting closed 22:18.