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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Hartley Country Club, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sheila King, Tracy Spillett, Duncan Brown & Ajay Keemer-Richards

**Present:** Tim Edwins, Carolyn Edwins, Mike Cubitt, Bob Gaywood, Ray Keemer-Richards, Alan Cregeen, Bryan Yates, David Holden & Mick Nash

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

Bob & Ray announced that there are now no outstanding debtors to the KPA.

3. **Treasurer's report**

David circulated the latest accounts and confirmed that all outstanding monies have been paid. David said that the website fees are now being paid monthly. Also, the Kent Playing Fields membership has automatically renewed.

4. **Membership Report**

Ray reported that there are currently 208 members of the KPA this year.

5. **KPA Playing Calendar 2018**

Carolyn circulated the draft calendar. Hartley & Lordswood have offered to fill some gaps with Sunday tournaments when the calendar is published. Carolyn & the playing committee have tried to minimise clashes, but some are inevitable with more events on the EPA calendar. All in attendance were happy with the draft calendar. Carolyn to email the calendar to Alan for publication online.

6. **KPA Playing Rules 2018**

Carolyn circulated the draft playing rules from the playing committee. It was agreed there was a slight change to the wording of point 4 – remove “host club” and replace with “KPA management committee and organiser”. The draft playing rules were agreed and accepted by the management committee. Carolyn to email to Alan for publication on the website, and to Tim to email to club secretaries.

#### **7. Proposal for Regional Qualifiers prize money**

David & Carolyn had met to draft a proposal for qualifiers prize money on the basis of the KPA not making any payments towards a combined squad at the inter-regionals. In this proposal the pay-out would be the same for a team of 3 or 4 players, but it was discussed by the group that the payments should be different for teams of 3 or 4. Ray then circulated a proposal that he had come up with. Carolyn reported the playing committee thought something should be paid toward the combined squad. There was some discussion around not wanting to put off the middle to lower ranked teams from entering the qualifying series with no combined subsidy offered. It was also mentioned that with some possible prize structures that the top ranked teams would actually make money as well as have subsidy from the KPA. David suggested that we carry this item over to the next meeting where there would be more members in attendance and we would have the possibility of taking a few votes. Bob agreed, and the item was carried forward.

#### **8. Date of next meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Tim reported that Tracy had emailed to say Meadow would not be available on 8<sup>th</sup> March and a new venue would be required. Bob checked the calendar and said that Hartley was available, all agreed new venue as Hartley Country Club on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **9. Any other business**

Ray announced that the EPA have taken out a complete new insurance policy with new insurers. There were possibly a few grey areas concerning membership and clubs, also with Winter League and open competitions. However, overall the new policy had much more coverage and would be better for members and volunteers.

Ray went on to say that so far 7 juniors have responded to say they are attending the first junior coaching session. These will be held on the last Saturday of every month. There was also the possibility of arranging some inter-regional junior matches too.

Bryan enquired about the coaching evenings, how they are working and whether clubs have to pay expenses or any money to the coaches. Bob confirmed that clubs should not be paying anything to the coaches and that if the coaches had any travel or other expenses they should submit them to either David or Tim at the KPA for possible reimbursement. Bob said he was also concerned with the coaching system not working as we had planned. Bob said that Scott Ashby had expressed some interest in being the KPA coaching coordinator, but he would need to complete the coaching qualification first. Ray said that Ajay has completed some coaching sessions at clubs in Kent already.

Mick Nash reported that the Winter League had nearly finished, and he is in the process of organising the Cup & Plate finals with Alan. The Winter League AGM is 28<sup>th</sup> March at Hartley and Mick is stepping down as secretary. Mick had also emailed Summer League club captains to say that this will be his final year as Summer League secretary, he will step down at the joint AGM in November. Alan will promote the vacancies on the KPA website.

Mike Cubitt said that GRFC would be looking for volunteers to help out with the EPA titles weekend, possibly on the Wednesday and Thursday before to help with set up.

**Meeting closed 21:59.**