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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th September at Gravesend Rugby Club commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Daniel Rudden, Alan Cregeen

Present: Bob Gaywood, Tracy Spillett, Sheila King, Mike Cubitt, David Holden, Carolyn Edwins, Tim Edwins, Duncan Brown

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

Tim has trialled the Sport software and it works perfectly. Tim has now bought the full version and will claim back the money from the Treasurer.

Qualifier 3 and 4 monies have now been paid in to the KPA bank account.

The CoC incentive question has been deferred until next year in light of there being a new PE president.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts by email earlier today. Just 1 player has not paid for Hayling Island accommodation. We are also waiting for the Eastern region payment for the Kent junior playing for them this year. David confirmed that the junior account pays for the junior accommodation and kit at Hayling Island. David is still waiting for an invoice from PE for membership fees so has not been paid yet.

Mike Cubitt wanted to place on record many thanks and congratulations to David Holden & Duncan Brown for their work on the Hayling Island invoicing and payments. All present agreed and gave their thanks.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reports there are currently 673 Kent members, and only 19 have not registered from last year.

5. Playing matters:

The KPA Over 50s winners were Richard Wenban & Melissa Rowley, runners up Michael Toulson & Mark Toulson. Richard & Mel are ok to play in the Champion of Champions but unfortunately Michael & Mark cannot attend.

The KPA Triples championship is this Sunday 8th September at the Railway Inn. Annette will be there to run the event, Duncan confirmed Railway are ok to host.

Carolyn reported that the playing committee met on 6th August. They made 1 change to the inter-regional squad playing order. The junior team has been selected, with opportunities playing in a National Youth Female Development squad and helping out Eastern region for 2 other juniors. The squad managers were confirmed as Corinne Cooter for the championship, Steve Golder for the challenge and Fay Golder for the junior squad.

Carolyn mentioned that Jamie Finley has expressed an early interest in being the junior manager next year, however the MC has previously said that family members should not be manager of the junior team. Item to be added to next playing committee agenda for discussion.

Carolyn said there were 2 proposals not relating to playing format, one was qualification for the Chairman's Cup, this will be looked at by the playing committee when data from this year's competition is available. The second proposal was saying the loser of the 4 wins v 4 wins match automatically finishes 2nd place. Under the new BHN system this will change as BHN is deemed to be a fairer tie breaker.

Tim said he will update the letter sent out to regional squad players and send out tomorrow night.

6. AGM call:

Tim will update the document and liaise with Alan. When both are happy Tim will send to club secretaries and Alan to club captains.

7. Chairman's Cup credits:

The MC agreed that these credits earned would be paid out regardless of if the teams attended the Chairman's Cup or not.

8. Incentive scheme review:

The qualifiers incentive scheme worked really well this year, keeping teams playing to the best of their ability in every qualifier. This was proved by the playing committee only making 1 change to the final finishing positions. It was agreed that the credits just need tweaking slightly to encourage people to enter, as currently the team that wins the day only gets their entry money back. Mike to look at the credits numbers and figures.

9. Kent kit:

Wearing Kent kit other than when representing Kent was discussed, with pros being it looks good at tournaments out of the area to have our logo and region on display, but cons being it is very hard to police, especially when some people have paid for extra shirts. Tim & Tracy mentioned that we could look at getting some new kit altogether, possibly performance wear shirts, which are better suited to playing sports, rather than heavy cotton polo shirts. Tracy to ask Scott Ashby about the possibility of getting a few quotes for new kit. Tim to ask Alan for a quote too. Duncan mentioned it wouldn't hurt to get quotes for trousers too, as this may be a PE requirement in the future. Having new kit would also mean that the old polo shirts could be worn by people anyway, and the new kit would just be for when players are representing Kent.

10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 7th November at Hartley:

Confirmed.

11. Any other business:

Duncan said he has spoken to Kim from IOW tours and will get feedback regarding accommodation this year.

Bob said he had the Kent tent and flags etc with him tonight, Tracy volunteered to take them and bring them down to Hayling Island next week.

Bob brought forward a discussion regarding the junior coaching and set up. The MC confirmed they will offer an ongoing position as junior coach to Ayjay Keemer-Richards. This will be a voluntary position and would be answerable to the MC with a monthly report. No other offers will be made.

Tim mentioned that PE were holding an umpire course in November, and the region does not have an umpire. It was mentioned that David Robert may be interested in becoming the regional umpire. Tim to email him and ask.

Meeting closed 22:06.