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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th June at Hartley commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sheila King

Present: Bob Gaywood, Tracy Spillett, Kevin Spillett, Duncan Brown, Alan Cregeen, Mike Cubitt, Carolyn Edwins, Tim Edwins, David Holden, Daniel Rudden

2. **Minutes:**

Carolyn raised a small issue in the wording of the minutes. Tim will correct and reissue. The minutes were then agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

Tim said he had been contacted by Mark Toulson to ask if the minutes can be put online in advance of the next committee meeting, so members could raise any issues. Tim said we could try approving minutes by email, and that when Tim circulates minutes, he will put a deadline of 5 days for any objections from committee members. After that time the minutes will be taken as approved and uploaded to the KPA website.

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

Duncan has met with Ray and is pleased to say he has taken on the role of KPA membership secretary.

Tim apologised for not sending the disabled access email as he had been busy but will send it next week.

Mike said that PE titles weekend went very well and GRFC took a lot of money behind the bar. It was, however, a lot of work for Mike and his small team. PE have asked for clubs to bid for next year, but Mike is inclined not to do another bid as there is a lot of work involved.

4. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts earlier today by email. We are waiting for an invoice from PE for some membership fees. The deposit has been paid to IOW tours for Haying Island weekend.

5. Membership report:

Duncan reports 666 members, including 21 juniors, and is getting used to the online membership system.

6. Playing matters:

Results: KPA Shooting winner was Scott Ashby and runner up Dean Ashby. Qualifier 1 was well attended with 25 teams, and the new contact details sheet filled in correctly. Tracy said that the draw was not being done by computer software and wondered if we should look at getting the software which would help whoever is running the competition. Mike said he could ask Steve Snudden, who has just designed him software to run the upcoming GRFC international doubles. KPA Doubles winners Becky & Tim Edwins, runners up Dean & Scott Ashby.

Upcoming competitions: Annette is ok to run the KPA Singles and Q2 at Lordswood. Mike said he should be ok to run Q3 at GRFC. Tim to check with Annette regards Q4 & Q5.

7. St John's School junior sports week:

Bob has drafted an email to send but needs to check we have enough volunteers that are willing to run the sessions during the week. Bob will phone our contact and confirm what is needed and how many days they would want us to run something.

8. Junior kit:

Marcus Hickman emailed the committee to say he had found a great offer on kit in various sizes that would be great for the juniors to wear during the qualifying series. Alan Cregeen has agreed to design a logo to be embroidered on them too. The committee had agreed by email this was a good idea and we should proceed with it. Marcus now has the kit and they are all sorted and in hand ready to wear.

9. Champion of Champions & KPA Championships:

Tim said he had a productive chat on facebook with Rowland Jones regarding the PE Champion of Champions events, and the KPA deciding to pay out championships prize money only after winners and runners up represent Kent at the CoC. Rowland pointed out that there is really no incentive for teams to enter the CoC, and there is also no benefit to the region for sending teams to it. Tim said that he now wonders whether it is worth alienating a core group of KPA players, when there is no benefit to the region, and this will end up with less teams entering the KPA championship events. Kevin & Tracy agreed that there is no incentive to enter the CoC and that PE need to introduce an incentive to get teams excited to play in it. Bob said we have made the decision this year which will remain in place, but we are always open to feedback and ideas from members so will look at the rule again next year. Bob will speak to PE and ask them if they have any plans regarding changes to the Champion of Champions events.

10. Date of next meeting Thursday 1st August at Star Meadow:

Confirmed.

11. Any other business:

Carolyn said that a couple she had spoken to recently were planning to attend the Division 4 and below doubles tournament this Sunday, but sadly this has been cancelled due to Paul's death. Alan to add a note online to say it is cancelled. Daniel said the KPL and KPA could adopt this tournament as it was popular and hold it again next year calling it the Paul Reilly Memorial Tournament. All were in agreement.

Mike said there will be programmes and badges to buy this Sunday at the GRFC Alpine International Doubles tournament. PE have been unable to provide an umpire for the event, but there will be a jury on the day, whose decisions will be final.

Alan asked about the rule regarding teams of 4 changing a player in the KPA regionals due to injury. Tim said the rules state that the original team of 4 has to be disbanded and any ranking points lost, then the 4 players in that team are free to form a new team or join existing teams of 3.

Daniel had a similar question about the regional team rules. It was pointed out that all of the original team members had to agree to disband the team before a new one could be formed.

Duncan said the Pilot PC in Maidstone have reformed and are interested in a grant for their lighting. Mike confirmed this should go to the KPL for consideration.

Bob wanted to put on record his thanks to Carolyn Edwins, Becky Edwins and Mike Cubitt for their recent appearance and interview on KMTV promoting pétanque. It was a very good feature and some more good advertisement for our sport.

Meeting closed 21:24.