

**Chairman:**

Bob Gaywood  
28 Northdown Road  
Longfield  
Kent  
DA3 7QW  
01474 704288  
email: bob.gaywood.kpa@gmail.com

**Secretary:**

Tim Edwins  
57 Cobsdene  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 5JB  
01474 331960  
email: tim.edwins@icloud.com

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** David Holden, Mike Cubitt, Tracy Spillett

**Present:** Bob Gaywood, Daniel Rudden, Carolyn Edwins, Alan Cregeen, Sheila King, Duncan Brown, Tim Edwins

2. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March were agreed as a correct record.

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

Carolyn emailed the playing committee to say the ideas/suggestions received last year, for the regional qualifiers that were not to do with playing format, now do not apply, as a new playing format has been implemented, therefore there is no need for the playing committee to meet to discuss them.

The regional qualifiers incentive scheme has been finalised and published. Mike Cubitt did a lot of work on the system and has been explaining the system in detail at tournaments and league nights. The new scheme has been generally well received.

Duncan has been in contact with Kim from IOW Tours about Hayling Island accommodation this year, and confirmed we have the usual allocation. Duncan has prepared a draft invoice template and will liaise with David regarding any changes required.

4. **Treasurer's report:**

Postponed in the absence of the treasurer.

5. **KPA membership secretary:**

Daniel was interested in taking on the role but recent changes in circumstances would mean not being able to fully commit to the role. Duncan said he would be happy to meet with Ray and see what the role entails, with a view to taking it on temporarily.

**6. Playing matters:**

**Results:** Carolyn reported a bitterly cold day at the International Women's Day finals at Oxshott. The KPA were invited to send a 5<sup>th</sup> team to the event, so using the regional qualifying day morning seedings, invited Jill Wood & Judy Moore, who gratefully accepted. KPA teams results below:

Melissa Rowley & Deborah Capelin – Gold plate runners up

Becky Edwins & Carolyn Edwins – Silver runners up

Judy Moore & Jill Wood – Silver plate winners

Tracy Spillett & Alex Spillett – Silver plate semi finalists

Ayjay Keemer-Richards & Christine Clacey – Bronze plate runners up

**Upcoming competitions:**

17<sup>th</sup> May – KPA Shooting @ Railway

19<sup>th</sup> May – KPA Q1 @ Hartley

2<sup>nd</sup> June – KPA Doubles @ Hartley

Tim is OK to run the KPA Shooting and will check with Annette if she is available for the other competitions. Duncan confirmed Railway OK to host shooting and Bob confirmed Hartley OK to host Q1 and Doubles.

**7. St John's School Junior sports week:**

Bob now has the contact information and will email regarding the sports week on June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> to see what the KPA can offer and get involved with. Duncan suggested it may be worth asking Mike Capelin if he would help, as he used to run pétanque sessions in some schools.

**8. Disabled piste access:**

Daniel said a member of Lordswood PC had raised the issue of disabled access to playing pistes. Some venues are currently inaccessible. Bob said the KPA were fully supportive of this issue. Tim suggested adding which clubs are accessible and if there are any obstacles to the KPA website. Bob said we could email club secretaries asking if their pistes have disabled access and if not do they plan on adding it. With the replies we can keep a database on the website for all to see. Tim to send email to club secretaries.

**9. Pétanque England Titles weekend at GRFC:**

As Mike Cubitt was not present this item was postponed until the next meeting.

**10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Hartley Country Club:**

Confirmed.

**11. Any other business:**

Daniel sadly reported that Morton Almond had died and wondered if the KPA would make a contribution in his name. All present agreed that this would happen.

Daniel also asked about a team forfeiting a KPL match on the day of the match, whether any money can be reclaimed for food costs. Tim found the league rule which said that the offending team would be fined £5, which would go to the aggrieved team for inconvenience. It was mentioned that this fine could be increased but would have to be proposed and voted on at a KPL AGM.

Alan said he had a member ask how to see what's going on in Kent. Alan showed him the website and the KPA calendar online. Alan checked how often Duncan sends out the KPA newsletter, which is every 8 weeks in winter and every 4-6 weeks in summer.

Bob said Ayjay has asked if she is still organising the Kent squad for the tri-way competition with Chiltern and Essex. Tim said this is a KPL issue and for them to decide. Bob to ask AJ to email the KPL to confirm.

Bob congratulated the four Kent juniors who have been selected in the England youth squads. They are Luke Thornton, Sophie Rowley, Jessica Hickman & Callum Hickman.

**Meeting closed 21:41**