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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th August 2021 via Zoom, commencing at 7pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alan Cregeen, Carolyn Edwins

Present: Duncan Brown, Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, Mike Cubitt, Jamie Finley, Sue Barnes, Sheila King, Tracy Spillett

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

Tim has updated the KPA flyers with the safeguarding pictures and info.

Sheila has contacted junior parents regarding running a competition and everything is ok and under control.

An emergency MC meeting was held on 10th August to discuss the PE AGM and proposals. A statement was subsequently published to Facebook and the KPA website. Bob reported he had received lots of positive feedback from Kent members and other regions.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

"An update on our shortfall on our precept from PE (they had only transferred £5 from one members membership fees as they had managed to pay this year's membership at last year's price). After querying why we should foot their mistake they agreed to pay £3 that was due to us.

We have received most of the money due for IR from the teams and Alan has priced the kit for this year at £638.80 which we have agreed for him to go ahead with the purchase. Many thanks for Duncan for sending out the invoices to the teams. That just leaves the payment to the teams that have credits but are not going to Melton Mowbray for the regionals. I think that if we should pay them on the weekend of the Chairman's Cup so that if they play, they can sort out the team on the day. I could arrange everything before the regionals for it to enter their banks on the Saturday.

Maybe after this year's IR we should start to think whether next year we look to raise our precept from £8 to £10, as we are looking at all new kit next year."

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reports that we have 356 adult members and 12 junior members. Last year we had 441 adult members, and in 2019 we had 528 adult members. Jamie asked Duncan for a list of the junior members details and said there was a new junior at GRFC who has just started playing that he wants to contact. Duncan thanked the KPL and KPA Playing Committee for their hard work earlier in the year ensuring play has resumed and more members have re-joined.

5. **Playing matters:**

Tim reported that the KPA Shooting competition was won by Scott Ashby and runner up Luke Ashford. The KPA Doubles was won by Kevin & Tracy Spillett with runners up Becky & Tim Edwins.

Lordswood are OK to host the Chairman's Cup, Carolyn has emailed and just waiting to hear final confirmation of who will be organising the competition on the day. The KPA Triples is on the 12th of September at GRFC, and the KPA Over 55s is at Lordswood on 26th September at Lordswood. Tim is ok to run both.

6. **Inter Regionals 2021:**

Duncan announced the invoices for Melton Mowbray accommodation were all sent out ok and have almost all been paid already. Tim reported that he'd had a message from Alan to say the kit order has all been processed and is in hand. Sue to contact Alan regarding invoicing members who have ordered extra kit.

Jamie said we now have 3 juniors from Kent playing in the Junior Combined squad as 2 are now unavailable. Jamie also reported there had recently been a junior training day thanks to Peter Clarke and Mike Cubitt.

Duncan has sorted the room allocation, and everybody got what they asked for including guests and singles (with the appropriate extra charges). Duncan has emailed out a list of room name changes to be changed with Premier Inn.

Tim said he will update the KPA players letter and code of conduct, and Duncan has sent a document with hotel information and lead names for each team. Tim will email both out to team captains.

7. **Best Kent team trophy:**

All in favour of using the donated trophy to be presented to the best overall Kent team at the Inter Regionals. This will be decided by games won then points difference and then if needed, points scored.

8. **Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 30th September.

9. Any other business:

Jamie had noticed that the website is still showing the old date for the KPA Triples. Tim will contact Alan to get it updated.

Bob read an email from Colin Senneck of Hartley Country Club. Colin was seeking clarification on the rules about distances between circles and jacks, and the size of pistes used in KPA and KPL events. Tim confirmed that there must be 1.5m between circles, jacks, and any combination thereof. It was agreed that KPA events would use pistes that were 3m wide where possible, and these would be guide strings, so any boules or jacks must cross 2 strings before they are considered dead. Mike said the KPL are looking at the possibility of following suit. Bob will draft a reply to Colin.

Meeting closed 20:15.