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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th June 2021 via Zoom, commencing at 7pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sheila King, Jamie Finley, Daniel Rudden

Present: Bob Gaywood, Tim Edwins, Tracy Spillett, Alan Cregeen, Sue Barnes, Duncan Brown, Mike Cubitt, Carolyn Edwins

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

Bob hadn't yet emailed Alan the list of benefits to being a KPA member as he found a comprehensive list of membership benefits on the PE website. Bob suggests making a link from KPA website to the page on the PE website, all in agreement.

Bob will speak to Richard Wenban and confirm that the KPA is happy for him to do the umpires course and will cover the cost of the course if Richard umpires at regional events.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

The latest accounts show we have had good support for the Regionals considering that some members are not participating in competitions because of insecurity around Covid-19. We can only hope that as time goes on confidence will return and more members will start to support the competitions.

We had our formal complaint against Lloyds business section found in our favour and received out of pocket expenses for mileage running about getting things sorted, also compensation. I am pleased to say that after six months I now have access to online banking.

I would like to thank Tim and Bob who have continued to deal with all the online banking while I was denied access. Also, Tim who has handled all the finances for the Regional Qualifiers.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reported we have 348 adult members which is a bit down on last year, but some people renewed in January 2020 expecting a normal year of pétanque. Due to Covid there has been a net loss of around 170 members, but they are starting to come back slowly. Duncan suggested having a push for members around October time, when renewals are valid through to the end of 2022. Mike pointed out this would also coincide with the start of the Winter League.

5. Inter-regional Championships order & managers:

Carolyn reported that the Playing Committee had met to discuss squads and managers. Provisional squads have been circulated to MC, who agreed and confirmed the squads. Tim said that the 12th place playoff date has been arranged for 25th July at Istead Rise and confirmed the format.

Duncan queried the price to charge players for accommodation, suggesting £60 which was agreed. There will also be a single room supplement too of £60 as some players have asked for extra guests to attend with them. It was agreed to charge £60 for chaperones and juniors free.

6. Juniors:

PE have said there are not enough junior teams to run the junior competition this year, but they have asked for a junior squad to play for a combined squad in challenge division 2. Jamie has been in contact with PE and has been asked to supply and manage 2 junior teams along with the Southern Region YDO to make the squad. Jamie said he will be taking 5 Kent juniors.

7. Kent kit:

Tim said that some players will need kit as they hadn't qualified for Kent before. Tim to send an email to team captains with the confirmed playing squads and ask who needs kit.

8. DBS/Coaching reimbursement:

Previously the KPA had agreed to pay for DBS checks. Mike proposed we should only reimburse coaches when they can provide evidence that they have been actively coaching. Sheila announced that PE had been contacting Kent members directly, but they should be going through Sheila as safeguarding officer. Sheila will contact PE to discuss.

9. Risk assessments:

Tim emailed all club secretaries saying the KPA would like to hold their risk assessments on record and included a template risk assessment. So far, we have had 12 replies. These have been forwarded to Alan. Alan will make a new column in the club list with a link to their risk assessment.

10. Date of next meeting:

29th July, venue TBC.

11. Any other business:

Tim said the KPA Singles is on 2nd July at GRFC. Tim is ok to run the event, we will take entries on the day. 11th July is the KPA Triples, Tim is not around but Mike will ask around GRFC to find someone to run it. This will be pre-entry, Alan to update the entry form. KPA Shooting is on 30th July, Tim is ok to run it.

Tim also had been given a very nice old pétanque trophy from Richard Spillett who had found it during a clear out. He thought it too nice to just throw away so wondered if we wanted to recycle it. MC agreed we were grateful to receive it and will think of a use for it.

Meeting closed 21:01.