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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2021 via Zoom, commencing at 7pm.

1. Apologies for absence: None

Present: Bob Gaywood, Sue Barnes, Tim Edwins, Mike Cubitt, Duncan Brown, Carolyn Edwins, Jamie Finley, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Jamie said he still had no reply from Harrow PC about the junior boules.

Bob will email benefits list of having a licence to Alan for the website.

Bob announced it had come to light that we have paid for some coaches DBS checks, but there are 2 coaches that are not members of the KPA for 2021 yet. Sue will email the relevant people to clarify our position and possible reimbursement.

Mike said there are some clubs officers that are not current licence holders. Tim to email club secretaries to remind them that all officers of clubs must be licence holders and members of the KPA.

3. Treasurer's report:

"I sent out a statement correct up to 19 April.

We are still experiencing problems with Lloyds bank in regard to access for online banking for myself. We have now made a formal complaint against Lloyds business section and they are supposed to be working to solve the problem. It is very frustrating as I am having to ask Tim and Bob to do extra work on my behalf.

The engravings of the trophies were for the Taylor Award and Junior of the Year 2020 both were presented at the First Regional Qualifier of 2021.

The First Regional Qualifier had 20 teams including one junior team. We collected £720 in entry fees. The top twelve team's earned credits. Also, the Officers took the decision to book accommodation near the potential site for the Inter Regionals.

We have paid for volunteer coach check renewals but on closer inspection some of the volunteers concerned have not to date renewed their PE membership for 2021. I apologise for not checking that they were current members before authorising these payments.”

4. Membership report:

Duncan reports there are currently 247 members, and more are renewing all the time as play resumes. Pre-entry is open for qualifier 2 and there are a few new players yet to renew their licence, Duncan is on top of it all and will make sure they have renewed before the event.

5. KPA Calendar:

Carolyn thanked Lordswood for offering to host some regional qualifiers and events. We have now fitted in all KPA events between Lordswood & GRFC. Tim can now produce flyers for the events. Carolyn announced there has still been no correspondence from Hartley.

6. Regional qualifiers:

Qualifier 1 went very well. Tim thanked Mike & GRFC for hosting and their help. Sue was concerned that a Kent member had possibly been suspended but no one informed. Duncan explained that actually there was no suspension, but ineligible to renew a licence. There was unanimous concern about GDPR regulations and possible breaches by PE. Bob to contact PE with our concerns. Tim announced 10 entries so far for qualifier 2 on 9th May.

7. Covid-19 return to play:

Sue asked if we should ask all clubs for their risk assessment to keep on file. It was agreed this would show we are being proactive and taking the return to play seriously. Mike can amend his risk assessment which can be attached to the email. Tim to send out the email to club secretaries.

8. Inter-regional tournament 2021:

Mike announced Kent have secured hotel rooms for all Kent squads at the possible inter-regional venue this year. The Officers decided it would be prudent to book this while we can. Duncan had arranged what would be needed in terms of rooms and had enquired with the hotel about a group booking but had been quoted a very high price. Some members of the MC have booked all the rooms themselves and been reimbursed by the KPA. This has worked out to save the KPA over £2,000. The bookings are fully refundable and amendable, so if not needed we will get the money back. Once the final Kent squads are known, we can change the lead names on the rooms as required.

9. Juniors update:

Jamie announced that an all-junior team played at the first regional qualifier and although a tough day, it was great experience for them, and really nice to see opponents encouraging and offering advice throughout the day. There are 2 or 3 possible new juniors coming through. Peter Clarke has done a coaching session with the juniors already and it went really well.

Jamie asked about team selection for the junior inter-regional squad, as there are currently 3 Kent juniors in the England squad, and they need to decide if they want to pursue playing pétanque. Carolyn confirmed that ultimately the playing committee decide the Kent junior squad, but guidance

from Jamie and junior coaches will be welcome. All juniors need to play in at least one regional qualifier to be eligible for selection.

Jamie said that Sophie Rowley is very interested in completing a coaching course when possible. She has also enquired about having a junior representative on the MC or contributing to meetings.

10. Any other business:

Alan confirmed the website is all up to date with the calendar dates and Q1 results.

Jamie said Richard Wenban is interested in doing the umpire's course. Bob will chat to Richard at Q2.

Carolyn announced that Corinne from Meadow had popped round and dropped off the circles from Meadow that are owned by the KPA. It looks like Meadow have lost their venue. This is a very big blow to the region and the league.

Mike queried the rules around club membership and regional membership. Players could be members of another region, but upon payment of the relevant fee (£8 precept) to Kent, would be eligible to play in the Kent Pétanque League. They would not be eligible to play in KPA events. Duncan said he can keep an up-to-date spreadsheet. Mike can design an application form to be held on record.

Meeting closed 21:24.