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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alan Cregeen, Bob Gaywood, Daniel Rudden

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

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

Duncan suggested we could use the trophy donated by Richard Spillett to be presented to the best Kent team at the inter-regional championships.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

"Financially it has been a quiet month. We received our precept from PE in the beginning of July after a prod as to why it was later than normal. The PE Treasurer had been busy, but it arrived after a query to the amounts, he realised he had made an error and resent the statement, although the money had been transferred on 7 July.

We have paid our IR entry payments £40 per team £480 to PE.

The KPA Triples was postponed as only 4 teams, all entry fees were returned and hopefully when it is played on 12 September there will be more entrants.

Maybe going forward (2023) we should look at whether if the entrants do not reach an agreed figure the competition is postponed or not played that year. Hopefully next year will be a more 'normal playing year' so we can get a better idea of what competitions are popular and well supported."

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reported we now have 352 members as people start to re-join clubs after the lockdowns.

Mike stated that there are some clubs who have not registered with PE this year, and should we remove them from the Kent website. It was decided to leave it for this year, due to the exceptional circumstances, however we will monitor it into next year.

5. Safeguarding:

Sheila said that a Kent member wanted to attend Lordswood on Sunday 1/8 to take photos of the national triples event. PE have said no to this as it is their event. Sheila confirmed to the member that unless the event is open and confirmed with the organiser, they are not permitted to take photographs.

Sheila asked if we could add the “no unauthorised photography/streaming” to the KPA event flyers. All present agreed this was a good idea. Tim said he will update existing flyers and redistribute to Alan.

Sheila had concerns that a Kent junior is running a competition next month with cash prizes and is open to contact for entries. All present agreed we do not want to discourage this in any way but must take safeguarding seriously to ensure all relevant parties are protected. Sheila will contact the parents to explain our position.

6. Pétanque England AGM:

Mike said the PE AGM is being held on the 14th August. Mike noticed a PE resolution to reduce the number of PE directors appointed by the membership and is worried about transparency. The possibility of using the Kent facebook group or email list to set out the KPA MC position in favour or against certain proposals. Tim said we could wait until the agenda and proposals are published first.

7. Inter-Regional Championships 2021:

Duncan has accommodated everyone, including guests and chaperones, in the hotel rooms secured by the KPA. The MC agreed there will be no refunds for withdrawals. Duncan will liaise with Sue regarding the invoices, and they will be emailed out to team captains.

Tim reported that the 12th place playoff was won by Mick Nash’s team, and thanked Istead Rise for hosting the playoff.

Tim had emailed all Kent squad team captains asking if anyone in their team needed Kent kit. There is only a small number of people that need full kit, and a few others that need bits and pieces. Tim will email the list to Alan.

Jamie said that the Kent juniors playing in the combined squad will have kit provided and they are all sorted ok. Jamie is transporting the juniors to Melton Mowbray. Mike reminded Jamie to submit his mileage expenses to the KPA for reimbursement.

8. Date of next meeting – Thursday 26th August

Due to unavailability the next MC meeting was rearranged for Thursday 19th August, provisionally by Zoom.

9. Any other business:

Tim announced that the KPA Triples have been rearranged to Sunday 12th September, and the KPA Shooting was postponed 1 week to Friday 6th August.

Tim would also like to place on record his thanks to Mick & Joyce Nash who presented Becky, Carolyn and himself with bottles of wine as a thank you for running the regional qualifying series and playoff.

Carolyn asked if we had anyone to run the Chairman's Cup, no one contacted yet. Carolyn will email Lordswood as host club to ask if they have anyone who could run the competition.

Meeting closed 20:51.