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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Daniel Rudden, Duncan Brown

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

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

Will all be covered on this meeting's agenda.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

*"I have sent out a balance sheet which is correct up to the end of July. As you can see from that we have paid a deposit on the new kit with the balance being due in the middle of August. We have also paid for the Inter Regional accommodation at Pakefield. (This was paid before PE asked for Kent to supply combined teams). It was agreed that if any Kent players went, it would be at their own cost including any kit. I am pleased to say that we have supplied two teams.*

*I have sent out a small budget sheet for the Inter Regionals and cost of kit so that you can see what it is costing the KPA this year. Without any RQ's entry fees considered it is costing the KPA £3797.50 this year including the incentives and Chairman's Cup. We have 5 juniors going this year, Sophie is in an adult team and the other 4 juniors hopefully will have a separate competition for them to participate in, so that they gain experience in playing against other juniors.*

*With regard to the chaperones on looking back through some notes that had been passed to myself I found that historically their supplement which is the same as the players receive is paid from the Junior Fund, therefore there are 3 chaperones this year (the invoices were sent out before PE asked for a combined team) This causes me to ask a question; there are three chaperones receiving a subsidy, but we have four Juniors that have chaperones. One chaperone is playing so didn't receive a subsidy, but since the invoices went out another chaperone is now playing in a combined team therefore not receiving a Kent subsidy although already been invoiced with a chaperone subsidy. Should then the other chaperone receives a subsidy? If not, why not?*

*This month we gave player grants for International Play to Alex for being selected to represent PE in the European Champions Singles & Doubles. I am pleased to say that along with Hannah Griffin, Alex was runner up in the European Doubles Championship, losing to Monaco in the final.*

*Sophie Rowley also had a grant as she competed in an international competition at the request of PE with other Juniors. A great experience that I am sure will be the first of many competitions abroad. Sophie received a grant from the KPA and from the Junior Fund. I have looked through the notes and I found this 'in practice the Junior Fund is used to pay travel/accommodation of any junior attending PE junior events and chaperones accompanying a junior player at the Inter Regionals'."*

There was then a discussion around chaperones, and it was agreed that the chaperone subsidy only applies if the person is attending the event specifically to chaperone the junior. So, if the person is on site and playing in the inter-regional competition, then they would not be eligible to receive a chaperone subsidy.

**4. Membership report:**

Postponed in the absence of the membership secretary.

**5. KPA playing matters:**

Tim reported that the Kent singles was won by Richard Wenban and Alex Spillett was runner up. The Kent Shooting was won by Jason White, and the runner up was Luke Ashford.

The Kent Doubles Championship is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at GRFC. Mike confirms they are OK to host it, Tim will run the event.

Carolyn confirmed Hartley are ok to host the open triples on 11<sup>th</sup> September, this is a good opportunity for Kent regional teams to practice before the Inter-Regional tournament the week after. Mike said there may be a competition at GRFC on the same date. It was agreed that it would be best if this clash could be avoided, as the Hartley Triples has been on the calendar since it was published in February. Mike will send an email to ask if the clash could be avoided.

**6. Safeguarding:**

Sheila had circulated safeguarding flow charts before the meeting. Tim will add the KPA logo and current date and then send to Alan to upload to the Kent website.

**7. Umpiring and competitions in Kent:**

Carolyn discussed the Paul Reilly Memorial Doubles competition and the interference from some members. This led to an umpire being invited to attend when it was supposed to be a fun and friendly competition in memory of Paul Reilly. It was suggested to have a policy in place to cover these sorts of situations. Carolyn agreed to draft it.

Tim said that if possible, all KPA competitions should have an umpire appointed. The KPA would pay it's standard mileage rate to any umpire that umpires regional events. When the KPA calendar is

published it could also be sent to any Kent umpires to see in advance any competitions they could umpire.

**8. New management committee member:**

Bob announced we have had an application to join the Kent management committee from Lordswood PC member Averil Flack. Tim proposed to co-opt her on to the KPA MC, Bob seconded. All present were in agreement. Bob will contact Averil to inform her and let her know of upcoming meetings.

**9. Inter Regionals update:**

Steve Brown has been drafted into Kent team 1 to replace a player that is now unavailable. It is possible another team member may also be unavailable, but this can be addressed nearer the time of the competition.

Sue asked about the Chairman's Cup and whether players can form new teams on or before the competition. Tim confirmed this is fine, as long as all players have played in at least one Kent regional qualifier. Sue has emails ready to send to eligible players.

Tim announced he had been asked by PE if Kent can provide 2 teams to play in the Combined Squad at inter-regionals. After confirming with the KPA officers, Tim approached teams finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the Kent qualifying series, and then proceeded down the list if higher placed teams could not play. We have now got 2 teams, which consist of a combination of 4 regional team's players. Tim has informed the Chiltern contact who is now in direct contact with the players. It was agreed that anyone playing in the Combined squad does so entirely at their own cost, as they are not representing Kent.

Sue asked whether day visitors to Pakefield had to pay any costs. Tim will contact PE and ask them officially.

Duncan and Sue have sorted all regional accommodation invoices and they have been sent out. The deadline to pay is 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September on Zoom.

**11. Any other business:**

Jamie reported that the money should be coming in shortly for the Kent junior squad training kit.

Mike said that the transplant games are taking place at the end of August at Blenheim Palace. Mike also announced that repairs to the GRFC roof structure are completed.

**Meeting closed 21:03.**