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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Daniel Rudden

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

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

Sheila got hold of the Gravesend doubles organiser before the event and informed them of Kent's safeguarding policy.

Alan has sorted the meetings page on the website and all 2022 minutes are now available.

Carolyn reports that entries are coming in for the Paul Reilly doubles. Ray has now taken over running it. Luke asked if we could accept entries on the day, now we know there is enough interest that is ok to do. Carolyn will contact Lordswood to confirm final details. It was pointed out that the new flyer sent out by Ray has the entry fee as £10 per pair when it should be £10 per player with 50% going to charity. Carolyn will email Ray to point out errors.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

"I haven't sent out a balance sheet for this month, but I have sent out a breakdown of projected cost of Inter Regionals 2022 and new kit. All these figures require the approval of the Committee before we move forward with the Regionals and the Kit. They have been discussed with the relevant Committee members and Officers. The Inter Regional players contribution is a figure that I am suggesting and hasn't been agreed. Though it gives an idea of cost to the KPA.

This month we gave player grants for International Play to both Alex Spillett and Becky Edwins for being selected to represent PE in the Women's European Triples and I am pleased to say that along with Gay Evans and Hannah Griffiths they won The Nations Cup. A great achievement."

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reported 467 adult members and 10 juniors. There aren't expected to be many more additions to these totals this year.

5. Kent squads, managers and playing order:

Carolyn circulated the provisional Kent playing order after the playing committee meeting. Carolyn was delighted to be asked to be Championship manager again. Bob was also pleased to be asked to be Challenge manager but due to current circumstances had to decline. The management committee were all in agreement to ask Steve Brown to be manager but he also could not accept. It was then agreed to ask Richard Ruddick. Carolyn said there were a few tweaks to the playing order, and the playing committee decided which of the teams tied in 8th would play in the Championship and Challenge. All present were in agreement with the proposed order and managers. Carolyn will contact the teams before the new order is published.

There was then a discussion about a possible Kent junior team, and the MC agreed to support our juniors where possible. Duncan had contacted PE who said they are running a junior competition where regions can send as many juniors as possible. Jamie has confirmed that we have a team of 3 juniors available. All present agreed we will send them as a Kent junior team, so they will receive relevant subsidy and kit.

6. Inter-regional 2022 players subsidy:

The cost to players staying at Pakefield for the weekend is £165, and juniors £82.50. Sue suggests a subsidy of £30 per player. The subsidy from 2019 was £59.50. This year a subsidy of £30 plus new kit works out at £107 per person. Players will also receive their incentive credits on top of the subsidy. All present agreed the junior fund should be used towards the cost of the juniors. It was agreed in principle for a subsidy of £30, pending final costs.

7. Kent kit:

Tim said that the kit sub-committee had been successful in agreeing a deal with Samueljacks to be the new Kent kit supplier. Tim & Samueljacks have come up with an exciting new design for the Kent kit, this was unveiled at Q5 and there was an overwhelmingly positive response from players.

Samueljacks sent down a range of sizes for players to try on at Q5 and this was very helpful. It was agreed that players who qualify for Kent get 2 shirts and 1 jacket and that the players own the kit and can wear when they like. However, if the kit becomes tatty, is lost, or requires replacement then that will be at the player's own cost. The shirts cost £21.25 and the jackets cost £35.

8. KPA results & upcoming competitions:

The KPA Triples Championship was won by Aston Monk, Dean Ashby & Jason White. Runners up were Becky Edwins, Tim Edwins & Steve Brown. Both teams will represent Kent at the Champion of Champions event in October. Tim noted that Steve Brown will require new Kent kit, this will be added to the kit order. The KPA Singles & Shooting Championships are being held on 3rd July at GRFC. Mike confirmed they are ok to host it, Tim will organise and run the events. The shooting mats are currently at The Railway Inn. Duncan & Tim will liaise to get them to GRFC for the 3rd July.

9. Date of next meeting – Thursday 4th August:

Confirmed.

10. Any other business:

Jamie said he needs a copy of KPA headed paper; Tim can send to him. Jamie has also secured funding for all the junior squad training kit from Perry Cole Councillor. Jamie said it would be good to put a thank you note on the website to all Kent members for their generosity fundraising for the junior fund. Jamie to write a paragraph or two and send to Alan to put on the website.

Mike said he has been made aware that a Kent member had been asked to teach pétanque at Sevenoaks School. Jamie has links with the school so asked if he can liaise with the member.

Sheila reminded everyone to be aware of safeguarding and warn people near them when taking photos.

Meeting closed 21:47.