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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Gaywood, Duncan Brown, Averil Flack, Mark Toulson, Jamie Finley

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), David Baxter, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen & Tim Edwins

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

Will be covered in this agenda.

3. **Treasurers report:**

David circulated the latest accounts by email and confirmed they will be audited at the end of the year. Tim asked about an international grant for Becky Edwins, playing in the Women's World Championships in Thailand later this month. David proposed £125 grant, half of the player contribution, as has been done in the past. All agreed.

4. **Meadow PC EuroCup grant:**

Tim had circulated an email from Meadow PC regarding their international representation at the European Cup for Clubs competition in France this month. All MC agreed to a grant, but no amount was confirmed. David proposed £500. All present agreed.

5. **Qualifying series team 5 incentive credits:**

Team 5 decided not to play for Kent and the KPA MC had previously agreed they would not receive their incentive credits earned during the qualifying series. A member of team 5 has asked the MC to reconsider. It was agreed that a couple of MC members would meet in person with the player to discuss things with an open mind.

6. **Inter regionals 2023 Kent squad feedback:**

Kent made a promising start on Saturday in the Championship winning 40 games. Overnight Chiltern 38 and Southern 32.

On Sunday, Kent won 23 games and Chiltern 29 – so Chiltern won with a total of 67 games and Kent were runners up on 63 games. Bitterly disappointing for the squad.

Congratulations to Kent 1 who won 9 games and Kent 2 who won 10 games.

5 rounds in the Challenge – Kent won 13 games on Saturday which left them joint top with Chiltern. On Sunday Kent won 11 games and Chiltern 11 – Southern recorded 12 wins. Kent and Chiltern both won 24 games overall, but Chiltern had a marginally better points difference 39.

Mark Cooter and Richard Baker's teams both won 8 games.

The Juniors had a fantastic weekend winning 6 games on Saturday and 3 on Sunday – 9 wins made Kent overall Champions! Very well done, a credit to you Jamie and the way they supported each other.

Overall, in the President's Cup Kent had 96 wins – finishing second behind Chiltern on 99 wins.

7. Playing committee meeting feedback:

Carolyn reported a very positive meeting. Carolyn, Duncan & Keith invited, and were joined by, Barry Menzies & Dean Ashby. Topics discussed were juniors, the KPA website, regional qualifiers & the Chairman's Cup. There were lots of good ideas and the playing committee will look to develop these further in the next year.

8. New DBS verifier:

Sheila is the current verifier but is standing down from the committee at the AGM and has also been locked out of the verifying account so felt it a good time to stand down as regional verifier too. Agreed to carry this forward to the next MC meeting, after the AGM, when we will have a new committee and more attendees to discuss.

9. KPA membership fees (regional precept):

David proposed no change to the regional precept. All agreed and will be put to the membership at the AGM.

10. KPA/KPL Joint AGM November 16th:

Tim to compile the agenda and liaise with KPL before distributing. Various proposals from clubs have been received and will be added to the agenda for voting, along with proposals from the MC and PC. 1 nomination for a new management committee member has been received.

11. Date of next MC meeting – Thursday 14th December:

Confirmed.

12. Any other business:

None.

Meeting closed 20:47.