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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence: Averil Flack, Sheila King

Present: Bob Gaywood (Chair), Tim Edwins, Jamie Finley, Duncan Brown, Mark Toulson, David Baxter, Alan Cregeen, Carolyn Edwins

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Duncan spoke with Averil regarding a potential open day event, however decided to put it on hold for now, to see how the GRFC Friday events go.

Tim said the first batch of this year's new kit order has been ordered and is now with the supplier. Duncan enquired if players could order and pay for extra kit or a different size this year, that is fine to add to the next order. Players will be invoiced up front.

3. Treasurer's report:

David circulated the latest accounts by email a few days previously.

4. Membership report:

Duncan reported we currently have 484 adult members and 8 juniors. There are a couple of extra members who play in the KPL and have paid the Kent precept to join. Tim & David had noticed a new offer on the PE website for new members to join for £10 to be a club level member with the possibility of a second year for £15. There was a discussion around what these members would actually be eligible for, we need to await further information from PE.

5. Safeguarding:

Sheila had updated Bob on a few safeguarding matters in her absence from the meeting.

6. Kent Regional Series & Championships feedback:

Carolyn presented a summary of the feedback from this year's regional series. There was varied feedback on the double header weekend, and the Chairman's Cup qualification. Carolyn will take feedback and suggestions to the playing committee at their next meeting.

7. PE Titles weekend:

GRFC have approached the KPA to ask if Kent would be interested in having the PE Titles weekend in Gravesend again. GRFC would need volunteers for a working party to help with the set up and take down of the temporary terrains. Bob will contact Mike Cubitt to ask what is needed and discuss possibilities.

8. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 10th August.

9. Any other business:

Bob has been looking into what other regions do for their regional coaching and found that 4 regions advertise and have a dedicated coaching page on their website. Bob will look at putting something together that Alan can upload to the Kent website for coaching.

Jamie reported that Tegan Finley & Zac Finley both played in the PE Junior Doubles. Zac reached the silver final, and Tegan reached the gold semi-finals. Tim reminded Jamie to submit mileage claims for driving juniors to and from national competitions and squad days. Duncan will send Jamie details of a few more juniors in Kent.

Tim announced that Mark Toulson is running the KPA Over 55s this Sunday and thanked him. Tim has printed scoresheets all ready. Averil had confirmed by email that Lordswood are ok to host it. David confirmed that GRFC are ok to host Q5 on 16th July, Tim will be there to run it.

Tim mentioned there could be quite a low turnout for Q5, in which case only 4 rounds will be needed. 2 series ranking points will be added to each team present on the day, so they are not punished for only having 4 rounds.

Meeting closed 21:04.