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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Gaywood, Averil Flack, Sheila King

**Present:** Duncan Brown (chair), Tim Edwins, Alan Cregeen, Carolyn Edwins, Duncan Baxter, Jamie Finley & Mark Toulson

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

David announced that after a lengthy interview with Lloyd's that they would supply a card reader, but it would mean the KPA needing a whole new level of data protection, credit checks on the officers and it would charge a fee on all transactions. It was agreed not to proceed.

Carolyn said that Hartley would host an open triples competition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and the KPL still need an organiser to run the KPL handicap competition. The officers will check their arrangements nearer the time of the competition.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts before the meeting. Still not much activity at present, but will start to increase when qualifiers pre-entry opens, and more licence renewals come in.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan is liaising with David regarding the new licence software to see how things work and finding out number of members. Duncan has been approached by a few clubs to do manual additions. Tim asked if we have had any update from PE about the missing 30p per member that Sport80 takes out. David said PE are still working out how to pay this back to the regions. David also checked and announced we have 148 members so far this year.

5. **Safeguarding:**

Tim read an email from Sheila in her absence. The member who had a trip at the Villager PC last year is now having treatment for a torn retina. They have not had a reply or any contact from the Villager

and just want to move on from it all now. Sheila also mentioned an incident on the GRFC steps that had little or no lighting. David said this has been discussed by GRFC and action is being taken.

**6. Risk assessments:**

Tim said that all clubs playing competitive pétanque in Kent must now have risk assessments as per the amended KPA Constitution voted on by members at last year's AGM. Tim to liaise with Mick Nash from the KPL to make all clubs aware and to get their risk assessments on file and online for all players to see.

**7. Kent coaching coordinator:**

Duncan will speak with Bob regarding the vacant role and see if any possible candidates have already been contacted. If not, then Duncan is happy to contact them and ask.

**8. Playing matters:**

The IWD Doubles qualifier is this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Becky Edwins is happy to organise and run it in Tim's absence. Carolyn has the competition details and requirements. The IWD Finals are at Oxshott this year. Q1 is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Alan has updated the pre-entry form on the website. Tim will do the event flyer and then open pre-entry next week. Tim can check payments received and Duncan can check player licences. Q2 and Q3 are just before the next MC meeting. Tim will check and confirm with venues nearer the time.

Carolyn has asked the umpire if he can umpire at the qualifiers, but he is playing in 3 of them and unavailable for the other 2.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**10. Any other business:**

Jamie said he is doing the coaching course this Saturday, and then coaching at the first combined junior training day on the Sunday at Worthing. So far Jamie has got 4 juniors for the regional qualifiers and is waiting to hear back from a couple more.

Mark has been approached regarding the rule change at the AGM regarding dead strings. David said that from the start of the KPL summer season all strings will be dead boules lines as voted on by KPL clubs at the AGM. The league will be sending out information on the rule changes ahead of the upcoming season.

**Meeting closed 20:09.**