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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** David Baxter, Jamie Finley

**Present:** Bob Gaywood (Chair), Tim Edwins, Mark Toulson, Averil Flack, Duncan Brown, Carolyn Edwins, Sheila King, Tracy Spillett

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

Bob spoke with Mike Cubitt regarding PE Titles weekend to express our support.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

Carried forward in David's absence. Tim announced that the remaining Kit for inter regionals this year has been ordered and paid for.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reported 487 members and 8 juniors.

5. **Safeguarding:**

Sheila said she is worried about photography/streaming being mentioned on club tournament days. Clubs could be leaving themselves vulnerable to a £1,000 fine. Duncan said if we as KPA are doing all we can, then the liability is with the clubs. Sheila will look at updating the safeguarding policies.

6. **Inter regionals 2023:**

Carolyn spoke with Kent 1 after our meeting last week and explained that the MC is not comfortable with a team of 3 playing so high in the order. We had numerous concerns and if something did happen to a team member there would be a problem. The teams at Kent 2 and Kent 3 are both capable of playing in the top 2, and it was felt an unnecessary risk to take, so Kent 1 would be moved down two spots to play at Kent 3. Kent 1 then informed the MC that they are no longer available to play at Pakefield.

The MC agreed to move all teams up 1 place in the order, and that Tracy's team would be Kent 4. The team that finished 13<sup>th</sup> has players unavailable and players already asked to fill gaps in other teams. Team 14 was asked to play at Kent 12 and has gratefully accepted.

This now means that Bob is playing so cannot be manager. It was agreed to ask Peter Clarke to manage the Championship squad instead of the Challenge squad. There were a couple of candidates for the new Challenge manager, Bob & Duncan will ask and report back.

A couple of people mentioned it was sad that Kent 1 have decided not to play and let Kent down. All present agreed they will not be eligible to receive their incentive credits, not be eligible for the Chairman's Cup, and may face further sanctions. Bob will email the team concerned to ask for their reasoning and comment.

**7. KPA Trophies:**

Tim said that it has been mentioned to him that some players already have lots of the glasses/trophies for winners and runners up of Kent events and may choose not to have them or need any more. Duncan said we could contact the winners and runners up to ask if they do want them before ordering. Tim to action before trophy order placed.

**8. Club membership entitlement:**

Carried forward to next meeting.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom.

**10. Any other business:**

Duncan said the East Kent Coastal League has potentially secured a plot of land at Ramsgate harbour and a grant to build 32 pistes. It is possible the KPA may be asked to help or for input.

Tim said that we now have to enter our inter regional teams via the Sport80 website and it has to be done by a regional administrator. This will have to be done by Duncan. Tim will update squad list and email to Duncan for entering.

**Meeting closed 21:14.**