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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

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

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

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

Tim announced the Zoom subscription had been renewed ok, and he has been reimbursed for the cost.

Tim said he would ask Bob regarding the coaching coordinator role in Bob's absence.

David will contact Sue to confirm the money donated to the BHF from the Paul Reilly Memorial Doubles 2022.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated latest accounts and said he has been added to the KPA account and is in the process of changing the official address to 28 Ingress Park Avenue, Greenhithe, DA9 9XJ.

David had sent out information on a contactless card reader that Lloyd's are offering their business customers for free. It works via Bluetooth and an app on a connected phone. Tim wondered when it would be used, as if it was used for event entry, then we wouldn't be able to pay out cash prizes on the day. It was agreed that as it is free, David would order one in case we ever need it.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan had a question regarding manual payments for members and clubs. David confirmed that manual payments and cheques can still be taken, and it can be marked as paid manually on the new system. Tim flagged up an issue with the new Sport80 system, where a percentage of the regional precept paid to Kent was being deducted. The Kent precept is £10, but we are only receiving £9.70 per member. Tim emailed PE and they are aware of the issue and plan to make up the shortfall.

**5. KPA Calendar:**

Carolyn circulated the provisional calendar and said that the PE calendar was issued late, and with no junior or espoir squad dates on it. The playing committee were happy to hold two regional qualifiers on consecutive days on the same weekend to better recreate the inter regional tournament, which is also played on consecutive days. Carolyn said the choices for dates are quite limited due to PE events, big competitions, and squad days etc. There are a couple more events to add in, such as the Paul Reilly Memorial Doubles, and the KPL Handicap Triples. Tim, and others, have been asked a lot already about regional qualifier dates, so agreed that these can be put on Facebook straight away so members can start their planning.

**6. Qualifier 1 player licences:**

Duncan announced we have a few players transferring over from other regions and queried if the transfer is instant or only valid from the new licence year in April. As Q1 is in March would they be able to play? David explained that if a player has a licence and they transfer, then the licence is still valid until the end of March at the new region.

**7. Developing role of Kent Playing Committee:**

Duncan asked about the possibility of asking Kent members for their views and ideas for pétanque in Kent. All agreed it would be good to get some input from members. Duncan to look at possible dates and investigate further. We have no MC meeting in June so could hold some sort of open meeting or forum for Kent members.

**8. Junior opportunities:**

Jamie invited Shaun to attend the meeting, but he declined. Jamie is enthusiastic about the opportunity and will contact Shaun directly to say the KPA will head the project with Shaun's input as required if he still wants to help. Mike Cubitt has contact details for Mayfield Grammar School.

Tim said he was contacted by Marcus Hickman, who won the PE national singles title last year and won a £100 voucher for DC Pétanque. Marcus would like to donate the voucher to the Kent juniors for something they need. Jamie will contact Marcus to thank him and liaise about the voucher.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**10. Any other business:**

Alan had received some updated safeguarding documents from Sheila and will add to the website. Sheila also asked if they could be emailed to Kent club secretaries.

Carolyn will email Kent umpire David Robert to see if he can and wants to umpire any Kent events.

Sheila said the safeguarding information needs to be sent to clubs as it must be followed. Flyers must have safeguarding information and be announced before the start of competitions.

Mark has emailed Alan his photo and a paragraph or two for the committee section on the KPA website. Alan to check and upload.

Jamie announced he has been in contact with Phil Boarder, PE national junior coordinator, and has been approached to help with the England junior setup and coaching. Jamie said they are looking at 4 or 5 coaching hubs around the country for combined junior coaching. Jamie is waiting to hear about completing a coaching course to be a qualified coach.

**Meeting closed 20:37.**