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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mark Toulson

**Present:** Bob Gaywood (Chair), Tim Edwins, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen, Duncan Brown, Jamie Finley, Carolyn Edwins & Sheila King

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

Carolyn has spoken to Mick Nash and they are keen to get the KPL Handicap competition in the calendar.

Duncan has spoken to Peter Clarke and he is positive about the coaching co-ordinator role but would like some more info what the role involves. Suggested to make a role description document, similar to the Kent squad managers document.

Tim said there have been some clubs risk assessments sent through but still lots of clubs without one. Tim will collate and send to Alan for the website.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

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

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan reported 468 members, including 7 juniors, and still more joining. It would be good to get more juniors playing. Duncan hopeful we could get back up to 500 members this year. Duncan suggested having an open day at a big club in Kent. Duncan & Averil will liaise to see what can be done. Duncan had requests from some clubs to register the players manually, this has now been done, and Duncan received a nice gift from Istead Rise PC for his time and effort.

5. **Playing matters:**

Kent Doubles Winners – Chris Watkins & Gary Atkinson  
Kent Doubles Runners up – Jean-Louis Guiot & Steve Brown

Tim checked with Averil that Lordswood are ok to host Q4 on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Carolyn said she had been asking members for feedback on the double header qualifiers weekend and will document it for discussion with the playing committee. It was mentioned there have been lots of 4<sup>th</sup> players on the pistes when their team is playing a match, and lots of players practicing in between ends, and next to live matches. Tim will raise this at the start of the next regional qualifier.

Tim mentioned that with fewer teams entering the qualifiers this year, it has led to the possibility of playing fewer rounds. 5 rounds were played at Q2 and Q3, and looking at the results, the 5<sup>th</sup> round did help to sharpen up the rankings and give a truer reflection of each day's play.

Tim also said that the IWD runners up do not have any Kent kit. Tim has spoken to Samueljacks and there is a minimum order of 10 items of each garment, as their factory has not yet moved to the UK. All agreed that the teams representing Kent need to have the correct and same kit. Tim will look through the regional standings and identify some more players that will need kit this year, then we can do an order with Samueljacks, so the IWD ladies get their kit in time.

**6. Safeguarding:**

Sheila said there are still club flyers coming out without safeguarding information on them regarding photography. Bob said that we can email the clubs concerned to make them aware of what's required. Sheila will draft email and send to Bob.

**7. London ULEZ expansion:**

Averil raised that after the new ULEZ expansion, some KPL clubs will be in the ULEZ zone, and it would cost £12.50 per vehicle that goes to matches there for away teams. Some players are worried about paying the extra fees. There was some discussion around various options, Bob said we could wait and see if the expansion happens.

**8. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**9. Any other business:**

Jamie said that when the sponsorship for the junior squad kit was secured and kit ordered, 1 of the current juniors wasn't in the squad, so has been wearing ill-fitting clothes. All agreed that the junior fund can be used to order the new junior their junior squad kit.

Sheila and all present congratulated Jamie in completing his coaching qualification.

Carolyn asked Alan about the out-of-date items on the website main page. Alan confirmed this has been changed and items removed a while ago, and there is probably a cache issue meaning the old page shows. Clearing browser cache and refreshing will resolve the issue. Tim mentioned that Q2&3 results need adding to the website too.

**Meeting closed 20:39.**