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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Gravesend Rugby Club, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sheila King, Bob Gaywood, Ayjay Keemer-Richards

**Present:** Tim Edwins, David Holden, Tracy Spillett, Duncan Brown, Carolyn Edwins, Bryan Yates, Mike Cubitt, Alan Cregeen, Ray Keemer-Richards

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

Mike announced these would be covered on this meeting's agenda.

3. **Treasurer's report**

David circulated the latest accounts on 24/4 and said we have had money in from the KPA Triples and Qualifier 1. A few subs have been paid out but nothing else of note to report.

4. **Membership report**

Ray announced there are no current issues with membership and Kent now has 554 paid members.

5. **Playing Matters**

KPA Triples:

Winners – Tracy Spillett, Kevin Spillett & Scott Ashby

Runners up – Greg Davenport, Richard Spillett & Matt Horrigan

KPA Q1 saw a very good turnout of 30 teams on a hot day in Hartley with some new teams and some old teams and players returning. Carolyn raised the issue that there was no junior team at Q1. Ray said that Jamie Finley from Seal PC would be willing to manage the junior regional team this year. He would need to be DBS checked which the KPA would pay for. It was agreed for KPA Chairman Bob Gaywood to contact Jamie regarding the junior team and confirm his interest.

KPA Shooting will be at the Railway Inn on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Duncan confirms they are OK to host it. Tim to check with Annette if she can run the event.

**6. KPA Regional qualifier rules**

Tim read an email from Annette who was seeking clarification on the rules regarding waiting time after the draw has been announced. All present were in agreement that this needs clarifying and a new rule added to cover it and any future situations that may arise. It was proposed that it is each team's responsibility to ensure they are present when the draw is announced, and they will forfeit their right to choose terrain if not present by a certain time period. If not present after a certain time their opponents will be awarded points. Carolyn will draft a new rule and circulate to the committee to approve.

**7. Regional qualifying series EGM**

Tim has designed a flyer to be distributed to KPA members via email and at regional events but wanted clarification of the wording to be used in the flyer. "Your ideas and suggestions for any changes to the KPA qualifying series" was agreed. It was also agreed that the deadline would be the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Tim to complete the flyer and then email to club secretaries and Alan will put it on the website. Flyers will also be printed to be given out at Q2 & Q3.

**8. Date of next meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Hartley Country Club**

Tim to check with Bob and confirm venue OK.

**9. Any other business**

Tracy asked if the KPA has had any reply from Pétanque England (PE) regarding the clash with Q1 and the Espoirs Squad Day. Tim said he had not received anything, but Bob may have an update, however he was not present.

David announced that Luddesdown have had to drop out of the KPL due to floodlight issues.

Ray asked if KPA coaches get reimbursed. David confirmed they would get reimbursed, but he has so far received no applications for reimbursement. The KPA agreed to pay for the coaching course and any coaching session mileage, provided that the coaches are active.

Mike has spoken to PE and there is a possibility of receiving funding for the roof at GRFC. Mike asked the KPA for support which was agreed by all present. There is a possibility of GRFC being used as a centre of excellence by PE in the future and is already confirmed as the host for the PE titles weekend for the next 2 years. Mike said he may need to increase the number of pistes for titles weekend, he is still waiting for PE to come down to GRFC for a site meeting.

**Meeting closed 21:29.**