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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd November at Hartley Country Club, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mike Capelin, Alan Cregeen, Duncan Brown, Ajay Keemer-Richards

Present: Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, Mike Cubitt, Ray Keemer-Richards, Carolyn Edwins, Mick Nash, David Holden, Bryan Yates, Tracy Spillett, Sheila King.

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

Bob announced these would be covered during this meeting.

3. **Treasurer's report**

David is preparing the final accounts to be presented at the AGM. There is still over £1,000 owed from Hayling Island accommodation. Bob to contact outstanding debtors to chase payment.

4. **Membership Report**

Ray announced that the final total for members in Kent is 610, with 14 juniors.

5. **KPA Playing Rules**

Carolyn circulated a draft of the new KPA playing rules. Bob read aloud the changes, which concern KPA titles winners, Champion of Champions entries and inter-regional accommodation payment. This year, out of a possible 6 CoC entries, Kent only entered 2 teams, which is very disappointing. The new rules propose that any payment from winning a KPA event is held until the AGM. This would ensure that the winners do represent Kent and play in the CoC event. Unless due to an exceptional circumstance, the winners would be stripped of their title and forfeit any prize money. The rules also state that payment for inter-regional accommodation must be paid in full, no later than 2 weeks before the tournament starts. This was discussed and proposed to be changed to 4 weeks, all agreed. Carolyn to make amendment and then propose the new playing rules at the next playing committee meeting.

6. **Playing Committee 2018 Qualifiers Feedback**

Carolyn announced that the playing committee had discussed a possible new format for the 2018 regional qualifiers at their last meeting. The ideas of seedings, different subsidies for final finishing positions, 2 day events and prize money were discussed. Ultimately most changes would either not be possible due to not having exact number of 32 entries, or being too difficult to implement on the day and after each round. Then the idea of lowering the subsidy but having cash prizes for the top 3 placed teams in each qualifier was mentioned, discussions were positive and this would give the top teams who had already qualified an incentive to attend all the regional events and endeavour to finish as high as possible. Any new system would need costing and proper attention. Carolyn agreed to look at some new subsidies and prizes and then bring back for discussion at future meeting. Whilst costing was being discussed, the subject of the EPA Combined squad was mentioned and there was some discussion of whether the KPA should be funding this squad, as they are actually invited by and representing the EPA, not the KPA. All were in agreement that the KPA will no longer provide subsidies or money for kit for the EPA Combined squad. Bob will raise the possibility of the EPA subsidising any future Combined squads at the next EPA Regional Presidents meeting.

7. **KPA & KPL Joint AGM**

Tim said that the agenda would be in the same running order as last year, all in agreement. Bob will get the food invoice to David for payment. Deadlines for resolutions and nominations is 16th November, and none have been received yet for either KPA or KPL. Tim to email Alan to post on website as news item that management committee positions are available. Mike Cubitt has looked at replacements for medals and seen key fobs. A picture was passed around and all agreed these looked good and could replace medals. Tim to email Mike Cubitt the list of KPA prize-winners.

8. **Date of next MC meeting – Thursday 7th December at Star Meadow Sports Club**

Tracy to check availability of venue and let Tim know. Tim to email out confirmation once known.

9. **Any other business**

Mike Cubitt – GRFC titles bid was successful and will host the EPA titles weekend for the next 2 years. Volunteers will be required for set up and take down. Mike has done rough costings at this stage and also produced a small pack with playing areas and camping areas.

Ray Keemer-Richards – Ayjay would be willing to organise the KPL Tri Way competition next year, all were in agreement.

Mick Nash – Reminded the group that he is stepping down as Winter League secretary in March. This will be mentioned at the KPL AGM and also that a new person to run the Winter League is required.

Meeting closed 21:49