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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at Hartley CC, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** David Baxter, Mike Cubitt, Annette Eggleton

**Present:** Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, Tracy Turner, Carolyn Edwins, Ray Keemer-Richards, Sheila King, Keith Atkinson, Mick Nash, David Holden, Bryan Yates, Mike Capelin

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at Istead Rise CC were agreed as a correct record.

3. **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

David H has not yet invoiced the outstanding debtors due to getting the end of year accounts ready for the upcoming AGM – to be carried forward.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

David H announced that all outstanding bills have been paid. Chiltern have paid us for their Combined regional kit and we are waiting on Southern to pay us for their Combined squad kit, they have been invoiced.

5. **Membership Report:**

Ray announced there are currently 638 KPA members, 624 adults, 3 honorary and 11 juniors. Membership is on a par with last year's figures.

6. **KPA Website:**

Tim said that the KPA website needs a complete overhaul and has become outdated and not great to navigate or use. David B is currently keeping the website running. We need to find someone who is willing to build a new website and run it for the KPA. More results and reports need to be posted online and any general news. People who are not on Facebook feel like they are not being kept up to date. David H said from previous experience running a website, there is usually a lack of information and that the webmaster needs to be provided with up to date information constantly. Tim announced he would be happy to collate information and give regular updates to a new webmaster. The management committee agreed to ask around and see if a new webmaster can be found.

**7. Chairman's Cup Turnout:**

Only 3 teams turned up to compete in the KPA Chairman's Cup this year, and a 4<sup>th</sup> team was made up on the day. This would have been affected by Kent having 16 teams competing at Hayling Island this year as we had a lot of teams in Combined squads, but it still very low. The management committee discussed and agreed to recommend to the playing committee that the entry for next year's Chairman's Cup is only having to play in 1 of the regional qualifiers.

**8. Qualifiers 2017 Discussion:**

Bob announced that there had been a few comments that the regional qualifiers were too late this year as people were on holiday and could they be brought forward again. It was suggested that people do not want to play too early in March when the weather is cold and rainy. Bob asked if the playing committee could meet sooner rather than later if possible, to set the KPA calendar for 2017. Bob also announced that due to work commitments, Annette is stepping down from the playing committee chair. The KPA need more members of the playing committee for next year.

Mike Capelin then said that as the juniors have nothing to play for at the regionals, maybe we should introduce some kind of incentive for them. Tracy suggested that maybe having a dedicated junior manager throughout the regionals and Hayling Island to work with the juniors and coach them. Mike then suggested a sliding scale incentive based on the juniors final finishing position in the series, all were in agreement.

**9. KPA & KPL Joint AGM:**

Tim announced there had been no new nominations for officers or committee members and that all existing members were happy to continue in their roles. Chairman Bob Gaywood confirmed this and accepted everyone in their roles. The KPA has received 1 resolution from Hartley PC which will be on the AGM agenda. Bob reminded the playing committee that the KPA junior award is decided by them. Mick Nash to email Tim with the KPL resolutions, so they can be included on the joint agenda.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at Hartley Country Club.

**11. Any other business:**

Carolyn mentioned that the survey about KPA qualifiers has not come to fruition and understands that Annette has been busy with work and EPA commitments. Carolyn would be happy to take this up if OK with Annette.

Sheila announced that the Kent County Show forms have been completed and submitted, we have applied for a £500 grant from the Kent County Council. It would be beneficial to get other organisations to contribute, possibly the EPA and KPA. Ray proposed that KPA underwrite any shortfall after the EPA contribution, Bob seconded and all were in agreement. Sheila said there was also a possibility of getting sponsorship for the event, possibly from Obut or Pen-Y-Coed.

Bob said that Chiltern had contacted the KPA to try and arrange a day for a triples competition. A date was set but it turned out that this clashed with a EuroCup date. The Chiltern v Kent competition will be postponed until early 2017.

**12. Meeting closed:**

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