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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at Hartley CC, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** David Holden, Bryan Yates, Mike Cubitt, Kevin Turner

Present: Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, Ray Keemer-Richards, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen, Mike Capelin, Duncan Brown, Ron Yates, Tracy Turner, Carolyn Edwins

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 1st at Hartley CC were agreed as a correct record.

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

Bob announced these would be covered during this meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

David H was unavailable for this meeting. Bob announced he had received a cheque for £100 for the KPA Junior Fund, from Seal PC in memory of Steve Tait.

5. **Membership Report**

Ray said there had been good uptake of membership so far this year with 169 members already, compared to only 12 at this point last year.

6. **Regional Qualifiers Format**

Moved to next meeting

7. **KPA Junior Team**

Carolyn announced that the playing committee had noted that last year's junior team would no longer be a junior team as one of them is now over the age limit. Also, the other 2 members may wish to join and play as an adult team this year. It would be very disappointing for Kent, the biggest region, to have no junior team. All were in agreement. Ray mentioned that Seal PC now have 3 junior members and he could speak to Howard from Seal about the possibility of these juniors entering the

regional qualifiers and becoming the next KPA junior team. Ray will speak to Paul from Meadow PC as they also have some juniors who may be interested in representing Kent.

8. Playing Calendar 2017

Carolyn circulated a draft calendar that the playing committee had decided upon. There were a few changes discussed and agreed, and the calendar was confirmed and could be posted online. There was a brief discussion about decreasing participation at Sunday events, Tim to add to next MC meeting agenda as an item. Bob then thanked Carolyn and the playing committee for their work.

9. FIPJP New Rules

Tim read an email from Lordswood PC, who were seeking clarification on the new rules and some old rules. Bob said we should follow rules where possible, as we always have done. Ray said that terrain rules and playing rules are separate and that playing rules are easily followed by all clubs, but terrain rules limit a high percentage of clubs and would restrict a lot from participating, they are followed where possible and within reason. Bob agreed he would reply to Lordswood and clarify the rules.

10. Kent County Show

Sheila read through a list checking all components and equipment is in place and people know what they are supposed to be doing. Duncan has completed an inventory of the KPA container at Lordswood and circulated itemised sheets, some items may be of use for the county show. There was a short discussion about party bags and handouts, what size bags and what is going into them. Sheila announced she has got a grant of £500 from a cabinet minister in Maidstone and £250 from Gravesham Council. Sheila read out a list of volunteers so far. Tim said he had an email from Jayne from The Villager PC saying that they would be available to help during the show. Sheila then read a planned letter to KPA members asking for volunteers to assist during the show.

11. Date of next meeting

Confirmed as Thursday 9th March at GRFC.

12. Any other business

Carolyn checked with Alan that he had the survey, Alan confirmed he had it and is working on it and getting it online.

Alan announced that the new KPA website is live and online. There are still a few issues to iron out, but it is going well and all in hand.

Duncan reported positive feedback about the new website from members at the Railway PC.

Meeting closed 21:52.