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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Hartley CC, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Carolyn Edwins, Kevin Spillett, Ray Keemer-Richards, Bob Gaywood

**Present:** Mike Cubitt, Tracy Spillett, Bryan Yates, David Holden, Duncan Brown, Mike Capelin, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen, Tim Edwins

**Guests:** Cynthia Yates

2. **Minutes:** Mike Cubitt pointed out an incorrect date at the top of the previous minutes and Tim amended them. Unanimously accepted.
3. **Matters arising from previous meeting:**  
All outstanding debtors to the KPA have now paid and there are no debts. Confirmed by David and Ray via email.
4. **Treasurer's Report**  
David circulated a copy of the latest accounts and announced we had received £910 from the first regional qualifier. Subs money is still coming in. David also announced that banks will now not accept any altered cheques and around half of the subs cheques received have had to be sent back to clubs to be replaced.
5. **Membership Report**  
Item carried forward in the absence of Ray Keemer-Richards.
6. **Playing Matters**  
Results – The KPA Triples Championship was won by Rowland Jones, Kevin Spillett & Scott Ashby, and the runners up were Matt Horrigan, Dave Hurren & Richard Spillett. Both teams will receive a bursary towards representing Kent at an international tournament later in the year.  
Upcoming Competitions – Q2 at GRFC on 30<sup>th</sup> April, GRFC & Annette Eggleton are OK for this. The EPA Singles & Shooting at GRFC on 14<sup>th</sup> May, GRFC are OK, EPA will run. KPA Shooting Championship on

19<sup>th</sup> May at Railway Inn, Tim to check still OK to host and run. Q3 at Hartley on 21<sup>st</sup> May, Tim to check hosts and Annette ok to run.

#### **7. Kent County Show**

Sheila announced that the EPA had turned down offering us a grant toward the costs of attending the county show on the basis that the KPA may make a profit out of it. Also it would not be cost effective in terms of new members. The EPA have offered £20 per new player registered that the KPA can prove. Sheila reiterated that the KPA is not doing the show solely to increase membership but also to increase awareness of pétanque in Kent and England, and to promote the game in general. Mike Cubitt suggested drafting a letter of disappointment to the EPA and clarifying our position. Sheila mentioned another possible source of a grant is the Kent County Playing Fields Association and read out a positive email from them. They also said that the initial joining fee of £75 could possibly be reduced. All present agreed that we join and see what grant they will give us. Sheila then said she has 26 volunteers willing to help at the show, and she will arrange a date to gather the volunteers and assign roles and devise a rota.

#### **8. Junior Team Regional Kit**

Tim announced that the KPA had received invoices for the Junior team that is playing in the regional qualifying series this year, with a total cost of £110.99. The committee were surprised at the total costs and said it could have been sourced a lot cheaper. The juniors will keep the kit after the regionals therefore the consensus was that the KPA should not pay 100% of the total. However, as Bob Gaywood was not present, we did not know what had been discussed by him regarding reimbursement for the kit. The item will be carried forward to the next management meeting.

#### **9. KPA Survey Results**

Item carried forward in the absence of Carolyn Edwins.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Star Meadow Sports Club.

#### **11. Any other business**

Bryan Yates wished to thank the KPL for their grant to the White House PC. David said the payment is set up and awaiting approval from Mick Nash.

Alan Cregeen asked about the possibility of Manston PC buying some circles from the KPA. Tim to chase what is happening with the outstanding circles owed to the KPA from the EPA.

Tim Edwins announced that the EPA may be commissioning some precision shooting mats and had asked regions how many they may require. Tim has sent an email to all club secretaries and read the responses so far. Tim also read a disciplinary hearing outcome, which can be found on the EPA website.

Mike Cubitt said that the KPA needs to have a DPS child protection officer on the committee. This will be added to the next agenda. Mike also said that the roof move to GRFC from Gravesend market is now in progress and started on 20/04 and is hoping that the roof will be in place around the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Meeting closed 21:03.