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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 7th November at Hartley Country Club commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sheila King

Present: Bob Gaywood, Mike Cubitt, Duncan Brown, Carolyn Edwins, Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett, Alan Cregeen, Daniel Rudden, Tim Edwins, David Holden.

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

Tim has spoken with Scott Ashby regards new Kent kit. Scott has just ordered new kit for his club from a new supplier, so is waiting for that to arrive and see if it is good quality. Scott said there may be a possibility of a healthy discount as the Kent order would be a very big order. Alan announced he can produce performance material shirts for the same price as the current polo shirts.

Bob reported that Ayjay Keemer-Richards has declined the role of junior coach. The position of Youth Development Officer remains vacant.

Tim contacted David Robert about becoming the regional umpire. David was thrilled to be asked, but unfortunately could not commit to the role due to personal circumstances. Tim emailed all club secretaries and posted on Facebook but no responses. The position remains vacant.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David reported that the end of year accounts are in progress for the upcoming AGM. These will be circulated in the next 2 weeks. We have had an invoice from PE 2 weeks ago, but it is not very clear and the amount seems quite low. David is waiting for clarification.

4. **Regional precept:**

David said that last year the KPA increased the regional precept in the same year as PE increased the national precept, and it would be best to avoid this clash. David reported the accounts to be healthy at the moment and that there is currently no need to increase the precept. The recommendation to be put to the members is that we keep the precept the same at £8. All MC were in agreement.

5. Membership report:

Duncan announced we have 8 new members for 2020 already. The LoveAdmin system sometimes will not take members money. Duncan has had to accept and process cheques for some memberships.

6. Membership problems:

The KPL officers said that 2 members from 1 club have been reported as not having paid membership fees. The members had tried to pay but the LoveAdmin online system would not accept any payment as it displayed outstanding fees as £0, therefore the members assumed they had already paid and were ok. There was a discussion about the situation and was then decided that if the club pays the outstanding membership fees now, this would be accepted by the association.

7. KPA / KPL joint AGM:

MC agreed to keep the agenda order the same as last year. Tim reported there have been no nominations or resolutions for the KPA. Alan reported no nominations for the KPL, and 2 resolutions to be proposed at the AGM. Tim to add these to the agenda and Tim to email to club secretaries and Alan to club captains.

8. Playing matters:

Carolyn wished to register her thanks to Ron Yates and Hartley Country Club for hosting and running the KPA Chairman's Cup. Ron provided a great report and photos of the event. The day was well attended and enjoyed by those who attended, and was won by Daniel Rudden, Stephanie Rudden & Ryan Rudden. Carolyn circulated a list of the attending teams and how many regionals they had each entered. The general consensus was to keep the entry for Chairman's Cup as playing in at least 1 regional qualifying day, this will be discussed by the playing committee.

Carolyn then circulated a pack of results, reports and final standings for the inter-regional championships. There was a short discussion about the possibility of the KPA making sure that all teams have 4 players in their squad, the possibility of team 8 being a wildcard team chosen by the KPA and making sure all players know rules and tactics. There were also some good ideas and suggestions from managers. All these points will also be discussed by the playing committee.

9. Incentive scheme review:

Mike shared an updated version of the incentive scheme used in the Kent qualifying series this year. This updated version has slightly increased credits available and would cost the KPA £280 more than this year. All present agreed that the incentive scheme was a great success and kept all players honest in the regional series. This also showed by the fact that the playing committee only made 1 change to the final playing order. The MC agreed to implement the updated version for next year.

10. Date of next meeting:

Due to the general election the next MC meeting has been moved to 19th December at Lordswood Sports & Social Club. Dan to confirm Lordswood are OK to host.

11. Any other business:

Mike announced that GRFC will be hosting PE titles weekend for 1 more year next year. Will need volunteers to help with setting up and taking down of equipment, etc.

David said there is 1 outstanding debtor to the KPA. Duncan will email to chase this up.

Meeting closed 22:28.