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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th March at Hartley commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

Present: Bob Gaywood, Tracy Spillett, Alan Cregeen, Sheila King, Ray Keemer-Richards, Duncan Brown, Carolyn Edwins, Mike Cubitt, Tim Edwins, Daniel Rudden, David Holden

2. **Minutes:**

Tim said he had corrected the date in the minutes and then the minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 24th January were agreed as a correct record.

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

Bob asked Andy Dunstall & Duncan Brown to join the playing committee. Andy has declined and Duncan accepted. Carolyn feels another new member for the playing committee is needed. Someone who is independent of the management committee and will have another think about who we can ask. Carolyn said the playing committee are meeting in May to look at the ideas and suggestions received that were not regarding the qualifiers playing format. Another playing committee meeting will be arranged for after the date of Q5. Hartley have agreed to host another open competition in June, Alan has added to the KPA calendar. Carolyn emailed PE to register our annoyance in their very late decision to add an event to the national playing calendar, and the delay in finalising the national calendar.

4. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts via email on 12th March. Alan announced the Winter League cheques have now been paid into the bank and Winter League finals night and presentation night will be at Hartley. The buffet and trophies need to be ordered and paid for; Mike will arrange this. Tracy said that the Espoirs who represented England in Spain in 2018 have not yet had their grants paid. David set up the payment and Tim authorised it there and then.

5. Membership Report:

Ray announced there are currently 466 KPA members. Compared to this time last year we are about 60 down, however there are still 2 clubs yet to register and more members.

*** Item 8 brought forward ***

8. KPA / KPL Constitutions:

Ray said that the KPL constitution does not mention the Winter League. Mike Cubitt said that the agreement is the summer licence enables players to play through until the end of the Winter League. Ray queried if this is actually valid, in terms of insurance and licensing. Mike agreed the KPL would look at any issue arising. Tim said that it might be worth having the Kent Pétanque League and the Summer & Winter seasons both within it. This would be easier in terms of constitutions, rules, etc.

6. St John's Junior School sports week:

Tim said he has been contacted by the school about having some pétanque at their sports week in June. Tim now has contact details. Bob said he would be happy to email regarding this and get the process started. Tim to pass contact details to Bob to action.

7. Regional subsidy structure:

Mike Cubitt said he had been working on a system which would use the £500 bursary from the KPA Triples and see the KPA match that. The system is based on credits which are earned by finishing positions at each regional day and would see credits spread out down to 14th place on each day. These credits are converted into cash and then added to the final subsidy for the team, or if the team does not qualify, paid out after playing in the Chairman's Cup. Tim then circulated a system he had worked on, which would see each team earn a subsidy bonus based on their final finishing position in the qualifying series.

Carolyn said that this item continues to come up regularly at Playing Committee meetings. Carolyn also said that players in all other regions have to pay for their own kit and accommodation and that Kent is the only region to provide a subsidy at all. It was noted that Mike's idea would encourage teams to participate in as many qualifiers as possible and keep all teams interested, which would therefore increase revenue to the KPA. Ray said there might be some teams that would not like the idea and may not enter the qualifiers at all.

A vote was held on whether to implement Mike's proposal, which was carried by 9 votes to 1.

Mike will fine tune his idea and then circulate to the management committee.

8. Date of next meeting – Thursday 25th April at GRFC

Confirmed.

9. Any other business:

Duncan reported that the KPA newsletter now has 67 subscribers, and he will look to send it out more regularly in the summer months, with league updates and Sunday competition results.

Mike said that the International Women's Doubles qualifier day had 13 entries and therefore 4 teams qualified to represent Kent, however 1 of the teams now does not want to go to the finals day. Mike said we could use the seedings from the morning's play to decide which team should replace them. Tim checked the tournament results and the highest seeded team that did not qualify was Becky Edwins & Carolyn Edwins. All present agreed that they would replace the team who does not want to go to finals day. Tim to submit the Kent teams that have qualified to Pétanque England.

Bob said that it is about the time of year when we start to hear about Hayling Island accommodation. Ray has not yet heard anything from Pétanque England about it. Bob announced a sub-committee of Bob Gaywood, David Holden, Ray Keemer-Richards & Duncan Brown to be tasked with Inter Regional accommodation. They will meet and can start preparing invoices and documents.

Alan said that the Winter League is coming to an end, it has been successful again and so far, no hiccups. The Cup & Plate finals will be held at Hartley on 3rd April, and the Presentation night also at Hartley on Tuesday 9th April.

Sheila reported that any pétanque players now have to sign in at the front desk at Istead Rise Community Centre, as the council will be performing checks.

Meeting closed 21:29.