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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Gaywood, Duncan Brown, Sheila King

Present: Mike Cubitt, Alan Cregeen, Tim Edwins, Sue Barnes, Carolyn Edwins, Jamie Finley

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

Carolyn announced the International Women's Day doubles Kent qualifier has been moved to 24th April due to a clash with PE changing dates of the women's squad days, and Mother's Day.

Tim had forwarded on the Kent Police fund information from Dan to all club secretaries. Mike said GRFC had applied but not got very far yet.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

"As you can see from the balance sheet it looks like this time last year we had more members, this is due to the fact that I have changed the way I do the membership account. The deficit for the current year is again due to the fact that we have pre-booked accommodation at Melton Mowbray, although it is looking very unlikely that the Inter Regionals will be held there. The first Inter Regional will be held in a couple of weeks and teams are beginning to pay so hopefully this year will be a good turnout.

Other than that, the expenditure is just routine.

In view of the fact that there is no communication from PE to the regions, I suggest that we write to the President and ask that they start a regular communication from them to the Regions. Minutes from the Board Meetings and any changes to Events, Board Members and any other major changes. This way it would improve their standing with the members as Regions could then distribute to Club Secretaries and the membership would be more aware of what is going on within PE. Most other National Sports Bodies do this."

4. **Membership report:**

Tim reported Duncan had emailed earlier to say we currently have 297 members. This is expected to increase now events are starting and as current licences run out at the end of March.

5. **Safeguarding:**

Sheila had spoken to Carolyn earlier today, Carolyn reported Sheila will contact David Plumhoff about the open competition being held in June at GRFC. Although this is an open event, it is still expected to adhere to the Kent safeguarding policy.

6. **Juniors:**

Jamie said that he's not sure if there will be a junior team entering the regionals this year. He still needs to speak to some juniors and parents to see if they are interested in playing. Jamie has contacted Hugh Christie School and has been in contact with the PE staff, trying to sort out a couple of taster sessions, possibly leading on to an after-school club. Trinity School in Sevenoaks may also be interested.

Mike announced he has had talks with Gravesend Girls Grammar School about introducing some pétanque, but they need funding. Mike said he will let the school know about the Kent Police fund which could help with the funding.

7. **New Kent playing kit:**

It was agreed to form a sub-committee at the last meeting, but this hasn't happened so far. We need to get moving on this and get decisions made about what exactly is needed and what we will get quotes for. Mike will contact Bob about forming the sub-committee.

8. **Date of next meeting – Thursday 7th April**

Confirmed.

9. **Any other business:**

Tim read an email from Duncan regarding a possible new coaching coordinator.

Carolyn asked if everything is ready for qualifier 1. Tim confirmed entries and payment coming in steadily with more teams still to enter in the next week. Mike said he had been asked about teams entering on the day, but the qualifying series is a pre-entry only event.

Meeting closed 19:58.