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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Duncan Brown, Tracy Spillett

**Present:** Bob Gaywood, Tim Edwins, Sue Barnes, Mike Cubitt, Carolyn Edwins, Jamie Finley, Dan Rudden, Sheila King, Alan Cregeen

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

Jamie said that there are a few juniors playing in adult teams at the regionals this year, so we will have to wait and see if they qualify. Currently unsure if there will be a Kent junior team this year.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

*"Since our last meeting, PE has confirmed the venue for the Inter Regionals is to be held at Pakefield in Suffolk. We have therefore cancelled the accommodation that was booked at Melton Mowbray and the monies have been paid back into the KPA accounts. Many thanks to those who had booked the accommodation and quickly cancelled and repaid the money back to KPA.*

*There have been 2 Regional Qualifiers and the number of teams entered have shown a slight increase from last year.*

*Membership is now increasing as this is now the start of PE membership year. Otherwise there has only been routine expenditure."*

4. **Membership report:**

Tim read an email from Duncan reporting that we are closing in on 400 members.

5. **KPL/Chequers Update:**

Mike said that the Chequers have not formally replied to the KPL to accept their offer, but they assume it's accepted as the Chequers played their match last night. Bob asked if the KPL will contact the Chequers to get a final answer to their offer. Sue agreed to reach out and ask them.

6. **Safeguarding:**

Deferred until next meeting.

7. **New Kent kit:**

Bob formed a subcommittee of himself, Tim, Sue & Alan. Tim said we need to know what we are getting quotes for. It was agreed we would look for 2 shirts and a jacket for 55 people. Any kit would need to be available for the next 3 years to have a good lifespan and enable us to order more when needed. Bob asked Tim to head the subcommittee. Tim agreed and said he would contact all to sort a meeting in the next few weeks.

8. **Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

9. **Any other business:**

Mike reiterated the confidentiality of management committee meetings until the minutes are published. Mike also said that a KPL team had pulled out due to ill health and have donated their entry fee to the KPA junior fund.

Alan announced that the online scorecard system was now up and running.

Jamie has secured funding for the junior kit from a county councillor. They have agreed to fund the entire kit, including shirts, jumpers, and coats. After easter, Jamie is doing some lunchtime pétanque training at Hugh Christie School.

Sheila said that people can contact her as safeguarding officer anonymously if they want to.

Tim read an email from Tracy, who had been asked by another KPA member to raise why there is such a premium price on the inter-regional weekend at Pontin's. Checking the weekends before or after, the price is about £70-80 cheaper. Tim will email PE asking for an explanation on the difference. Tim also said there hadn't been many replies to the email sent to club secretaries asking for their venue risk assessments. It was confirmed that clubs playing at other venues don't need their own risk assessment. Tim will chase up clubs again.

Bob said he'd had an email from the club hosting PE Titles Weekend at Ferndown, asking if we had any promotional banners etc. The only bits we have are KPA banners so not suitable.

**Meeting closed 20:37.**