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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at Hartley, commencing at 8.00pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mike Capelin, Tracy Spillett

**Present:** Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, David Holden, Sheila King, Ray Keemer-Richards, Alan Cregeen, Mike Cubitt, Bryan Yates, Duncan Brown, Mick Nash, Carolyn Edwins

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

Carolyn raised an item that was on the last playing committee meeting, regarding matching kit. It was queried whether to change the wording from insist on matching kit, to prefer matching kit, also how to enforce it and sanctions. The management committee agreed to keep insist on matching kit and possible sanctions were discussed. Carolyn also said that the idea of Kent 8 playing squad being picked by playing committee was mentioned but quickly dismissed by those present.

The Kent junior kit has now been paid for and all completed.

3. **Treasurer's report**

David circulated accounts to the group via email on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. There is still circa £3,000 to come in for Hayling Island accommodation, and circa £500 to go out for the KPA Triples bursary. David announced he has created a new savings account for the bulk of the KPA money as it will generate small interest. He is also looking into the possibility of opening a separate account for the KPL monies. David also said they are still waiting on some clubs to get back to them regarding KPL grants.

4. **Membership Report**

Ray announced that up to the 31<sup>st</sup> August there are 603 members, 588 adults, 12 juniors and 3 honorary members.

5. **Playing Matters**

KPA Doubles: Winners – Matt Horrigan & Rowland Jones, Runners Up – Andy Dunstall & Mat Lomas  
KPA Over 50s Doubles: Winners – David Turner & David Snook, Runners Up – Keith Atkinson & Richard Wenban

Upcoming competitions: KPA Chairman's Cup on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Ron Yates from Hartley is going to run the competition, the prizes and money have been delivered to him already. The KPA Mixed Doubles is at the Railway Inn on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Duncan confirms the Railway are OK to host. Tim to check with Annette about running the event.

#### **6. Champion of Champion Entries**

Some players left the KPA Doubles competition early after not qualifying for the main event in the afternoon. Also, the KPA Doubles winners and Over 50s winners are now not available to play in the EPA Champion of Champions events. The management committee all agreed that this was very poor form, and disappointing to say the least for a big region such as Kent to only be sending 2 teams out of 6 to the EPA CoC event. All agreed that there needs to be sanctions for teams leaving early or not participating in the CoC. The possibility of paying out the prize money at the November AGM after the CoC event was discussed. Carolyn has agreed to draft some new KPA playing rules to present to the playing committee for ratification.

#### **7. Club Coaching Nights**

Tim said he had emailed all club secretaries about the possibility of arranging a coaching night if members were interested. Only 3 replies have been received, from Duke of Wellington PC, New Ash Green PC and Ditton PC. It has become apparent from members in the management committee that club secretaries are not forwarding on emails. There was a discussion about how we could improve engagement, ideas being add items to the website, email club captains, post on Facebook and print A4 posters. It was agreed that we will try and get coaches to the clubs that have responded and get some coaching nights organised and hopefully the word will spread. Tim to email club coaches with details of clubs that have responded.

#### **8. EPA Titles Weekend Bid – GRFC**

Mike Cubitt read an extract from the EPA specifications. GRFC could get enough pistes and have some floodlight pistes. Mike has arranged a list of hotels and local area information. There was discussion about the total cost for a 3 year commitment. Bob proposed that GRFC on behalf of Kent, bid for the Titles Weekend, Ray seconded and all were in agreement.

#### **9. Date of next meeting – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Hartley Country Club**

Confirmed

#### **10. Any other business**

Bob said he had been contacted regarding juniors playing in adult teams at Hayling Island and the free juniors policy. Mike Cubitt pointed out that when they enter the qualifiers they are treated as juniors and are free to enter therefore they must be treated as juniors throughout the whole process and have their accommodation paid for. Their chaperones must still pay however, as stated in the junior fund. Bob to contact the juniors and inform them of the ruling.

Bob then said that the KPA banners and event tent are going to be set up at Hayling Island for a Kent base. They will need to be taken down and stored safely overnight.

Alan announced that the Kent kit is all sorted and he will take them down to Hayling Island and distribute them accordingly.

Duncan said he will be able to take equipment to Hayling Island and can speak to Bob if extra car space is needed.

Mick stated that the junior hoodies from Erith Group are now printed and in hand and looking good. They have also got sun cream and water bottles for each junior.

Carolyn asked if there was a player's letter being sent out to everyone going to Hayling Island. Tim confirmed there was and that it would be sent on 4/9.

Meeting closed 22:05.