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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at Hartley CC, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

1. Apologies for absence: David Baxter, Bryan Yates, Annette Eggleton  
Present: Tim Edwins, Bob Gaywood, Mike Cubitt, Carolyn Edwins, Sheila King, Ray Keemer-Richards, Mick Nash, David Holden, Tracy Turner & Ken Buchan  
Guests: Richard Spillett, Kevin Spillett, Scott Ashby & a representative each from Walnut Tree PC & Pilot PC
2. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Istead Rise CC were agreed as a correct record.
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:
  - The KPA has emailed all Kent club secretaries to remind their players that KPA playing kit is to be worn only when representing the region at pétanque.
  - Mike has enquired about holding coaching or umpiring courses in Kent but the EPA have responded saying they will only hold courses nationally.
  - Tracy has organised a stock audit of the KPA container and it is on course to be completed by the end of December
4. The new proposed Kent Pétanque League format of matches consisting of 3 doubles matches and 2 triples matches was discussed by those present with arguments for being that it would freshen up the league, improve the standard of play and could lead to less postponements as a squad of 4 could still win a match on the night. The arguments against were mainly logistical with pub/club closing times and length of matches for clubs with only 2 pistes being raised, there was also some concern about starting matches earlier. It was a positive discussion and is now in the hands of the KPL Officers.
5. Approval of AGM Minutes - Carolyn pointed out that item 15 article D wording should be changed from "uncompleted" to "incomplete". This change was agreed and then the AGM minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the KPA website and emailed to all club secretaries.
6. Playing Calendar 2016 – KPA to email club secretaries to invite Clubs to submit dates for competitions in 2016 and to submit bids to host KPA Regional events. Bob announced that Annette Eggleton is happy to chair the Playing Committee. Ken Buchan informed the meeting that after a successful Tri-challenge Inter regional league day, it will be held again in 2016 on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to add Playing Calendar to the next MC meeting agenda as this will be after the next playing committee meeting. Scott Ashby was asked to join the Playing Committee and accepted.

KPA Playing Committee:

Annette Eggleton, Kevin Spillett, Sheila King, Keith Atkinson & Scott Ashby

7. Outgoing treasurer Ken announced that the handover to David Holden is underway and that arrangements for the account mandates to be changed have started. Ken proposed that the new counter signatories of the accounts should be Chairman Bob Gaywood & Secretary Tim Edwins. This was unanimously agreed. Tracy asked if Budget Setting would be on the next MC meeting agenda, this was confirmed by Bob Gaywood.
8. Ray announced that the online portal is now open for 2016 memberships. So far there are 5 new members of the KPA and there have been 2 renewals.
9. The KPA objectives for 2016 were agreed as:
  - Retaining the Inter-Regional Division 1 title
  - Continuing to actively encourage junior participation
10. Dates & Venues of Meetings for 2016:
  - January 21<sup>st</sup>, Meadow Sports Club
  - March 31<sup>st</sup>, Railway Inn
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>, GRFC
  - July 7<sup>th</sup>, Hartley CC
  - September 1<sup>st</sup>, Istead Rise CC
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lordswood Sports & Social Club
  - **AGM November 17<sup>th</sup>, GRFC**
  - December 1<sup>st</sup>, Hartley CC
11. Any other business:
  - Sheila said that the KPL Division 2 shield is still missing and asked if the KPL can buy a replacement. Mick said the KPL will look into this.
  - Ray announced that the 2 sets of junior boules have still not been returned and an invoice has been ignored. It was agreed by all for Ray to resend the invoice and if boules still not returned then there is a possibility of taking the matter to the small claims court.
  - Ray also informed the meeting that the current wording of the junior boules loan agreement is not very clear and could lead to boules only being loaned to juniors representing the region. Bob agreed to look at the documents regarding this.
  - Tim said that it is the time for the KPA to bid if they want to host any of next years EPA events. It was agreed that the playing committee would arrange the bids.
12. Bob Gaywood thanked all those in attendance and welcomed the new members to the committee. Meeting closed at 22:03.