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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2016 at Hartley Country Club, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

- 1 Apologies for absence: Tim Edwins and Annette Eggleton
Present: Bob Gaywood, Mike Cubitt, David Holden, Sheila King, Mick Nash, David Baxter, Bryan Yates, Cynthia Yates, Ray Keemer Richards, Tracy Turner and Carolyn Edwins
- 2 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 21 2016 at the Villager PH were agreed as a correct record.
- 3 Matters arising from previous meeting:
 - Issue with junior boules now resolved. Ray has located a document relating to loan of the boules and agreed to rewrite document.
 - Ray advised there are still issues with the database and that opinion is divided at national level on the best system for the future. David added that he hoped issues were now resolved – problems with I,I and 1
 - Affiliation fee to EPA needs to be paid £4,400 – Mike and Dave to action
 - Calendar – noted Vigo Bastille Day inadvertently missed – to be discussed later
 - Tracy raised issue that some players had raised concerns about accessing calendar on website. David explained it was straightforward and he would be happy to help anyone struggling to access the calendar
 - David agreed to update qualifier rules on the KPA website
- 4 Membership report:
Ray advised there were 655 members in Kent in 2015 and currently 588 as at the end of March 2016. There are 69 teams and the outlook remains very positive despite concerns about changes to the format
- 5 Treasurer's Report:
Dave circulated accounts from November 2015 – 17 March 2016. It was noted that Ray had given Dave about £5k tonight to pay into the account.
- 6 Budget setting:

A long discussion of topics followed with Bob looking at notes supplied by Ken Buchan.

The following were considered:

- Playing kit – this would be much reduced from costs last year
- Subsidising accommodation at Hayling Island
- Bursaries

- Travel expenses – HMRC use 45p a mile. Dave to check
- Supporting men selected for World Cup
- Trophies and engraving for KPA
- New Shield for Division 2 is responsibility of KPL

A suggestion was made that Kent might host an Open Junior Boules Competition. A Saturday was considered and discussion around costs, Sheila suggested juniors would need to pre register so that numbers are known for a 'Come and Try' session too. Bob agreed to lead and follow up on this idea.

Ray advised he had been in contact with Isle of Wight Tours to secure bookings for Kent at Hayling Island. A deposit of £1360 will be required to secure the booking:

19 twins
 1 single
 1 triple
 4 doubles with bunks
 5 caravans

For budget planning 15 teams to Hayling is tentative as there is unlikely to be a Combined team and it more likely 12 teams will go to represent Kent.

Item 10 Player Grants was also considered in this discussion. KPA usually supports players selected for the World Cup (£125?) and Euro competitions (£67.50 for a player and £250 for a team in Euro Cup)

A contribution to travel expenses for Champion of Champions was discussed although not usually claimed. David B suggested £1,000 budget which was agreed.

Mike clarified that grants to clubs are the responsibility of KPL eg. lighting and clubs could apply to develop the potential to host a regional event. This was unlikely given space restrictions but 3 clubs have made bids for funding for improvements – GRFC (to support roof transfer), Sidcup and Bat and Ball. Mike agreed to redraft an application form looking for 40% costs.

Prize fund for Kent Handicap tournament agreed at £150. (Plus entry fees)
 Mick suggested the prize fund for the Chairman's Cup should be 3 times supplement to Hayling. In 2015 £100 to winners, £50 to runners up and wine for losing semi finalists.

7 And 8 Junior Fund and Expenses:

3 Junior qualifiers should apply to Dave for funding
 A discussion followed on whether KPA should contribute to cost of competition boules for Juniors who are selected to represent region. How can this be done fairly? Several people supported idea of recognising selection to represent region rather than individual applications. To reconsider at a future meeting.

9 Regional Events Officer:

Bob explained the need to appoint an Officer to promote publicity of the sport and events. There was agreement that the remit of the Treasurer had expanded. Bob

advised he had discussed this possible position with Mike Capelin and it was agreed to co opt him onto the MC

10 Player Grants:

Discussed in Budget setting

11 Chairman's Cup entry:

There was discussion around entry being for competing in 1 qualifier or more. Carolyn suggested this was raised to participation in 2 qualifiers and this was voted on and carried.

12 KPA Mixed Doubles:

July 17 had now been confirmed as Bastille Day at the Villagers. October 16 2016 was agreed as a new date for the KPA Mixed Doubles at Istead PC

13 Date of next meeting – confirmed as Thursday May 19 at GRFC at 8pm

14 Any other business:

Tracy raised issue of changes to EPA qualification for women. A discussion followed and David B agreed to speak with Martin Hughes and provide feedback as a communication regarding issues raised.

Sheila explained she was pursuing possible sponsorship lead with Coca Cola

David B asked who was in best position to know international boules records. Mark Cooter was suggested as initial contact.

Bob read an email from Annette confirming that circles will be compulsory at the regional qualifiers. This is to prepare for this being the case at Hayling. It was agreed that KPA would buy 20

Meeting closed at 10.53pm