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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2016 at GRFC, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

- 1 Apologies for absence: Carolyn Edwins
Present: Tim Edwins, Bryan Yates, Ray Keemer-Richards, David Holden, Sheila King, Mike Capelin, Tracy Turner, Mike Cubitt, David Baxter, Bob Gaywood and Annette Eggleton
- 2 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 31st 2016 at the Hartley CC were agreed as a correct record.
- 3 Matters arising from previous meeting:
 - The affiliation fee has now been paid by David H
 - The Qualifier rules and online playing calendar have been updated by David B and is working well
 - Bob announced that a Juniors competition on a Saturday at Hartley CC is not viable due to cricket fixtures and safety concerns. Ray said the Railway PC were OK to host an open Junior competition with pre entry. Ray & Mike Capelin to arrange.
 - Hayling Island accommodation booking progressing well, Ray to check if there is another caravan available as we now know there will be a Combined squad attending
 - The MC agree to fund £60 each towards boules for juniors who have represented the region
 - David D spoke to Martin Hughes about the changes to the Women's national qualification system. Tracy agrees that the women have now been informed and it was explained at national Q1 on Sunday 15/05/16
 - Sheila has spoken to the Kent County Show regarding promoting pétanque at next year's show. Sheila has some prices and has approached Coca Cola about sponsorship. Tracy queried whether to get the EPA involved to as it is for development and promotion of the sport. Sheila & Mike Capelin to co-ordinate further on this.
 - Annette says the EPA have bulk ordered circles in, the KPA have ordered 80 circles for regional venues
- 4 Treasurer's report:
David H circulated the latest accounts and confirmed the EPA membership fees have now been paid. Annette confirmed the £160 deposit was from the KPA Triples Championship entry fees. David H announced there was still some money owed from members who had not yet paid for their 2015 Hayling Island accommodation. The MC has agreed to give these members until July 7th to prove their payment. David B asked if the KPL has paid

league affiliation to the EPA and provided relevant forms. David H will check with Mick Nash and then action if necessary.

5 Membership Report:

Ray announced there are currently 640 licenced members. Last year's total was 655 members so it looks like we are set to increase membership in 2016.

6 Playing Matters:

- KPA Shooting competition – Annette to run, starting at 18:30.
- Q3 at Meadow PC – Annette to run
- Q4 at Lordswood PC, 12th June – Annette unavailable but will leave instructions for how to run tournament
- KPA Singles at Hartley PC, 17th June – Martin Eggleton to run, start 18:30ish
- Zeist bursary is £250 per team, 2 teams going, Tracy to liaise with teams and let David H know who to make payments to

7 Kent Kit:

Ray said he had spotted a possible gap in the Kent playing kit, between just the polo shirt, and the waterproof fleece. He has identified a bodywarmer which could be supplied by Alan Cregeen and may be of use to players representing the region when weather is cool but not cold enough for a fleece coat. Tracy asked if we really need to pay for more playing kit, most were in agreement. Annette asked if we should let Alan advertise and sell Kent bodywarmers and players can choose to purchase them if they wish.

8 Gamesmanship:

Ray said he has noticed some gamesmanship in pétanque recently, i.e. being told you are playing on a certain piste, then being swapped just before you start, or teams not declaring their triples/doubles until last minute. The MC agreed this was more of a KPL issue and maybe Ray should raise it at the KPL AGM and remind players about their conduct. Ray was also advised to email Mick Nash regards this.

9 Date of next meeting confirmed as Thursday 7th July at Hartley CC.

10 Any other business:

Mike Cubitt announced the roof move to GRFC is progressing well and has all been agreed, with contractors ready to disassemble and move it into place at GRFC.

David B requested any more flyers for the website for upcoming events. Sheila provided flyer for Istead Rise Father's Day and Mike Capelin will chase the Railway PC for a Ladies Doubles flyer. David also announced that the Men's Triples World Championships are now confirmed for Madagascar in December this year. David also was pleased to add that the KPA had recently received an invitation from Jean Christian for juniors to attend a competition in Bruyères, France. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend as the event was on a Monday.

Tim asked for clarification on eligibility for the Chairman's Cup – does each team have to have played in 2 qualifiers, or does each player have to have played in 2 qualifiers? The answer was that each player must have played in at least 2 qualifiers. Tim also announced the EPA have requested 2 nominees from each region to be part of the EPA disciplinary

panel. Carolyn and Tracy are happy to join and will therefore be the 2 nominees. Tim will email the EPA to inform them.

Sheila wondered if KPA tournaments should be pre-registration only? The reasoning being that this would help host venues to make food arrangements. Tracy raised the point that this would mean a lot more work, (mainly for Annette), to get this sorted. Then Annette raised the point of having a pre-payment requirement too, which would add a lot of hassle. The MC agreed that having to pre-register could put a lot of people off playing and turning up for events.

Tracy announced that Alex Spillett and Jason White had been selected to play in Belgium for the EPA Junior Squad in a triples tournament. The MC recognised this as a great achievement by both players and wish them well.

Bob reported that Kent hosted the first EPA national qualification and selection day on Sunday 15th May at Hartley CC. Bob mentioned that Kent players did very well on the day, including 2 Kent ladies in the top 3 of the Women's events. The EPA had sent a nice letter thanking the KPA and Hartley PC for their hospitality and efficiency.

Meeting closed 21:37.