

Chairman:

Duncan Brown
87 Windmill Road
Herne Bay
Kent
CT6 7DE
email: duncankentpetanque@gmail.com

**Secretary:**

Tim Edwins
57 Cobsdene
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5JB
email: tim.edwins@icloud.com

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence: None

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Alan Cregeen, Tim Edwins, Alex Spillett, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Carolyn Edwins, David Baxter, Jamie Finley, Peter Shillinglaw & Mark Toulson.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Duncan contacted DC Pétanque regarding KPA printed jacks. Tim would be happy to look after the stock. Agreed to order 100 and give 20 to Istead Rise PC for their community day event promoting pétanque.

Carolyn asked about the extra website care package and David confirmed it is not needed, David can administer the website when needed.

Carolyn also reported that the pétanque day at the VIAT Schools Festival was a success and very positive. It was noted it's a shame we haven't heard anything back from the school or contact yet.

3. Treasurer's report:

David circulated the latest accounts ahead of the meeting. Peter asked if Kent provide any reimbursement for the Champion of Champion events. David confirmed Kent pay for mileage but not towards accommodation.

4. Membership report:

David reported 485 Kent members. There are 158 female members, 8 juniors and 42 members with club membership.

5. Inter Regionals 2024:

Duncan said that the accommodation is all sorted for Pakefield, except for 1 female player. It was agreed that the single subsidy payment would be paid by the KPA if needed, but Duncan will ask the

player if they would be happy to share a family chalet that has separate rooms. Invoices will be sent out during the next week. Carolyn reported that the Playing Committee confirmed the squad playing order and that Fay Golder & Steve Golder had gladly accepted the offer to be squad managers.

6. **Playing matters:**

Becky Edwins played in the England squad that reached the last 16 of the Women's European Triples Championship in Spain.

James Rudden won the PE Junior Singles Championship and Tegan Finley won the PE Junior Shooting Championship. All 3 Kent juniors made the top 8 of the PE Junior Singles. James also finished 3rd in the PE Junior Triples Championship. With these recent results Jamie was waiting to hear from PE regarding the omission of James from the PE junior boys squad competing at the European Championships later this year.

Meadow PC won their PE EuroCup semi-final and will compete in the final again later this month.

There is a Hartley Open Triples on Sunday 18th August, Tim will advertise and promote with the flyer from Hartley. All information is already on the KPA website.

Alex says entries are coming in for the Kent Big Weekend events at the end of August. There may not be as many entries as we wanted as it's only the first year holding the event. It may be worth discussing with PE to integrate the event into their calendar too next year.

The KPL Division 3 & Below Doubles is on Monday 26th August at the Railway Inn. Alex may be able to run the event as Tim will be away. The Kent Triples Championship is on 1st September at Lordswood and Tim can run it.

We have scheduled a KPA Squad Coaching Day on 8th September. All Kent squads will be invited to attend for some games, coaching and team bonding. GRFC are potentially OK to host the day. Carolyn suggested that the KPA could order some pizzas in as food for those attending if GRFC are happy with it. Tim to email captains asking for attendance numbers.

Richard reported that the KPA Over 55s Doubles was held at Lordswood, but there was no one from Lordswood present. There were no scoreboards or circles, and luckily the toilets were open for cricket practice. Carolyn agreed with Lordswood they would host it earlier in the year. Tim had received an email from Lordswood saying there wouldn't be a BBQ and checking someone from the KPA would run the event, which Tim confirmed they would, but this email didn't mention no access for toilets and lack of equipment. Carolyn will email Lordswood to ask what happened. The event was won by Keith Atkinson & Ivan Russell and the runners up were Richard Wenban & Jason Bradley.

7. Junior update:

Jamie said most of the junior's successful results had already been reported during the meeting. The juniors are making great progress, and it is now beginning to show with results on the pistes. Tegan has been selected to be the captain of the PE Junior Girls Squad traveling to Isla Cristina later this year for the European Championships.

8. Kent squad coaching day:

Already covered under item 6.

9. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 5th September.

10. Any other business:

Peter asked if we might get more attendance at competitions by having gold, silver, bronze, etc in the afternoon. Tim confirmed we are already doing this when numbers allow.

Jamie reported a couple of new juniors at the open junior coaching day. Jamie also did some coaching at Duke of Wellington PC which went well.

David asked those who haven't yet to send him a profile picture for the website.

Richard wondered whether it would be possible to encourage some of the lower division players to play more at weekends, and generally improve the standard, by having the KPL schedule a week where there are no division 1 matches, so division 1 players could go out to watch and maybe even coach / advise some of the lower league players. It could be good to socialise with more players and find out why they don't play many Sunday competitions. Alex wondered if we should gauge if there would be interest for an open coaching day.

Meeting closed 20:37.