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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Spillett, Richard Wenban, David Baxter

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Tim Edwins, Carolyn Edwins, Alan Cregeen & Peter Shillinglaw.

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

None.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

Carried forward in the Treasurer's absence.

4. **International player grants:**

There had been positive discussion on continuing our support for our Kent players representing England in European & World Championships via email. All present confirmed this view and agreed. Tim will contact the players to let them know. David to arrange the payments as usual.

5. **Hartley PC grant:**

Tim said he had been contacted by Hartley PC about the possibility of a grant from the KPA as they need to replace their sleepers that have been in place for 30 years or so. Hartley obtained 3 quotes for the work. Final total cost is £2,000. All present agreed to support Hartley as they have always been helpful and accommodating, hosting many KPA events every year. A grant of around £400 was suggested, but this would need input from the Treasurer. It was also suggested that this may possibly be a joint KPA/KPL grant.

6. **Kent Juniors:**

Pétanque England have emailed and asked for Kent juniors playing at Inter Regionals. Tim replied to explain we won't know our final junior squad until after Q4 on 5th July, PE confirmed OK to let them know after that. Duncan has spoken to Matt and there's a chance that we could get 2 more juniors to

form 2 teams to send to Inter Regionals. Matt also queried the costs for juniors, Duncan confirmed that juniors are free and last year chaperones got the subsidy towards their costs. Duncan also said we should start the process of a DBS check for Matt as the junior YDO.

7. Inter Regionals 2026:

Pétanque England have emailed regional presidents to canvas opinion about the possible format for this year's Championship division 1 and 2. Tim explained the possible options 1 and 2, and that Southern had presented a further option 3, which seemed to make the most sense. Duncan will send the original email to Tim, so Tim can create a survey to send to our regional qualifier team captains.

The Kent qualifying series is progressing well, with only 1 qualifier event left, Sunday 5th July at Lordswood. Tim said he had been asked by a member what will happen if there is more than 1 team tied for 12th place after Q4. It was noted that a team not present at Q4 shouldn't be punished by missing out on a potential playoff, also a team of 4 could only have 3 players present at Q4. It was decided that if there is a tie, then the teams involved, if present, would be asked if they wanted to play the playoff there and then. If a team objects, or is not present, then a new date for the playoff would be found by the KPA.

8. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 9th July.

9. Any other business:

Tim reported he had received an email from the King William IV in Pembury saying they have built some a new terrain and are getting a team together. Tim replied to ask about the size and number of lanes, and explained that the Summer League is underway, but we also have a Winter League which usually starts in October. Duncan suggested asking them if they would like to arrange some friendly matches with teams that may have blank weeks in the league season. Tim will contact Mick Nash from the KPL about emailing team captains.

Meeting closed 20:21.