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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mark Toulson, Peter Shillinglaw, David Baxter, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Jamie Finley & Alex Spillet.

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Tim Edwins & Carolyn Edwins.

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

Duncan said the KPA branded coches have been ordered through DC Pétanque but will not arrive in time for Pakefield. Duncan has also arranged to meet Bob Gaywood, who has some Kent goodies that could be useful.

Duncan said that the female player on her own at Pakefield had been asked about sharing a family room but would prefer to have a single room. The KPA will cover the subsidy for this.

Carolyn has emailed Lordswood regarding no-one being present for the KPA Over 55s tournament. Tim was at the recent KPA Triples at Lordswood and said the toilet locks had been changed but volunteers from Lordswood worked quickly to get them open.

Carolyn also said she was on a PE Junior emailing list and that there has now been confirmed a PE Junior Squad Day at GRFC on October 19th.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

Carried forward in David's absence.

4. **Membership report:**

Carried forward in David's absence. Duncan said he was aware of at least 2 more members.

5. **AGM call:**

Tim to liaise with Mick Nash from the KPL and then circulate the AGM Call document. Tim also said we need a venue for the AGM this year. Agreed for Tim to ask GRFC.

6. **Inter Regionals 2024:**

Tim will check with David regarding team payments received so far. Duncan has sorted all the players and managers accommodation. Duncan has also asked Kim from IOW Tours about any final joining instructions and will forward to Tim when received. Tim will update the players letter and code of conduct and distribute. Richard Ruddick is making 3D printed red score pegs with the KPA logo on, this will make it much easier for teams and managers to see how Kent teams are doing during each round. The Kent kit ordered is now with Samueljacks and they will deliver direct to Tim on the Friday at Pakefield. Duncan has the KPA flags and gazebo. All agreed it would be nice to have a base for Kent players and some shelter if needed. Duncan will bring the items to the Railway on Wednesday to give to Tim & Carolyn. Tim will add the Kent squads to the KPA website next week.

7. **Playing matters:**

The KPA Triples winners were Dean Ashby, Rowland Jones & Jason White, runners up Aston Monk, Kai Sheffield & Alex Spillett. Both teams can play at the Champion of Champions event in October. The Kent Big Weekend was a success, and Alex hopes to grow it more for next year.

Carolyn reported we had to cancel the KPL Division 3 & Below Doubles as we had no one to run the competition, but looking to reschedule for later this year. The KPL Handicap competition is on the 29th September, Carolyn will check with the KPL they are ok to run it.

The Champion of Champions events are at GRFC and PE are organising.

8. **Kent squad day:**

Carolyn & Dean have been emailing to come up with a plan of action. Carolyn will do a welcome talk at the start and then we will break into a melee using the pétanque software. There will be 2 timed matches and then pizzas for lunch. If people want to stay after lunch for another round or two then they will be very welcome. Carolyn will draft an email to send to the team captains.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 17th October via Zoom.

10. **Any other business:**

None.

Meeting closed 20:27.