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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

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

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

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

None.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts ahead of the meeting.

4. **Hartley PC grant:**

Duncan has spoken to David and David suggested that the KPL discuss the grant and then get back to the KPA. Duncan will contact the KPL for an update.

5. **Inter Regionals 2026:**

Carolyn reported that the Playing Committee met on Tuesday, all teams have 4 players so no gaps to fill. Suggested to keep teams in finishing order as they have earned their places. There was an idea of moving a team up so other teams could drop down 1 place to try and maximise number of wins. The MC felt this would be unfair on the team moving up so high and would change their weekend completely. MC agreed to keep positions as they finished. To split the tie break between teams tied in 11th it was decided that Dean's team will play at 11 and James' team at 12.

Duncan said that PE have been pushing for Kent junior team names, but Duncan & Tim have explained to PE that we wouldn't know until after our qualifying series finished. Duncan has asked PE to be clearer with any dates and deadlines next year. Matt has chosen Riley, Toby, Jacob & William as the Kent Junior team. We also have 2 juniors that will play as part of a Combined squad. Matt's DBS check is ongoing and the process has started.

The Playing Committee felt Corinne should be given the opportunity to manage the Kent Championship squad again, after winning the competition last year. Carolyn put herself forward to be the Challenge squad manager. MC agreed to both managers.

Tim reported himself & Duncan had been emailing David earlier in the day regarding IR budget. David said we are in a position where we can offer the same subsidy as last year, £20 per person. Duncan said that currently Kent had only been allocated 48 beds on site. Duncan has explained our situation to Jess from ACF Events and is currently awaiting a reply.

Tim has taken kit sizes from all players who need kit. Also emailed team captains to ask if anyone wanted to purchase more kit. Tim will collate the orders and put the order in with Samueljacks.

6. Upcoming Kent competitions:

This Sunday is KPA Triples at the Railway, Duncan will be there at the start of the day and Tim will be running the competition. The KPA Doubles is Sunday 19th at Lordswood, Tim checked with Gavin last Sunday that all is ok and in hand. The KPA Mixed Doubles is at Hartley on 2nd August. Tim will email Hartley to confirm they are all ok to host the event.

7. Safeguarding officer:

Duncan said he had an enquiry from the PE National Safeguarding Officer asking who the Kent officer is. Our current registered officer is Ayjay. Duncan will reach out to see if she wants to continue.

8. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 13th August.

9. Any other business:

Mark said he was opposed to how the IR managers were selected and said we should give priority to people who have played in qualifiers first. We could also announce at the last regional that the squads will need managers and if anyone is interested to let Tim or Duncan know. Mark did not support the decision made, but the MC voted in favour of keeping the PC decision on managers for this year.

Peter said the new White House landlord is trying to buy the land next door, so the whole project may be delayed.

Duncan said he intends to write to Hartley & Lordswood clubs this year, thanking them for stepping up and hosting the regional qualifiers.

Meeting closed 20:40.