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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Alan Cregeen, Tim Edwins, Jamie Finley, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Alex Spillett, Carolyn Edwins, Peter Shillinglaw, Mark Toulson & David Baxter. Dean Ashby & Keith Atkinson from the Playing Committee (PC) were also present.

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

None.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts earlier in the day. David also reported that our total number of members is only 3 different from last year. We have 495 total members, including 56 club members, 7 juniors and 156 ladies.

4. **Inter Regionals squads & managers:**

Carolyn thanked the PC members for attending the meeting and explained the thinking behind the suggested playing order of Kent teams. We are in extraordinary circumstances due to the low number of entries to the qualifying series. The PC has tried to fill the gaps in teams 1, 2 and 3. Jason Bradley has agreed to join Kent 3. Another player was asked to join Kent 2 but now has other commitments. Tim said that Kent 13 and 14 have agreed to play in the Combined squad this year, which also leaves us even fewer people to choose from. The possibility of moving other people up the order from their squads was discussed but this could end up affecting a lot of team dynamics. All present agreed it would be preferable to fill the gaps rather than leave teams as a three. Duncan said we could email Kent teams 9-14 to see if anyone would volunteer to join teams 1 and 2 as a fourth player. If no offers, then we can look at the option of asking previous Kent players if they may be able to fill the spots. Tim will email the team captains saying 2 places need filling but, in all honesty, any fourth player would be highly unlikely to play much but we wanted to offer the opportunity to everyone.

5. Inter Regionals subsidies & finance:

David had earlier emailed an income/expenditure sheet comparing the qualifying series of 2024 and 2025. It was noted also this year that IOW Tours have put the price up by £20 per person. Before any Kent subsidy agreed we are already in the red, with more expenditure to come from kit, managers costs, juniors, squad day, etc. A £20 subsidy was proposed and agreed as all felt that it would be nice to give something back to those that played in the series and qualified. Next year it may need to be clearly communicated in advance that subsidy may be linked to entries. David asked about a deadline for invoices to be paid as we will have to pay IOW Tours the full balance in August. Duncan & David will liaise but a provisional date of Kent invoices being paid by 15th August was mentioned.

6. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 14th August via Zoom.

7. Any other business:

Carolyn asked about Combined players getting the Kent subsidy of £20. Duncan said that we had already agreed previously that any Combined players would not get the subsidy as they are not representing Kent. Tim made it clear to teams 13 and 14 when asking if they wanted to join the Combined it would be entirely at their own cost of £200 each plus kit.

Carolyn also said that the Division 2 & Below Doubles at Hartley needs an organiser.

Tim reported that a team had contacted him ahead of the KPA Doubles and wished to withdraw, could we organise a refund for them. David agreed as per previous precedent a refund could be offered.

Meeting closed 20:56.