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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mark Toulson, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Ray Keemer-Richards

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Tim Edwins, Alan Creegen, Peter Shillinglaw, Jamie Finley, Carolyn Edwins, Alex Spillett & David Baxter

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

Duncan has now been added to the KPA bank account.

The schools meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

Richard has completed the DBS check and is just awaiting confirmation from the employment check.

6 MC members met at Q1, discussed website bids and proposals, and decided to go with website developer Danny Finn.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David has been on holiday recently and will circulate the latest accounts soon.

4. **Membership report:**

Ray absent but Duncan said we have had a few members trying to renew licences but unable due to technical issues. David has already helped a couple of members out and sorted their issues. Duncan will keep an eye on the renewals before Q2 next weekend.

5. **KPA website:**

First invoice for the new website has been paid and design is underway. We all need to have an area or two that we can create content and send to Danny to add. Duncan has already compiled a few pages regarding venues. It has been suggested to have a separate page or area for Inter Regionals with testimonies from current and past players. Also to have a page of national and international

achievements and notable recognitions. KPA/KPL roll of honour also needs updating. Tim has sent the KPA logo to Danny, along with the recent Explorers report on their pétanque taster sessions. Tim is also keen to have a gallery page on the new website and keep it updated throughout the season. Alex is happy to continue producing the flyers and maintaining competitions page. It was also suggested to have a basic guide to pétanque page, and a link to the rules. Duncan has made a list of all the new ideas and suggestions.

6. Playing Committee update:

Carolyn said the PC had met last month. They reviewed the Explorer taster sessions, there were over 30 in the first session and 25 in the second. Really good evenings and well supported by volunteers helping with games. It was a shame that the adult/junior tournament fell in the school holidays, as the Explorers do not meet then, so the leaders hadn't been able to push the tournament. There were 4 teams that took part, and all had an enjoyable competition. It is worth maybe holding another event later in the year. Barry had been looking into the possibility of a KPA presentation night, including dinner options. A couple of options had been discussed. MC agreed we need to know if enough people would attend to make it worthwhile.

7. Kent kit:

Tim said that he needs to get the order for the IWD Kent kit in asap. 3 teams need kit. Samueljacks still have a minimum order of 10 of each item, so Tim will add some of the kit needed for inter regionals to the order.

8. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 23rd May.

9. Any other business:

Jamie said that Kent juniors Tegan & James have been asked to be in the PE National Junior Squad for some upcoming competitions, including the London & Worthing weekends. Another Kent junior, Zac, is also involved. Jamie reported that Tegan has also been invited to play in an international competition with the juniors in France. Jamie thanked Carolyn & Barry for their work in organising and running the Adult/Junior competition last Sunday. Jamie is keen to help Kent host a PE junior squad day this year.

Alan and David need to talk regards the new website hosting.

David said he can email Kent members via the Sport80 system about the possible presentation night. Carolyn will ask Barry to provide a summary to send to David to email out so we can gauge interest.

Meeting closed 20:54.