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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence: Duncan Brown, Peter Shillinglaw & Alan Creegen

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Richard Wenban, Tim Edwins, Mark Toulson, Alex Spillet & David Baxter

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Tim is happy to produce upcoming competitions updates monthly in 2026. Carolyn will write some paragraphs explaining what the regional series is and about inter regionals in general and Tim will publish.

3. Treasurer's report:

David circulated the latest accounts by email. David has also updated the roll of honour on the Kent website. £2,000 has been transferred from the Kent current account to the savings account.

4. Format of Kent qualifying series & rules:

Carolyn reported the Playing Committee fed back that they liked this year's format of Swiss system and then knockout and would be happy to keep it for 2026. There was a brief discussion around numbers in teams that enter the qualifying series. All present happy that we keep current rules for Kent regional series but say teams of 4 preferred for inter regionals tournament to cover emergencies. Carolyn will produce a few paragraphs on the qualifying series and inter regionals to explain it to potential new players. Kent could potentially lose quite a few players at the 2026 inter regionals due to various issues. Carolyn also said that the PC said the ranking points may need adjusting. Carolyn will ask the PC for their recommended points structure for the MC to assess.

5. Kent Youth Development Officer:

Dean is planning to ask a member to be the new YDO, with 3 or 4 people heavily involved in coaching and planning events. There was a discussion around possible involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme following the example of Whitnash PC.

6. Kent playing calendar 2026:

Carolyn explained that with a potential new PE lead for events, a national playing calendar may be released even later than usual. This affects the planning and composition of the Kent calendar. We cannot release a Kent calendar without a PE calendar, and dates may then clash and then lead to even further annoyance when dates changed.

7. To consider and approve distribution and online publication of the 2025 AGM minutes:

Tim has not yet had chance to do the AGM minutes but now has all relevant reports and will send minutes to MC by email to approve when done.

8. 2026 meeting dates:

All agreed for Tim to come up with potential MC dates for 2026 and then run past Duncan for confirmation. Dates will then be emailed to MC members.

9. Date of next meeting:

TBC.

10. Any other business:

Alex said we need to support Lordswood PC with events, as we don't want to lose it as a venue. All agreed.

Meeting closed 20:12.