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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Duncan Brown, Mark Toulson & Sonya Davis.

**Present:** Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Tim Edwins, Peter Shillinglaw, Jamie Finley, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Alan Cregeen & David Baxter.

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

Carolyn reported that Q1 went well and had positive feedback.

Jamie said that the new pistes at Leigh are still possible, but costs are an issue.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David had circulated the latest accounts earlier in the day, and said there is not much to report at the moment. All payments for Q1 were received ok.

4. **IWD Doubles (13/4):**

Tim said we need to get a flyer from Alex to promote the event. It was agreed that if a team that played last year plays again this year and brings a new team then they will get a bottle of wine. Tim to confirm if Alex or Becky can run the event.

5. **Ladies invitational four county competition:**

Carolyn said that a new venue in Essex had contacted neighbouring regions about holding a ladies competition at their venue. The venue is council owned and could be expanded, but need to show that pétanque is popular, and will look to host some competitions. They are looking for 2 ladies triples teams from Kent to compete. The event is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, which unfortunately clashes with the PE Home Nations qualifier. Tim read a message from Duncan saying that we could pay teams mileage like we do for CoC events. All agreed that we express an interest and will advertise via email and Facebook for ladies to contact the KPA if they wish to play in the event.

**6. Juniors update:**

Jamie reported that all 4 Kent juniors are going to the PE training day at Adur this weekend. It is possible we may have a couple of new juniors joining in the summer too. Jamie is waiting to hear back from a school in Tonbridge about going in to talk to the students about pétanque. One of the students won a local club competition trophy and this has generated interest at the school.

**7. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**8. Any other business:**

Peter emailed PE about the upcoming umpire's course in April. Peter is in the area that it is being held in and may well attend the course.

Tim said that the Clubs in Kent page that was on the old website is missing or not easy to find on the new website. David said it is there, but under the Pétanque Organisations page. David can add it directly in the About menu, this will make it easier for people to find.

David said that there is still a debtor to Kent, and they may be switching regions. It was agreed that Kent would object to this until the debt is paid in full. David will contact the treasurer of the potential new region to explain the situation.

**Meeting closed 19:57.**