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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

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

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Peter Shillinglaw, Tim Edwins, Alan Creegen & Richard Wenban

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

Hartley PC grant is ongoing. Tim read an email from David saying they are just finalising the KPL accounts so will soon see what funds are available.

The Kent Junior team has had 1 change after a player has broken their arm and can no longer play. Leo now joins the Kent team.

Safeguarding officer item will be carried forward to the next MC meeting.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

Item carried forward.

4. **Playing matters:**

Kent Triples winners Geoff Booth, Rob Booth & Jason White, runners up Dean Ashby, Tim Edwins & Steve Brown. Kent Doubles winners Becky Edwins & Alex Spillett, runners up Geoff Booth & Jason White. All four teams will compete in the PE Champion of Champions events. Kent Mixed Doubles winners Becky Edwins & Tim Edwins, runners up Dean Ashby & Alex Spillett.

Kent Singles & Shooting is on 20th September at Lordswood. Tim will contact Lordswood to check all ok and if they have shooting mats. Kent Big Weekend events on 30th & 31st August. Tim to check with Alex all going ok and if any help needed.

KPL Handicap Triples is on Sunday 13th September. Tim has just made a flyer, and it is now online. Mick Nash has emailed KPL team captains.

5. Inter-Regional Championships 2026:

Tim reported that Duncan has done a great job on accommodation and now every player, manager and chaperone has a bed allocated. Some people are staying off site and day passes have been arranged. The invoices have gone out to all teams and money has started coming into the KPA account. There are 9 days left until the deadline. Tim has had an update from Samueljacks to say the kit order is progressing well, and delivery looks good for week commencing 24th August.

Tim explained that team 10 have lost their shooter as Greg is no longer available. Team 10 has assessed all the possible options of players that didn't qualify and others and bearing in mind they need a shooter would like to ask Aston Monk to join them. Aston has played in the qualifying series for the last 5 years but couldn't this year due to family commitments. All present agreed that Team 10 ask Aston if he can join them.

With the Inter Regional weekend being moved forward 1 week by PE, we have lost the potential Kent Squad Day that has been popular the last few years. Barry Menzies may be interested in hosting a small session for the new players in the squad on an upcoming Friday. This was very well received.

6. Kent Regional Qualifying 2027 format:

Mark had prepared a document that was circulated with the agenda to propose that the Kent regional qualifying series is run as a round robin format, with all teams playing against each other over 3 or 4 days, depending on number of entries. Peter said the format does need changing now due to the lower number of teams trying to qualify for Kent, with the current system a lot does come down to the draw on each day. There would need to be clarification about when the entry fees for a team are due, and if teams must pay for the whole series up front, to save teams dropping out during the series.

Tim has spoken to players from other regions who run a round robin system, and actually the final day does not end up with dead rubbers as there are still 12 places to play for, and also some teams will be trying to make the top 8 as well as teams trying to make the top 12. So there are very rarely any complete dead rubber games.

Carolyn suggested that we share the proposal and document with the Playing Committee to get their feedback as well. All in agreement.

7. Kent Championships turnout:

Tim read a message from Mark asking if we could possibly look at trying to pair up players or make teams when there is just one or two players that are looking to play an event. Tim also read a message from Alex who wondered if we should consider removing the entry fee altogether next year, so people don't feel like they are just continually giving their money to the elite players. Tim also said we should do pre-entry next year, so we can at least let the venues know how many people to expect for the day so they can prepare appropriately. Item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

8. **Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 24th September.

9. **Any other business:**

None.

Meeting closed 19:57.