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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th August 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jamie Finley

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Carolyn Edwins, Tim Edwins, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Alan Cregeen, Alex Spillett, Peter Shillinglaw, Mark Toulson & David Baxter.

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

None.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts earlier in the day. Finances are okay, but money is depleting. We may need to look at things nearer the time of the AGM.

4. **Inter Regionals update:**

Duncan reported that a member of Kent 7 now has an operation on the Friday before Inter Regionals so cannot play. Team 7 would like a new 4th player. Tim suggested that maybe Jason Bradley might like to join Kent 7 instead of Kent 3, where he would be likely to play more matches and could add a lot to that team. All present agreed this would be a good idea, Tim to contact Jason and ask.

Duncan explained accommodation wise, we have been given the same allocation as previous years. However, this year we are also sending two extra teams for the Combined squad. An option has been given to players in twin rooms to stay offsite at nearby hotels instead of on site. This would incur an extra cost of £25. Two couples have volunteered to stay in a hotel. This leaves only a few players outstanding as of now for Duncan to sort.

Tim said he has been in contact with Samueljacks and the Kent kit has arrived in England. Samueljacks supply a sports shop in Newmarket, so are dropping the kit off there this week for Carolyn to collect as she is in Newmarket.

5. Playing matters:

Kent doubles was won by Dean Ashby & Kai Sheffield with Tim Edwins & Jason White runners up. Kent triples was won by Becky Edwins, Tim Edwins & Steve Brown with Dean Ashby, Geoff Booth & Jason White runners up.

Carolyn confirmed that Barry Menzies & Craig Poynter will run the Division 2 & Below Doubles at Hartley on Sunday 17th August.

Alex reports all looking OK for the Kent Big Weekend events coming up. Entries are still open and coming in. Next year she might look at doing a slight discount for early entry to increase numbers.

Richard said he could run the Kent Veterans Doubles competition at Lordswood on September 21st.

Kent mixed doubles is on 5th October at Lordswood. Tim is not around so Alex will check if she can organise and run it.

It was noted that the KPL Handicap Triples clashes with the Women's World Championships and the PE Champion of Champions. Might be worth swapping to a later date to increase entries.

6. Kent Squad Day (7th September):

The Kent squad day went down very well last year so we would like to repeat it again this year. It is a good chance for all players to chat and play a game or two with people they may not have played with before. David wondered if it would be worth setting up some different scenarios to explain some situational play and tactics. All agreed something to try. Alex will arrange with some players from Kent 1 & 2 squads. Carolyn said it would be good to have an idea of numbers attending, Tim will email team captains to explain the squad day and ask for indications of attendance.

7. PE Special General Meeting & Articles of Association:

David queried the recent email from PE advising of holding an SGM. Unsure if they are new or revised documents, and new roles have not been defined. Duncan suggested David could contact Peter Aldersey to ask and confirm.

8. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 25th September via Zoom.

9. Any other business:

Tim has heard back from Jason Bradley who is happy to join Kent 7.

Peter said he is unsure that teams in lower divisions would agree to higher fees. All noted that the price of everything is increasing, and we would look at things nearer the AGM.

David asked if we have a venue for the AGM yet. Tim said not yet, it could be hosted at GRFC. David will ask if GRFC can host the AGM which is on Thursday 20th November.

Meeting closed 20:39.