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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Duncan Brown, David Baxter & Alan Cregeen.

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Tim Edwins, Peter Shillinglaw, Alex Spillett, Jamie Finley.

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

Jamie & Carolyn have organised 4 coaches for the PE Junior Coaching Day at GRFC, there will also be PE coaches present.

Carolyn announced that the KPL Division 3 and Below doubles has been rearranged for Sunday 20th October at GRFC. Becky Edwins has kindly agreed to run the event.

3. **KPA / KPL Joint AGMs**

Tim said that the AGM call document has been finalised and emailed out to clubs, the venue is now confirmed as Hartley Country Club. Food buffet is being arranged too.

4. **Meadow PC EuroCup grant:**

Tim explained that Meadow PC had won the PE EuroCup which means they now go on to represent England at the EuroCup finals in France in November. Rowland Jones from Meadow has approached the KPA to ask for a grant towards funding their trip. There was a discussion around the EuroCup format and how it impacts teams in Kent and a few objections were raised. The Treasurer, David, had emailed Tim to say he was comfortable with a £500 grant to Meadow, the same as we did last year. A £500 grant was voted on and carried by majority. Tim will contact Rowland to confirm the decision.

5. **Inter Regionals Kent squads feedback:**

Carolyn reported that the Championship squad was bitterly disappointed to finish 2nd to Chiltern again, having had a decent lead earlier in the final day. A couple of teams underperformed over the

weekend. Kent 1 and 2 teams were exceptional, both winning 11 out of 12 matches. Kent 1 finished as best team with Kent 2 second best team, an incredible achievement.

The Challenge squad gelled well and put out some great performances, however finished third. Kent 9 finished as third best team overall which was a great achievement.

Jamie said the Kent Juniors had a good weekend, being involved in one of the matches of the weekend, but sadly couldn't replicate their success of last year. Jamie felt they missed having a fourth player which would have enabled team members to rest during some games over the weekend.

Carolyn said there is a Playing Committee meeting coming up and if anyone has any ideas for next year to let her know so they can be discussed. Alex mentioned a few ideas, including spreading squads a bit thinner, playing as teams of 3 during the qualifying series, and having a wildcard pick reserved for the Playing Committee.

6. KPA Membership Fees (regional precept):

Tim read an email from David in his absence, David said although we are running a deficit this year, the solution isn't always to put the precept up. This could maybe be handled by budgeting and priorities for funding.

Tim said that Duncan & David had noticed we don't have another MC meeting scheduled until after the AGM, so suggested to add one for Thursday 14th November. This will enable us to discuss the precept further, as well as any nominations and proposals. All in agreement.

7. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 14th November.

8. Any other business:

Peter raised the email he had circulated regarding a final day match score in the KPL. Tim said this is really a KPL issue, so if the club are not happy with an outcome, they need to contact the KPL officially in the first instance. Peter will email back to the club explaining what has happened and who to contact if they are unsatisfied.

Meeting closed 20:20.