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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Spillett, Richard Wenban, David Baxter & Mark Toulson

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Tim Edwins, Carolyn Edwins, Alan Cregeen & Peter Shillinglaw.

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

Duncan reported he had emailed the individual about the membership issue to explain our position and potential mediation options.

Duncan has spoken to the member about joining the MC and explained there are currently no vacant positions.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David had circulated the latest accounts earlier in the day. Tim said that there was a healthy surplus from Winter League funds as David found a very good deal on the Winter League prizes.

4. **Playing matters:**

Carolyn said we now have a confirmed date and venue for the KPA Singles & Shooting championships, which are being held on Sunday 20th September at Lordswood. Also, the KPL Handicap Triples will be at Hartley on Sunday 13th September, which Mick Nash will organise on the day.

Q2 is at Hartley on 17th May at Hartley and Q3 on 31st May at Lordswood. Tim will email host clubs to confirm all ok. The KPA Veterans doubles is on 10th May at Lordswood, Tim will email Barry Menzies to see if he can run the competition.

Peter relayed a concern from Richard about the juniors at the first qualifier not having a coach / adult with them. There was a concern for their welfare during the day, as when not playing matches they were left to their own devices and on a few occasions nearly walked into another game being played

which could have resulted in them being hit by boules being thrown. Tim said that one of the juniors that played last year may also be available for some of the qualifiers this year.

5. Kent Youth Development Officer:

Tim spoke to Dean about a potential new YDO but not sure they can commit at the moment. We need someone to chaperone the juniors at events, but also to encourage more juniors and run events / coaching in the future. Duncan will contact Matt who did coach the juniors during the first few matches of Q1 to speak about the role and gauge interest.

6. PE board activity update:

Duncan had forwarded an email from PE setting out their plans and updates on what has happened already in 2026. All agreed it sounds very positive. The newsletter from the newly appointed PE Events Group is also a big step in the right direction.

7. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 4th June.

8. Any other business:

Duncan reported that Harrow PC have had ongoing issues with their landlord and have now agreed to move to Lordswood for the rest of the summer season and will look to integrate into Lordswood PC from the Winter League onwards.

Duncan said that the new PE Events Committee had 3 members from Kent which is great to see. All agreed for Duncan to email the new committee expressing our support and wishing them well.

Peter said he'd been asked about future dates of the Fun of Friday and Over 60s Doubles events as they are not on the website. Tim said he can add them all in no problem but needs to be sent the dates. Peter will ask Barry to send the dates over.

Tim said he'd spoken to Alex and the Kent Big Weekend will be at Lordswood and also will just be the Sunday & Monday of the bank holiday weekend. On the Saturday it is now the big doubles event at Battle Abbey, and they had contacted Alex to ask about the potential clash, so as we were not going to have a serious event on the Saturday, it made sense to leave that date free so there is no clash. Tim has made the changes on the website events section.

Meeting closed 20:07.