

Chairman:

Duncan Brown
87 Windmill Road
Herne Bay
Kent
CT6 7DE
email: duncankentpetanque@gmail.com

**Secretary:**

Tim Edwins
57 Cobsdene
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5JB
email: tim.edwins@icloud.com

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mark Toulson

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Tim Edwins, Jamie Finley, Alan Creegen, Peter Shillinglaw, Carolyn Edwins, David Baxter, Alex Spillett.

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

Tim has ordered the new Kit for the IWD qualifiers that needed it, and some for new players that will need it for Pakefield.

Carolyn reported a poor turnout on voting for the dinner/dance presentation evening. Total votes 36, so not enough to proceed with the evening. Duncan raised the possibility of having a sit-down meal type event for those interested.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David had circulated the latest accounts. Tim mentioned that Becky Edwins has been selected for the Women's European Doubles & Singles Championships in June, and the Women's European Triples Championship in July, and asked about a grant from Kent. All present agreed.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan said that due to ill health, Ray Keemer-Richards has had to resign his position. David has been doing it in the interim and is happy to continue. There may be interest from another member to take up the role. We currently have 474 Kent members.

5. **Playing matters:**

Kent shooting championship on Friday 30th May at the Railway, Tim will contact Railway to confirm OK to host and they have the shooting mats. Q3 at Lordswood on 2nd June, Tim to contact Lordswood to confirm. Kent mixed doubles at the Railway on 30th June, Tim will be present to run the event, Duncan will confirm nearer the time Railway OK to host.

6. **KPA website update:**

Carolyn reported that the new Kent website is nearly ready to go live. Alan is preparing for the migration. It was mentioned that there should be a link to the KPL site on the main page of the new KPA website. All agreed this was a good idea as otherwise people will just bookmark the KPL site and not see any of the KPA news items. It was mentioned that the link to the KPL could open as a new window/tab. Carolyn to report this back to Danny.

7. **Maidstone schools project:**

Duncan & Carolyn visited the site last week and met Jo. There is an area of old cricket nets that can be used to showcase pétanque. We will need volunteer coaches. Once a coaching team is sorted then Carolyn can send out more details. Duncan and helpers can string out and set up the pistes that morning.

8. **Juniors update:**

Jamie reported that Tegan, Zac & James all played in Pétanque England squad teams at the Southern Weekend of Pétanque. Tegan is playing with the PE Juniors team at the London Pétanque Championship, and also in Valence in June as a warm up tournament for the European Championships later in the year. Jamie is looking at arranging some coaching days for juniors during the summer.

9. **Date of next MC meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 27th June.

10. **Any other business:**

Peter attended the Jersey open and was pleased to report that the Kent Big Weekend was being mentioned. Peter directed people seeking further info to contact Alex.

Richard has completed all the DBS checks and is now Kent verifier. Richard has emailed PE to confirm and is just waiting on final login details.

Tim asked if the KPA bank account had now been sorted with access for Duncan and back to need 2 people to verify payments. David confirmed now all ok.

Duncan has been talking to Alex about the possibility of getting some international teams to play at the Kent Big Weekend, and the possibility of getting a grant from PE too.

Duncan has also been approached by Sheila King who is looking at an event to get more people involved in pétanque, and was asking if Kent had any merchandise or jacks that could be donated. Duncan is looking into a proper quote for some KPA branded jacks, it may be best to buy in bulk.

Duncan was contacted by a member who has had a stroke and cannot fully control their lower limbs, and sometimes their back foot lifts whilst throwing, about a potential rule change. However, this is already covered under the rules of pétanque.

Duncan was asked by Duke of Wellington PC about some coaching, this has been passed on to Jamie. Tim can email PE asking if any coaches courses are coming up. Richard would potentially be interested in completing the course.

Alex asked about changing the KPA/KPL glass trophies. The current glasses are a bit outdated, and people have lots of them. Duncan said it is worth us all thinking about potential other options and prizes. David can send us a link to the catalogue. Peter said maybe we could get small towels embroidered as prizes.

Meeting closed 20:47.