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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Mark Toulson & Alex Spillett

**Present:** Duncan Brown (Chair), David Baxter, Tim Edwins, Carolyn Edwins, Peter Shillinglaw & Jamie Finley.

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

Carolyn said that the Ladies Exhibition Event was advertised on Facebook and emailed to club secretaries, but only 1 player expressed an interest in playing. Carolyn emailed Keith to say we did not have enough interest to enter the event.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David had circulated the latest accounts earlier in the day. David said we could be expecting quite a few international player grants this year as Kent players did very well at the qualifying events.

4. **Membership report:**

Duncan has spoken to Sonya again regards the Membership role. Sonya is still keen to take it on, but potentially in a few months.

5. **Playing matters:**

The Kent IWD Doubles qualifier was held at Hartley with 10 teams entering meaning Kent can send 2 teams to the PE IWD final day. Carolyn was disappointed that PE have increased the number of teams needed to enter regional events meaning for the same number of entries as last year, we can only send 2 teams this year instead of 4. The winners were Alex Spillett & Fay Golder with runners up Becky Edwins & Carolyn Edwins. Fay is unable to attend the final day so Tim has checked with PE and Alex can name a replacement who played in the Kent IWD qualifier day.

KPA Shooting championship is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Railway. Duncan will liaise with Fay to check the Railway is still OK to host the event and the shooting mats are present. Tim will be present to run the event.

Q2 is at Hartley on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim to ask Alex for the flyer to add to website and Facebook. Jamie said that there might be 5 juniors present and it would be nice for them all to get some game time. MC agreed that the Junior team could be a team of 5 for the day, but only 4 players may be used in any one match.

**6. Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June via Zoom.

**7. Any other business:**

Duncan had prepared another Chairman's update which he has emailed Tim to go on the website.

Duncan said that Mick Nash is retiring from running the Winter League and a new Winter League Secretary would be needed by August if the league is to continue.

Duncan is looking into the feasibility and possible funding for a covered building for pétanque. Potential sites and costs are being explored. Duncan will look at getting a team together to look into all possibilities and ideas.

Duncan also reported that The Railway Inn may come under new ownership and possibly be closed 2 to 3 weeks for a refurb. Carolyn said that GRFC are already on standby to host Q4 and KPA Singles if needed.

Tim said that we need a Kent Coaching Coordinator. Jamie said he might be able to do it but would like to know more about what would be involved.

Peter attended a recent PE umpiring course along with another Kent member. The course was interesting and good to know more but wouldn't be taking it any further.

**Meeting closed 20:20.**