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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Duncan Brown, Peter Shillinglaw, Richard Wenban

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Tim Edwins, Alan Cregeen, Mark Toulson, Alex Spillett & David Baxter

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

Hartley PC grant is still with the KPL.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David circulated the latest accounts ahead of the meeting and reported we have just about broken even for the year. Future expenditure expected for the upcoming Champion of Champions events.

4. **International grants:**

Meadow PC have qualified for the EuroCup finals again, being held in France in November. Rowland contacted the KPA expressing Meadow's appreciation for our support over the years and the club would like to give something back. The Meadow squad have offered to run some coaching courses for the region next year. All present were thankful and very keen on the idea. David proposed we continue with a £500 grant for Meadow. All agreed.

5. **AGM call & venue:**

Lordswood was suggested as a venue for this year's KPA/KPL AGM. Alex will contact Gavin to ask. Tim to prepare the AGM call document and liaise with the KPL.

6. **Inter-Regional Championships review:**

Tim & Carolyn have had the managers reports submitted, Tim will circulate to the MC. Carolyn gave a brief overview of the various squads results. The Championship squad finished as runners up, but some way behind winners Chiltern. The Challenge squad finished third behind Scotland & Chiltern. The Juniors finished 8th, but played well against many strong teams and especially considering 2 out of our 4 it was their first inter regionals tournament.

There was then a discussion around the Championship squad playing order and should we look to make more changes. It was also suggested that as we have a lot less players playing now, should we allow teams of 3, currently teams can play the Kent series as a 3 and then pick up a 4th player for IRs.

7. PE Inter-Regionals email 2027/28:

Tim read an email from PE asking for regional feedback on dates for 2027 and venues for 2028. All agreed that our preference for dates in 2027 is the 2nd week in September to avoid a clash with the FIPJP World Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles event. Regarding 2028, it was felt that a big part of the IRs is the social side and preference is for a big enough venue for the event and accommodation on the same site. Also it was mentioned that ACF Events should be finding and securing a venue given the amount of money paid to them. Tim to email PE back.

8. Kent regional qualifying format:

Mark summarised his proposal for the Kent Qualifying series next year to be run as a round robin. All present were in favour. There was a discussion about costs and logistics which would need to be worked out and maybe a working party formed. There is no immediate rush to make a final decision.

9. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 5th November.

10. Any other business:

David queried if we should email members about the potential motions being submitted to PE and an EGM. Tim reported that this had fallen through due to lack of numbers and we are best to leave it alone. All agreed.

Mark said it would be good if we could have a way of matching people up who are looking to play in KPA events. Could be a good way to increase entries. Information could be added to flyers but would need a volunteer willing to manage it all and contact potential players. Alan said he used to have something similar in a Google form and this could possibly be done again.

Tim announced that the Winter League details have been finalised and emailed to team captains. Also sent to Alan to put on the KPL website.

Meeting closed 20:45.