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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence: Jamie Finley

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Ray Keemer-Richards, Tim Edwins, Carolyn Edwins, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley, Alan Creegen, Peter Shillinglaw, David Baxter, Mark Toulson & Alex Spillett.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

The AGM minutes have been modified as discussed and now distributed and published online.

Duncan has spoken to Jo regarding the schools project and are looking to meet up at one of the schools in March. Jo said she would need a rough cost estimation. Ray has spoken to PE vice president, and they are keen to help.

Duncan contacted Tudor Rose PC about their grant application status and alternatives.

Richard has spoken to Sheila King and is happy to take on the role of regional DBS verifier.

David & Tim have been contacted by Lloyds about adding Duncan to the KPA account and have already verified the request.

3. Treasurer's report:

David had circulated the latest accounts but nothing else to report.

4. Membership report:

Ray said as it's early in the year there is not much happening with new licences or renewals. Ray believes PE are proposing to keep the playing licence fee the same as it was last year.

5. KPA playing calendar 2024:

Carolyn circulated the draft calendar and said that all KPA event dates and venues have been

confirmed. The Playing Committee added some additional events after their meeting on Monday 22nd January, including group sessions for Explorers in March. Carolyn has been working with Richard Ruddick to organise. The playing committee were very keen to have a coaching / squad day for the 12 teams & junior team that qualify to represent Kent at the Inter Regional Championships this year, and this has been set as Sunday 8th September, the week before the event. The Chairman's Cup venue is still being discussed, and it's possible that it may be awarded to the club that has the most entries for the Chairman's Cup.

6. KPA qualifier rules:

Carolyn had updated the document as voted on by members at the 2023 AGM and circulated. There was a discussion around the new PE club member £10 licence and decided that this was for players new to pétanque and that a full playing licence will be required for KPA events as it will be for national PE events. All agreed that all 12 Kent qualifying teams must be teams of 4 for the inter-regional championships event. There was a vote on the wording of point 13, and it was decided to keep the existing wording, that any reserve player drafted in must have played in at least 1 regional qualifier event. The MC did not agree wording in item 2 and needs tweaking. Carolyn will update and bring back to next meeting.

7. KPA championships prize fund:

As discussed at the last meeting, but now with the Treasurer present. David agreed it was a good idea to pay out 100% of entry fees and add more to it. It was felt this could increase participation and entries to events if there are more cash prizes at all levels of the competition.

8. Playing Committee updates:

Carolyn announced the PC were looking at getting pétanque involved with Duke of Edinburgh schemes. The best way forward for the KPA website was also discussed at length, and a professional website designer attended the meeting. Carolyn summarised the ideas and the quote, and said they had a few more questions for the designer. There was a discussion around having a content manager for the website and who could upload and update the website. All MC agreed we need to get some more quotes to compare and explore ideas. The PC are meeting again in March and are all very positive about the progression made so far with new ideas for pétanque in Kent.

9. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 22nd February via Zoom.

10. Any other business:

David mentioned it would be good to have a PE board member from Kent. The PE AGM is on February 10th. Tim asked about proxy voting, David explained it is best to use the meeting Chairman as proxy and instruct them which way to vote on your behalf as then all votes will definitely be counted.

Peter said the White House PC have a couple of members needing DBS documents verified. Tim said he has been contacted by the secretary and while we didn't have a DBS verifier, had contacted Colin

Roper from PE as he can verify documents. Tim will email Colin & Stewart and let them know that Richard has now taken over the role for Kent.

Meeting closed 21:32.