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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Duncan Brown, David Baxter, Richard Wenban, Melissa Rowley & Alex Spillett

Present: Carolyn Edwins (Chair), Alan Creegen, Mark Toulson, Jamie Finley, Peter Shillinglaw & Tim Edwins

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

10 teams attended the KPL Division 2 & Below Doubles competition.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

David absent so item carried forward to next meeting.

4. **AGM Call & venue:**

David was checking if GRFC can host the AGM. Tim will confirm with David when he is back from holiday and then prepare and distribute the AGM call document.

5. **International grants:**

Tim read an email from David saying we will need to use some reserves for grants this year, but players shouldn't be denied grants due to lots of Kent players being successful. If this level of success continues then we may need to look at budgeting differently next year. It was proposed to support international players with £125 each tournament and Meadow PC with £500 towards their EuroCup final costs. All present agreed.

6. **Inter Regionals 2025:**

Carolyn presented some feedback on each squad:

Championship – A very strong squad performance on Saturday winning 6/7 rounds. Lost the last round 3-5 to Chiltern which left us 1 game ahead overnight. On Sunday we won the first 4 rounds but

Chiltern had clawed back the 1 game advantage, and it was all square heading into the final round. The squad produced a stunning 6-2 win against Chiltern to win the Championship by 4 games. Kent 2 were the best overall team of the tournament.

Kent 1 – 11 wins, +79

Kent 2 – 11 wins, +102

Kent 3 – 10 wins, +77

Kent 4 – 9 wins, +49

Kent 5 – 9 wins, +41

Kent 6 – 8 wins, +27

Kent 7 – 4 wins, -9

Kent 8 – 9 wins, +66

We had strength throughout the squad, spread over the 8 teams. The Kent squad day really seemed to help with bonding and morale ahead of the tournament.

Challenge – A real mix of experience and rookies. Long games meant little time to reflect on performances and regroup as a squad and no real lunch break for many. After Saturday night we were in the relegation zone. Manager Mark Cooter gave motivational talk on the Sunday morning which seemed to work.

Kent 9 – 9 wins, +18

Kent 10 – 4 wins, -41

Kent 11 – 6 wins, -15

Kent 12 – 3 wins, -47

Results show a declining strength of depth in the region. We need to get more people playing and some of the past players back out again competing.

Juniors – Won 3/5 on both days, a decent return. It was Leo's first inter regionals, but the last one for Tegan & James. They showed spirited and determined play. Losing control of the jack ended up costing them a few matches.

Summary – The first Kent Championship win for 10 years. Chiltern's total of 67 games won would have been enough to win it in 8 of the last 10 years. Kent's total of 71 wins is the highest since 2005.

7. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 6th November via Zoom.

8. **Any other business:**

Carolyn confirmed upcoming Hartley Triples on 28th September. Tim said Hartley are running it. KPA Mixed Doubles on 5th October, Alex is ok to run the event. KPL Handicap Triples on 12th October. Tim has designed flyer and advertised competition.

Peter queried a potential new rule doing the rounds online about not being able to cover any pitch marks at all before throwing a boule. Tim had spoken with European umpire Gareth Sullivan about it and there doesn't appear to be any truth in the rumours.

Tim announced that this year's Winter League has been sorted and up and running with a start date of 8th October. Alan will add all the details to the website.

Meeting closed 20:10.