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Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2026 via Zoom, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence: Alex Spillett

Present: Duncan Brown (Chair), Carolyn Edwins, Richard Wenban, Tim Edwins & Peter Shillinglaw

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

None.

3. Treasurer's report:

David not present so item carried forward to next meeting.

4. Kent Youth Development Officer:

Caroyn reported that Dean tried to attract a new YDO but had no joy yet. It's a possibility that a new YDO could have people helping behind the scenes with coaching etc. MC advised to keep options open and get thinking caps on.

5. Kent playing calendar 2026:

Carolyn said that the PE calendar was not released until 10th January, the latest it has ever been released. The draft calendar was circulated ahead of the meeting to the MC. There are no events on Mother's Day, Father's Day or Easter Sunday to promote family life. No Sundays are available in April or June to the KPA. GRFC have informed the KPA that they will now be charging to host events this year. Carolyn emailed GRFC to ask them to reconsider charging their own region for use of the venue, but GRFC confirmed they were going ahead with the charges. The Playing Committee were firmly against using GRFC this year, as they felt it would not be the best use of members money. The MC were all in agreement. Carolyn wanted to thank Lordswood & Hartley who have both been very accommodating. Tim will publish the qualifier dates and calendar asap online.

6. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as Thursday 12th March.

7. Any other business:

Peter shared that the owner of the White House has now got planning permission to renovate the pub and surrounding area and will initially build 8 new pistes with potential room for 8 more in the future. Work is expected to start in the spring.

Carolyn said it had been mentioned we could tweak the qualifying series ranking points. Richard explained that as more than 1 team finish on the same number of points, ie. 2 semi-finalists finish =3rd, then there should be a bigger points gap to the team that wins the gold consolage and finishes 5th. Richard will investigate a new allocation of ranking points and bring to next meeting.

Meeting closed 20:13.