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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD AT SOHAM SPORTS CENTRE

ON SUNDAY 10TH JULY AT 3PM 1988

Representatives from the following Counties were present:

Hertfordshire
Suffolk
Norfolk
Essex
Cambridgeshire

After initial introductions R. Moss from Cambs took the chair. It was agreed that the reason for the meeting was to exchange ideas and to form the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association. It was agreed to play inter Counties tournaments but for the first year or two R. Moss suggested that all Counties join together on one day and play against each other. Soham was preferred as the first venue and November 13th a possible date. It was agreed that each County send 24 players, 6 teams of four. Soham Sports Centre agreed to let the playing arena for £40 for the day. It was hoped that play would start at 11 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m.. Matches would be scored in the usual way - two points for a win, one for a draw and over-all shots would count in the eventuality of a draw. It was agreed to ask Mrs. Susan Taylor of Soham to arrange the competition and to purchase 24 winners trophies and 24 runners up trophies. R. Moss would take overall charge. With a raffle it was hoped that the day would pay for itself. Each County would pay £1 for every team member entered and at the end of the day any loss would be borne by the five Counties and should there be a profit a later meeting would decide what to do with it. It was hoped Mrs. Taylor would be able to supply sufficient mats.

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After much discussion it was agreed to adhere to the rules of the host County, blocks would be used. If time permits there will be a couple of practise ends each game but there would be half an hour practise before the tournament commences so that participants can get used to the carpets and 'blocks'. It was agreed that a copy of Cambridgeshire rules be sent to the other four counties.

Mr. Tony Ploszajski the Eastern Region representative of the Sports Council who had arrived whilst the meeting was in progress said he was so pleased with everyones progress but he could not offer any financial help or help with coaching. A vote of thanks was given for Mr. Ploszajski getting the game started in the beginning.

Public Liability Insurance and Equipment Insurance was discussed and Mr. Schofield from Suffolk agreed to look into the matter with the Norwich Union on behalf of the E.C.C.B.A.

There followed a brief discussion on dress and it was agreed that each County complies to its own rules.

The meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m. and it was agreed to meet again after the Inter Counties Tournament.