

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Exning on April 28th 1994.

There were no apologies for absence. The minutes of the 1993 AGM having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed to be a correct record and signed by the chairman. Matters arising- there had been some confusion as to who paid for what in the league matches. It was agreed that cost of tea and biscuits should come out of the host county's raffle money. A league shield has been offered by Ely Trophies.

Chairman's report - see Appendix 1.

Secretary/Treasurers report - the secretary reported that a few counties needed a small 'rap over the knuckles' for late submission of league results. She also intimated that if anyone would like to take on the responsibility of league co-ordinator she would be happy to relinquish that part of her job. The final league results were Cambridgeshire 143, Suffolk 103, Essex 94, Norfolk 89, Hertfordshire 60 and Bedfordshire 51. The accounts for year ending 31.1.94 were presented, explained and accepted.

The chairman then gave up the chair and the secretary asked for nominations for chairman. Ray White was the only person proposed, there being no others he was duly re-elected, however, upon accepting the position he did state that he felt that he would prefer to do so for only one more year. Jill Emms was elected as admin secretary and treasurer. After some explanation of the duties David Schofield was elected as league co-ordinator.

Review of 1993/4 league season. Norfolk proposed that all matches should have been and should be played on six mats. However the meeting felt that a little more flexibility was required and the motion was withdrawn. It was decided that play could occur on any number of mats from three to six. The cost of play in league matches was increased to £2 per player, as it was foreseen that less mats = longer sessions = possibly greater hire charge. Tea and biscuits must be given to the visiting county free of charge. If refreshments were to be on sale visitors must be pre-warned. The meeting agreed that the standard of dress during county matches needed to be of smart appearance i.e. no jeans or t-shirts.

A.O.B. It was decided to leave the entry fee to the October tournament at £50 per county. All counties are expected to bring to the tournament a raffle prize to the value of approximately £10.

Cambridge had experienced some difficulty in arranging mutually convenient dates for league matches and felt that the host county should have final say on the date, as venues which were provisionally booked often carried a cancellation fee thus adding to cost. It was agreed that scoreboards must be used for all games.

David Schofield, as Carpet Bowls Co-ordinator for the 'World of Bowls' magazine, asked for information/news/contributions from all the six counties for inclusion in the publication.

Essex suggested that maybe now was the time to start thinking about an Open Eastern Counties Pairs Championship. The meeting agreed in principle likewise Singles/^{Triples}~~Pairs~~/Fours Championship. However, it was felt that difficulties could arise with fitting in further tournaments into an already very full bowling calendar. Norfolk said that they intended to continue running their new triples tournament as an open and, if the Norfolk committee agreed, this could be used as the Eastern Counties Open Triples. The principle of Eastern Counties Championships was to be taken back to all the county committees for discussion. There being no further business Exning was thanked for the use of their hall and the official meeting was closed.

The meeting was followed by arrangement of the fixtures for the 1994/5 season.

R. White
28/4/95

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to Essex County Carpet Bowls Association on their choice of venue for the 1993 Inter-County Fours Championship which was held at Braintree. Essex had tried very hard to rearrange the playing timetable but accepted that there had been problems with some fours playing too many consecutive games.

The Championship was won by Suffolk, with Essex as runners-up.

The 1994 Inter-County Championship, which is being organised by Suffolk, is to be held at Holywells School in Ipswich on 30th October. The 1995 Championship will be organised by Hertfordshire.

For the first time we ran a League Championship in 1993/94. From the very first game it was obvious that Cambridgeshire were the team to beat. However, that was not to be, and Cambridgeshire have proved themselves to be very worthy champions. This meeting should congratulate Cambridgeshire on their consistent standard of play throughout the season and wish them well when they have the national play-off later this year against the North East champions. Suffolk were runners-up in the League.

Hopefully, if results are submitted quickly to the Secretary, more regular league tables could be issued.

A trophy will be presented to Cambridgeshire at the beginning of the Fours Championship in October. We are, however, still looking for a sponsor.

Although not under the control of this Association, we should congratulate the pairs from the Eastern Counties who reached the last 16 of the recent splendid English Pairs Championships, and especially to the eventual winners from Cambridgeshire.

It has to be said that Cambridgeshire have had a very successful year.

Can I remind all Counties that at the recent A.G.M. of the English Carpet Bowls Association a number of amendments were agreed and these will be operative for the new winter season.

RAYMOND WHITE

28th April, 1994