

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Exning on June 6th 1997.

Apologies for absence were received from the league organiser Mr D Schofield.

The minutes of the 1996 ACM and the Extraordinary meeting held in September 1996 having previously been circulated, were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising.

Chairmans report. App 1.

Treasurers Report. The treasurer reported that once again the finances were in a very healthy state. The audited accounts were signed as correct. Mrs P Eke of Shropham, Norfolk was confirmed as auditor for the following year. Upon recommendation from the treasurer it was agreed that the £50 entry fee to the Six Counties Championship would be waived for 1997.

League Report - unavailable. A couple of counties said that they had not received their final result sheet but this seems to have been a postal hiccup and the other counties had had theirs. Suffolk reign supreme in the Eastern Counties having won the Six Counties Championship, The Team Bowl and the League. It was emphasised that all host captains must return the league results sheet promptly to enable a league organiser to issue correct league tables. Mr David Schofield was thanked in his absence by the chairman for all his hard work.

Election of Officers for 1997/8 Chairman Mr Ron Amor

Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Jill Emms

League Organiser Mr Rob Washbrook

#### Proposals

- 1) from Hertfordshire "that the Triples now be included in the ECCBA Championship of Champions" - unanimously passed

The passing of this proposal means that counties will now have to run their own triples tournaments. Therefore another designated date was required - agreed to be the second Sunday in December.

- 2) from Hertfordshire to change the league scoring system. This was withdrawn. however, all counties were encouraged by the chairman to go back to their committees to discuss league points and return to the next meeting with any further ideas.

Bedfordshire had experienced some difficulty with tight measures in the past season and therefore the following was agreed " a non-playing home captain or designated person shall be nominated at the start of a match to be referee in the event of a disputed measure'.

The 1997 Six Counties Championship is to be held at Littleport. Further details will follow later.

Team Bowl. Cambridgeshire requested that members of the same county could play on adjoining mats rather than being dispersed. Host county for 1998, Bedfordshire, will liase with Cambridgeshire re running order.

Championship of Champions 1997. Essex reminded all counties of their obligation to bring raffle prizes.

Hertfordshire felt that more meetings were required than just the AGM. It was agreed to hold another meeting in September.

Triples Championship. Mrs Southgate reported unhappiness from two quarters about some wording in the triples programme. The secretary apologised if any offence had been caused and would be putting the apology into writing.

It was decided to adopt the following formula for league matches, as previously discussed at the meeting in September 1996. The idea being that in 1998/9 we start at Line 1, 1999/2000 Line 2 etc. Thereby ensuring meeting differing counties at different times each year.

Line 1	Suffolk	v	Cambs	Beds	v	Norfolk	Essex	v	Herts
Line 2	Suffolk	v	Essex	Norfolk	v	Cambs	Beds	v	Herts
Line 3	Suffolk	v	Beds	Herts	v	Norfolk	Essex	v	Cambs
Line 4	Norfolk	v	Suffolk	Cambs	v	Herts	Essex	v	Beds
Line 5	Herts	v	Suffolk	Norfolk	v	Essex	Cambs	v	Beds

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Next meeting September 4th at 8 pm at Exning.

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# EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 96/97

During the past year the six Counties have held three Major Championships, starting with the competition organised by Bedfordshire at Putteridge, and a very good day was had by all. It was Bedfordshires first try at organising a Six County event and I would like to thank all of the people involved. I noticed that quite a few of their committee had not elected to play on this day because of their commitment in making sure it all ran smoothly and it paid off. Thank you Bedfordshire.

You all know who won the event, and therefore I have decided not to mention the scores or winners of any of the competitions as I did last year, as I would like David to have his say later on, but I would comment that one County seems to be way and above the rest of us!

In January we had our first Team Bowl organised at very short notice by Hertfordshire, it was held on a very cold winters day at Ware in a lovely old school, unfortunately the Sports Hall had a building programme going on and we had to walk a little way from the Dinner Room to the Hall, a few grumbles but the Competition made up for the inconvenience. Again, it was very well organised, and as I did not play in this competition I was able to play in the pairs for the odd ones out, and although we did not win I enjoyed the games played, and feel it is a worthwhile extra to other competitions. Congratulations Hertford for an exciting day!!

The Inter-League was played throughout the season, and as far as I know has been played with all enjoying the participating and the meetings between each County Team, it is part of Carpet Bowls that we do meet interesting people from other Counties, who sometimes become friends.

It has to be with a smile that I see the English Association have pipped us at the post as far as the Champions of Champions is concerned, as you all know by now their competition is being held this weekend, it is almost too obvious that they had to play it before us, and have therefore clashed with the Open triples at Norwich, when they were fully aware of the date. Never mind! it is a compliment to us in the Six Counties that they had to follow our example, and I wish all those competing at this event - especially from our Counties - all the very best, and hope they enjoy the weekend.

It does bring up the obvious question of having an individual triples competition in each County, to send to the English Association Champions of Champions, and I feel a date ought to be put aside for all Counties to play this fixture and create a Triples Champion. It would mean that we would also play a triples at our competition next year.

The competition has now been organised for the 22nd June '97 at Braintree for our Champions of Champions, and there have been a few amendments, because of the timing. It is in a learning stage at the moment, but Essex have tried very hard to get it right, and I sincerely hope you all have a wonderful day.

Thank you all for another year. I really do appreciate everyone coming and expressing their views. I am sure there will be more tonight, and at this point I will close and let the Treasurer give her report.

Thank you.....