

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Friday, March 20th 1998.

The meeting had been called mainly to discuss the format of the June Championships. The format agreed was as follows :

- play to be on six mats
- each player to bowl 4 woods - singles, 3 woods - pairs, 2 woods - triples and fours
- each game to consist of nine ends unless time runs out
- each session to start and stop on a whistle

It had been agreed at the September meeting that no player would be allowed to play in more than one element and that it would be left to the discretion of the county as to whom they sent. However it was felt that some guidance was required from the ECCBA as to how to operate the discretionary places. The criteria agreed was that if a player opts out of a element through double qualification the vacant place will be offered to the runner(s)-up. For example a player is a county champion in pairs and fours but decides to opt to play in the fours. The vacant slot for pairs representative would then be offered to the pairs runners-up.

The secretary is to order the cup for the above tournament.

It was reported by the secretary that a beautiful wooden box had been made for the team bowl trophy but that the kind gentleman who had built it had only invoiced for brass hinges and closing catch. This invoice had been paid by the treasurer and it was decided to buy a £20 voucher for the gentleman as a thank you. It is hoped that we can persuade him to make another box for the six counties trophy.

Congratulation were then given to Rob for the excellent league tables he had published so far this year.

It was decided that this meeting recommends to the Annual General Meeting that the office of Chairman should be for a maximum of three years. Norfolk felt that ideally it would be better if all counties took a turn at the office of Chairman but recognised that this would be almost impossible to operate.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 4th 1998 in the New Astley Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Items for inclusion on the AGM Agenda must be submitted to the secretary no later than 24th April.