

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on September 3rd 1998 at the New Astley Centre, Newmarket.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Suffolk for their hospitality at the Championship in June.

The meeting had been called mainly to discuss the points system for the league games. The league organiser put forward a match point system, and the chairman a bonus point system. After lengthy talks it was decided to leave the present system in place i.e. two points for each individual game.

Six Counties Championship in September. Essex proposed that counties be allowed to bring a whole block for reserves but the meeting decided to leave matters standing, i.e. one reserve to be used only in the event of illness on the day. The English Pairs had been asked if they could provide equipment for the three ECCBA championships but for various reasons this was not possible, therefore the host counties will remain responsible for equipment supply.

The secretary had drawn up a check list for organising tournaments and this will be distributed to everyone.

Cambridgeshire reported that all was organised for the Team Bowl in January 1999 and that the paperwork would be distributed at the September Championships. There will be a subsidiary pairs tournament for spectators. Norfolk have hopefully found a brand new venue to be used for the Team Bowl in 2000.

A general chat was then held about the future of Carpet Bowls and the mainly untapped vein of players to be had from the youth of today. It was agreed that much effort was required to encourage them.

The date of the next meeting which will be the AGM was set for Thursday, June 3rd 1999.