

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting held at the New Astley Club,
Newmarket on Thursday, 3rd June at 7.30pm.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting, and the meeting held in September 1998, having previously been circulated were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising. A roll of honour book had been purchased and the records had been entered dating back to the formation of the inaugural Championship.

The Chairman then gave her report - attached

The Secretary/Treasurer had nothing to report on the secretarial side so proceeded straight onto the presentation of the audited accounts. The increase in the playing fees for the league matches had helped considerably to balance the league costs. The amount of bank interest was down substantially due to lower rates and lower balances in the accounts. The treasurer felt more comfortable now that the large amount held two years ago had been reduced. Most tournaments seemed to be able to be self supporting. The meeting felt that possibly the Association should have some Public Liability Insurance and Marion from Suffolk is to obtain some information for us. The accounts were duly accepted as correct and signed by the Chairman.

The fees for the following year were set as follows:-

Championship of Champions £2.50 per head

League Fees £2.50 per head

September Championships £50 per team

Team Bowl £2.50 per head

The League Secretary then gave his report. Norfolk were congratulated on winning the league. Right up until the last game several of the placings were in doubt. He asked that all captains please post their results promptly. It was recognised that usually counties rang round after a match to find out the results of each other but official results sheets are still required to be submitted.

The following officers were then elected

Chairman - Mrs Margaret Southgate

Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs Jill Emms

League Secretary - Mr Rob Washbrook

The Championship of Champions is to be held on June 20th at Chancellors School, Brookmans Park. Ploughmans will be available if pre-ordered at £2.50 per head.

The September championships will be held at Braintree and the Team Bowl at Easton Agricultural College, near Norwich.

The proposal from the Chairman and Secretary for a Constitution was then discussed. Several amendments were agreed on the previously circulated document and a decision will possibly be made at the meeting in September. (A copy of the amended proposal is attached)

Cambridgeshire then proposed that in the Team Bowl the pairs should be played over nine ends, rather than seven. However the meeting felt that all the disciplines should play the same amount of ends. However, it was proposed and accepted by a majority decision that the pairs would play three woods each.

Norfolk put forward a proposal that all league games should only be played on four mats. This was amended to read 'All league games will be played on four mats subject to availability of venue'. The amendment was carried.

Norfolk further proposed that a specified order of play for four mats be produced. The motion was passed and the league secretary said he would produce one before the start of the next league season.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

Date of next meeting October 21st at the New Astley Centre.

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Chairmans Report 1999

We have had another very successful year of bowling in the Eastern Counties and thanks to my predecessor I have had very little to do in my first year of office, except present the trophies at the three events we have in our calender. However, Jill and myself did put our heads together regarding the setting up of a Constitution as we both felt that the time had come for our Association to be put on a more formal footing. Historically, a meeting was held in 1988 when it was agreed that the ECCBA should be formed, with initially the Eastern Counties Championship being the only event to take place but unfortunately this fell by the wayside after only two years. In 1992 another meeting was called when Ray White offered to take the Chair and Jill Emms became Secretary/Treasurer, a position she still holds. Since that meeting the ECCBA has gone from strength to strength and we now have the Eastern Counties League, a Teambowl and the Champion of Champions as well as the Six Counties Championship. Jill suggested perhaps we should have a Constitution and between us we have written a document which we hope will receive your approval later in this meeting. I am sure Jill agrees with me that when you are dealing with financial matters concerning the member counties it is only right and proper that everything can be seen to be dealt with in a professional manner.

Can I take this opportunity to wish the Bowlers from the Eastern Counties the best of luck at the National Champion of Champions at Rotherham this coming weekend and in our own competition on 20th June in Hertfordshire.

Finally , can I thank Rob for his work as League Co-Ordinator and Jill for her hard work as both Secretary and Treasurer.-

Margaret Southgate
Chairman