

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday, 21st October 1999 at 7.30pm.

Present, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Herts, Cambs.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting had previously been circulated.

Matters arising - none that did not appear later on the agenda.

Championship of Champions

The winners were :- Fours - Cambridgeshire,
Triples - Essex, Pairs - Norfolk, Singles - ~~Essex~~ Suffolk.

Hertfordshire were thanked for their excellent administration of the event. It was decided to purchase a "plaque-type" trophy to be awarded as a Team Trophy at the Championships.

September Championships

Essex were thanked for their organisation. Several matters had arisen during this championship:

1. A couple of jacks seemed to be heavier than the others but Essex explained that they came from clubs who had very fast carpets and were of a legal weight.
2. Chameleon bowls, once again they are legal but some players did find them psychologically off-putting.

The Association decided to make the following recommendations for all tournaments:-

- a. Whilst recognising that counties were dependant on the goodwill of their clubs to provide equipment every effort will be made in the future to have similar size jacks and only black/brown bowls.
- b. To ensure continuity scoreboards would be marked as follows -
Vertical boards - Black to be top
Horizontal boards - Black to be left
- c. Counties will be placed on adjoining mats.
- d. Counties must accept decisions of designated referees and their decision is final. Whilst a referee is measuring all players must stand clear of the carpet.

Team Bowl

This will be held at Easton Sports Centre, Norfolk on Sunday January 30th 2000.

Constitution

Norfolk proposed and Cambridgeshire seconded the amended Constitution as discussed and circulated from the Annual General Meeting (copy attached). This was unanimously accepted.

League games

Venues and catering as follows (subject to alteration)

Cambridgeshire - Milton with an 11am start, refreshments on sale.

Essex - Braintree, cafe on site

Herts - Chancellors School, Brookmans Park, ploughmans if pre-ordered.

Norfolk - Banham, ploughmans - pre ordered.

Suffolk - Needham - refreshments on sale.

The league secretary gave all counties a combined playing order/result sheet.

The date for the Annual General Meeting was set for June 8th 2000.