

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 8th June 2000 at the New Astley Club, Newmarket.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting having previously been circulated were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 21st 1999 having previously been circulated were amended to read Championship of ChampionsSingles - Suffolk, agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The secretary reported that she had purchased the team trophy to be awarded at the Championship of Champions.

The Chairman then gave her report - attached.

The Treasurer then gave her report, the audited accounts were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The League Secretary then gave his report. Norfolk were congratulated on retaining the League Championship. He apologised that the final tables already issued were incorrect and distributed a new final table. He reported that he had experienced difficulties in receiving the match results, therefore the meeting decided that the results would be telephoned in by the host county on the evening of the match, with the written record of the match being sent as soon as possible. Discussion then followed about play on three mats or four but as no formal proposal had been received from any county the decision made at the 1999 AGM would stand, i.e. All matches will be played on four mats subject to availability of venue. Counties were reminded that they must send to visiting counties details of venue and catering facilities for their home games at least three weeks before a match. Food does not need to be provided as long as visitors are aware of the situation.

The following officers were then elected

Chairman - Mrs Margaret Southgate

Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs Jill Emms

League Secretary - Mr Rob Washbrook

Mrs P Eke of Norfolk was appointed as the auditor.

The treasurer had previously circulated a discussion document about her difficulties in receiving the money from counties at the end of the financial year. It was obvious the present system was not working and a new one was required. It was decided that each county shall pay the league fees for all the matches direct to the Eastern Counties treasurer before the 31st October each year. Counties will pay for their venues out of their county funds and reclaim this and the administrations allowance immediately after their last home game.

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The fees for the following year were set as follows

League games £2.50 per player per game (£300 to be paid by 31.10.00)

Championship of Champions £2.50 per player

Six Counties Championship £50 per team

Team Bowl - £70 per team

Raffles at one day tournaments - it was decided that the host county will be responsible for purchasing all the raffle prizes with each county paying £10 to the host county on the day of the tournament. It was also decided that the Eastern Counties CBA would contribute £30 for raffle prizes for the Team Bowl and the Six Counties Championship.

Thus the host county will purchase the following:-

Championship of Champions £60 worth of prizes

Six Counties Championship £90 worth of prizes

Team Bowl £90 worth of prizes

Discussion then took place about the possibility of other counties applying to become members of our Association in the future. It was felt that we could expand if necessary and that it would not be impossible to incorporate them into our leagues and tournaments, although it was recognised the restrictions distances could place upon us. Any application to join must come from a properly constituted Association and all applicants would be given serious consideration.

The Hertfordshire representative requested that a Roll of Honour be printed on the programme for the Championship of Champions, this would be done from 2001 onwards.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

Date of next meeting was set for Thursday, 12th October at the New Astley Centre.

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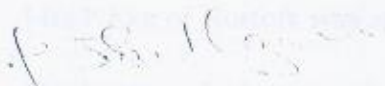
Chairmans Report 2000

I started my report last year by saying we had a very successful year of bowling, it would appear that I am about to repeat myself. Last November the National Championships were once again held at Hemsby, and the weekend started with the Inter League Final, with Norfolk representing the Eastern Counties versus Durham from the Northern League, it was an excellent match with Norfolk coming out on top to take the title. Saturday saw the start of the Championship and after two very long and tiring days of bowling Cambridgeshire emerged as worthy winners, this made it three in a row for them, they certainly know when to raise their game. Suffolk won the Teambowl Trophy in January and at the end of the League season Norfolk were again Champions. Last weekend the English Assn. held their Champion of Champions at Rotherham and I wish to pass on my personal congratulations to Rob Washbrook of Hertfordshire a very worthy winner of the Singles title being unbeaten in all nine games, quite an achievement and the Triples team of Steven Cain, Jeremy Brown and David Mittell of Suffolk who only lost one game in winning the Triples title

Since the last AGM we have set up our Constitution so we are now formally an association and I hope we can go from strength to strength, in the future we may grow bigger with other counties joining us and it is only right and proper that any newcomers know what our objectives are and how we conduct ourselves.

Finally, I would like to thank the Counties who have hosted our competitions during the past year, I know from personal experience it involves a lot of hard work, frequently by just a few people. My thanks also go to the League Co-Ordinator, Rob Washbrook, for keeping everyone up to date with the league positions. Last but not least, thank you Jill for all you have done again this year, do all the delegates realise how much you do it is not only the agendas and minutes which we all receive but the choosing and purchasing of the trophies for all our tournaments and trying to keep our finances in order especially at the end of the financial year. What will we do if Jill says she has had enough of our problems, so please try to make her task easier.

Thank you all for coming tonight and continuing your support of our Association


Margaret Southgate
Chairman