

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday, 12th October 2000 at 8 pm.

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.

Chairman's report

Bedfordshire were thanked for the smooth running of the Championship of Champions in June and Suffolk were thanked likewise for the Six Counties Championship in September. All winners were congratulated.

Secretary and Treasurers report

No correspondence had been received and there was nothing to report money wise. The claim forms for league expenses were distributed to the county representatives and counties were reminded that league fees must be paid by the end of October.

League Secretary's report

The forthcoming season had no rule changes and the results sheets for the next two years were distributed. Reps were reminded that it had been agreed to phone the results the evening of the match and to follow this call with a results sheet.

Championship of Champions

The winners were :- Fours - Suffolk, Triples - Norfolk, Pairs - Herts., Singles - Cambs.

The problem of slow play was discussed but the meeting felt unable to resolve the problem by legislation. It was decided that it would be best left to County Captains to remind players about the constraints of time. It was also felt that it was unnecessary for skips to visit the head several times on the same end and to come up to the playing end to speak to leads and second players. They will be formally requested not to visit the delivery end until it is their turn to bowl.

It was felt that a more professional programme was required for this event but it was difficult to produce something which was easy to photocopy.

The 2001 Championships will be held at Littleport Leisure Centre.

September Championships

The food provided by the host school was excellent but overall it was felt that the venue lacked atmosphere. Suffolk had hoped to be able to book Stowmarket Sports Centre but this was unavailable. Once again the problem of slow play had arisen. It was felt generally by the meeting that we did not want to go down the road of time penalties therefore it may be necessary to book venues for slightly longer time than at present to allow for overrun.

One of Hertfordshire's players had asked whether the sessions when not all the mats were being used could be at lunch time rather than at the end of the day. As Hertfordshire are next years hosts for this tournament the gentleman is to be challenged to come up with a viable playing order taking on board his comments. It was much regretted that at the end of this years championship many players left the building before the presentations. Norfolk felt very strongly that no player should leave until the presentations were complete. The venue for 2001 had, as yet, not been booked. Herts. had the choice of playing at the Woodson Centre, Ware at a cost of £400 or the Chancellors School, Brookmans Park where they normally held their league matches at approx. £150. The only drawback for using the school was that not all the mats could be accommodated in the same hall. Some would be in the main hall and some in the gyms down the corridor. The majority of the representatives said that

they would not mind this arrangement, but it was agreed to allow Herts. to make the final decision about the venue.

Any other business

The Chairman had been reading the reports from previous years and in one of the reports of the ex Chairman, Mr Ron Amor, the question of the length of term of office had been posed and the meeting at that time had decided to leave discussion of this to a later date. The present Chairman felt that the matter now needed airing again, however the meeting decided that it was so difficult to get a diplomatic chairman that nothing could be gained by changing things and therefore the status quo would remain.

Team Bowl

This will be held at Braintree Leisure Centre but there would be no subsidiary pairs.

League games

Venues and catering as follows

Cambridgeshire - Milton - light refreshments
Essex - Braintree, cafe on site
Herts. - Chancellors School, Brookmans Park - catering not finalised
Norfolk - Banham - ploughman's - pre ordered.
Suffolk - 2 matches at Needham, 1 at Risby - refreshments on sale.
Beds - Barton le Clay - no refreshments except tea and coffee

A Roll of honour is to be produced by the Secretary to put up on the wall at each event.

The date for the Annual General Meeting was set for June 7th 2001.