

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 27th June 2002 at the New Astley Club, Newmarket.

Apologies for absence were received from Laurence Pullar

The minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting having previously been circulated were agreed to be a correct record. There were no matters arising.

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The Chairman then gave her report - attached.

The Treasurer then gave her report, the incomplete accounts were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. The treasurer had again experienced difficulty in receiving the claim form for league expenses with Suffolk's still not to hand. The renewal had been received for the insurance at a much higher premium than last year due to insurance companies introducing minimum premiums. The treasurer is to contact Pegasus Insurance Services to see if they could give us a more competitive quote. The treasurer had put forward a proposal that any county or persons not submitting a claim by 30th April would forfeit the right to do so. This proposal did prick a few consciences, which was the ultimate aim, and the proposal was withdrawn.

The fees for all the league games and tournaments are to remain as previous but a new membership fee is to be introduced with immediate effect. It was set for the forthcoming year at £50 per county.

The League Secretary then gave his report. After a very close run league Suffolk had emerged as the eventual winners.

The following officers were than elected

Chairman	Mrs Margaret Southgate
Secretary	Mrs Sandra Gammage
Treasurer	Mrs Jill Emms
League Secretary	Mr Rob Washbrook
Tournament Secretary	Mr Laurence Pullar

Discussion items

Mobile phones - it was decided that interruptions from mobiles would not be tolerated. It will be the duty of the host captain or tournament organizer to request that all phones are switched off in the playing area/arena. They will only be allowed in the bars, cafes, corridors, outside etc.

Slow play had once again been a problem and if there is a time constraint at a certain venue players will be reminded to be aware of this.

Northern league v Southern league play off at present held at the venue of the National Championships on the Friday night. At a recent ECBA meeting the matter of Bedfordshire

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not being a member of ECBA and were they therefore entitled to play if they were Southern winners had been raised. The answer was yes as the play off is not an official ECBA tournament. The Chairman is to reply at the next ECBA meeting.

Any other business

Bedfordshire reported that there was the possibility of there being no catering facilities at the September tournament. All the counties agreed that as long as all the players knew in advance this would not be a problem.

All counties acting as host for the three tournaments are to be encouraged to liaise with the tournament secretary so that programs were sent out at least six weeks before an event. The league secretary is to be asked to provide full programs for all players.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Next committee meeting will be on Thursday October 10th.