

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 10th October 2002 at 8.00pm.

There were apologies from Laurence Pullar.

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

Matters arising- Northern league v Southern league play off. Margaret reported that the Northern teams of the ECBA were against a non member being able to play if there were to win the title. Margaret is going to check what is engraved on the trophy and is to put forward a good case that any non member would be entitled to play if they won the Southern League at the next ECBA meeting.

Chairman's report

Bedfordshire were thanked for the smooth running of the six Counties Championships and Cambridge was congratulated on being the winners.

Secretary's report

No correspondence had been received.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported that only two Counties remained to pay there league fee's. Again there had been problems with late payers and late claimers which makes the job harder. The treasurer had stated last year that if counties did not improve she would not be willing to stand for re election as things have not improved, she gave notice of not willing to stand next year. So please could you all be thinking of who could be nominated to be treasurer. Also the treasurer requested that at competitions could the counties please pay their fees at the start of the day so that the treasurer is not chasing money all day.

League secretary's report

He ran through the forth coming fixtures and handed out score sheets to all counties, that are to be sent in no later than 3 days after the match.

Essex stated that due to damage to their floor at Braintree, if visiting counties agree they would be playing their matches on 3 mats. They would let the counties know before the day.

We then ran through where each county were playing their home games.

Beds Barton Le Clay

Essex Braintree

Cambs Milton

Herts Chancellors Brookmans Pk

Norfolk Banham

Suffolk Needham Market.

Cambridgeshire also requested that notice of each game be sent out to visiting county at least 5 weeks before, so that the information can be given to players, this was agreed.

Six Counties Championship

It was felt that the layout of the programme would of been a bit easier to follow if it had been in A4 landscape format. The presentation before the event was omitted from the programme. Also the teams need to be rotated, the chairman is going to negotiate with Laurence.

There were mixed sets of woods used, this is difficult to monitor because you are at the mercy of clubs that are kind enough to loan their equipment.

Refereeing was questioned, If it is difficult for any county to find "able" referees it was agreed the host county would ask for help from other counties, so that a good standard of refereeing could be met.

Results were handed out.

Team Bowl 2003

To be held at Chancellor's School Brookmans Pk. It was agreed that this would be held there and it would be in three different rooms. Rob is to liaise with Laurence giving details. Each County to pay £75.00 entry to the treasurer at the start of the day, and £10 to host county for raffle. Host county has £90.00 to spend on raffle prizes.

Internet

Jamie from Cambridge has set up an internet site and asked the committee if results of league and competitions could be displayed on it. It was agreed that they would and that the secretary would contact Jamie.

AOB

Hertfordshire asked counties to try and keep the 14th September 2003 free as they are hosting the English Triples at Woodson Park.

Public liability insurance was discussed and counties that have got reasonable deals agreed to let others know how they administer theirs.

Cross county playing was discussed. So please would all counties make known to their members the following: Each player must only represent **one county** in closed competitions and county team events between 1st August and 31st July ie one season.

The date for the Annual General Meeting was set for Thursday June 26th 2003.