

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26th June 2003 at the New Astley Club, Newmarket.

Apologies for absence were received from Laurence Pullar.

The minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting having been previously circulated were agreed to be a true record. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 10th 2002 having been previously circulated were agreed to be a true record.

Matters arising – After the chairman speaking to Laurence about layout of programme re being in landscape. It seems that there was a misunderstanding between host County and Laurence.

The chairman gave her report – attached.

The secretary had nothing to report, but had received some correspondence which she read out. These was a thank you from the Lister Kidney Appeal.

A letter from Hertfordshire asking for no practice to happen before a County league match, this was endorsed by all Counties.

Also a letter from Norfolk asking for league results to be posted out more timely, the league secretary agreed this would happen.

The treasurer then gave her report, the accounts were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman- balance sheet attached.

The renewal for insurance had not been received to date, and it was agreed that the secretary would contact Pegasus insurance to get a quote. There was a discussion about insurance, Bedfordshire said that they had been in contact with the English Sports council hoping to get better deals.

The League Secretary then gave his report – attached.

He gave out fixtures for next season and also told us final results of league.

Cambridge 127pts

Norfolk 104

Suffolk 102

Essex 79

Herts 69

Beds 59.

Also he mentioned about the rule changes that had been approved at the English Agm in June.

There was a discussion about the new delivery box area on the mats.

The league secretary felt that as each County was now getting accredited referee's, that measuring at league matches and Eastern County competitions should be carried out by a qualified referee.

This was agreed and also it was agreed that each county was to supply two qualified referee's at each competition event.

The following officers were elected

Chairman	Mrs Margaret Southgate
Secretary	Mrs Sandra Gammage
Treasurer	Mrs Jill Emms
League Secretary	Mr Rob Washbrook
Tournament Secretary	Mrs Maureen Giddens

Fees for next season.

The treasurer recommended that the entry fee be increased to £3.00 per player for league games and all other competitions.

This was agreed and each county to pay the treasurer £360.00 at the October meeting. It was agreed to keep the annual fee of £50.00 per county the same.

There was some discussion about increasing the number of ends played to eleven in County league matches, it was left that each County would discuss with players. It was agreed that each County would only claim for the hire of the halls, for County matches.

It was put forward that we have an extra meeting each year. It was agreed that we would keep the October meeting and add another meeting in February.

Any Other Business

Hertfordshire felt that it would be better if the Eastern Champion of Champions was held before the English Champion of Champions, most people agreed that it would be better. It would be brought up at an English meeting about swapping the two weekends around. It would not be possible for a few years because of booking venues.

Hertfordshire also said that a member of there County had put forward an idea about "self insurance", this was felt by the other counties to be a mine field and should not be touched.

Timings for competitions were discussed and it was proposed by Suffolk that extra time for the triples and fours would be allowed and that the pairs only bowl two woods, this was agreed.

So the team bowl would be

Singles	4 woods
Pairs	2 woods
Fours	2 woods

Champion of Champions

Singles	4 woods
Pairs	2 woods
Triples	2 woods
Fours	2 woods

Bedfordshire reported that all their County league matches will be played at Putteridge on three mats. They also said that the Charity nominated for the team bowl will be the Pasque Hospice.

We then ran through where the competitions are being held season 2003/04

Six Counties 03/04	Norfolk	Wymondham
Team Bowl	Beds	Putteridge
Champ of champs	Suffolk	Nedham Market
Six Counties 04/03	Cambs	Littleport.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday 16th October.

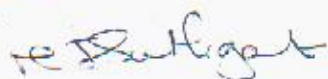
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Chairmans Report 2003

My report last year started by saying our Eastern Counties bowlers were a force to be reckoned with, and I am pleased to tell you that some things never change, just the name of the county which carried off both the Inter League Title and the National Championship. In 2001 Cambridgeshire did the double and last year 2002 it was the turn of Suffolk to complete the double. Cambridgeshire were the winners of the League this year and we wish them luck in November when they play Northumberland on Friday night. Our other three main events for the year have just been completed, we gathered at the Putteridge Centre at Luton for the 6 Counties championship in September last year, and once more it was a very close contest with 5 points separating the top three teams, the winners were Cambridgeshire, followed by Suffolk and Norfolk. The New Year saw us visiting Brookmans Park in Hertfordshire for the Charity Teambowl and yet another day of excellent bowling took place, this time Suffolk were the winners, followed by Cambridgeshire and Essex. Hertfordshire had nominated the Lister Kidney Foundation as their charity and the amount raised was £750.00. It was also very pleasing to note that members of the local branch not only came along to collect the cheque at the end of the day but they also took a turn in the kitchen. The last event of our year is the Champion of Champions. this year hosted by Essex at Braintree. It is the turn of the individual winners of each counties closed championships who compete this time, each team playing the winners of the other 5 counties, again the supporters of each team were able to watch some excellent bowling and at the end of a long day the titles went as follows, Singles :-Suffolk, Pairs, Triples and Fours :-Cambridgeshire and the Team :-Cambridgeshire. I would like to thank all the Host counties for the work they put in to make these competitions a success, we all know from personal experience that a lot of effort goes into making the day go smoothly and it is not always possible to thank everyone who has been involved. I also wish to thank Laurence who has done the paperwork for the three events and sent it to the host county, I am sure it is appreciated by each county committee because it is one less job to have to do. My thanks must also go to Rob Washbrook for keeping us up to date with the League Tables. There are two more events for which I will pass on my congratulations to the bowlers concerned and that is Craig and Mick Hearn of Hertfordshire for winning the English Pairs in April and to Roy, Sue, Mick and Andy from Barking in Suffolk who won the ECBA Champion of Champions .

Before I finish this report I would like to thank Jill, our Treasurer, who apart from looking after your money is also responsible for purchasing all the Trophies which I have the pleasure of presenting to the winners, it is not an easy task trying to find something different each time, so thank you Jill. And last but not least I thank Sandra , I hope it has not been as bad as you thought before taking on the job of Secretary, I wonder why we think we are not able to do certain things but in the end find we can, with a little help and persuasion from our friends

M J Southgate
Chairman



LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT

You should have all received the final league table so congratulations to CAMBS for winning the league .

I make this the fifth time cambs have won and this season was the tenth year of the league. The 23 point winning margin was the biggest for nine years . cambs won despite losing to norfolk who finished second having lost two matches .I have with me the fixtures for next season .

Since the last AGM we now have qualified referee s so I feel agreement needs to be made for league games and our other tournaments about how many referee are needed and is this going to be up to the home county or shared .

Also with a few rule changes at the english AGM we need to make sure all mats are changed for the september championships .