

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 8th June 2006

Apologies

No apologies received.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting were signed and agreed.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Chairman's report

Chairman gave her report – see attached.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer distributed audited balance sheets – see attached.

League Secretary's Report

Congratulations given to Suffolk as being the League winners.

Final standings:

Suffolk	134
Cambridgeshire	112
Essex	102
Norfolk	79
Hertfordshire	66
Bedfordshire	47

Review of Tournaments

Results from the 2005 Champion of Champions held at Hertfordshire were:

Singles – Suffolk	Neil Jolly
Pairs – Norfolk	John Clements & Margaret Barnes
Triples – Cambridgeshire	Jason Ellis, Davide Russo, Paul Ellis
Fours – Suffolk	Sue Gilder, Stan Aldous, Andrew Gibbons, Nigel Coppin
Team – Suffolk	

Results from the 2006 Champion of Champions held at Bedfordshire were:

Singles – Hertfordshire	Neal Tuckey
Pairs – Cambridgeshire	Spencer Maltby & Jim Daniels
Triples – Cambridgeshire	Laurence Cunningham, Phil Dent, Robin Mynott
Fours – Hertfordshire	Mick Cook, Shirley Davidson, Marilyn Cook, Peter Cook
Team - Cambridgeshire	

Thanks were given to Bedfordshire for hosting the Champion of Champions and to Maureen for producing the programmes.

It was pointed out that the whistle was only used to start games, not to finish. This seemed to work very well as all games were ahead of schedule. It was agreed that the whistle will be used only to start games at the Champion of Champions. In all other ECCBA tournaments the whistle will be used to start and finish each session.

It was asked if a change from 2 woods to 3 woods in the Champion of Champions pairs would be feasible as there was ample time at the last championships. This is to be discussed at the next ECCBA committee meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that the Six Counties trophy has been engraved with the year 2005, no tournament was held in this year due to the new schedule. Suffolk are to have this changed to 2005/06.

The 2006 Team Bowl will be held at the Brackenbury Sports Centre to be hosted by Norfolk – Maureen distributed the programmes for this.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Mrs Margaret Southgate
Secretary – Mrs Clare Lord
Treasurer – Mrs Maureen Giddens
Competition Secretary – Mrs Maureen Giddens
League Secretary – Mr Rob Washbrook
Auditor – Mr David Rudge

Fees

The treasurer could see no reason to increase the fees for the coming season.

Annual ECCBA subscription	£50 to be paid within 28 days of the AGM
League Fees	£360 to be paid before first league game in Oct
Competition Fees	£3 per player

Insurance

Maureen had looked into changing the events insurance cover with a company who could cover all six counties under 'one umbrella'. Most counties have their own insurance cover anyway so it was decided to continue with the current insurer for a public liability limit of £1,000,000.

Proposals

Norfolk

Proposed having the facility to use substitutes at league, six counties and team bowl matches.

It was agreed that a maximum of 2 substitutes could be used, once a player had been substituted they would not be allowed to continue playing in another position/block etc.

A vote was held:

For	5
Against	1
Proposal carried	

ECBA Committee

At an ECBA meeting it was asked if the Eastern Counties could locate a venue to host the ECBA Open Events possibly near to Peterborough to reduce the travel time for entries from the North.

Maureen had looked into this but there was no suitable venue in Peterborough or the surrounding area.

Essex stated that when these Open Events are held in Essex the support from the hosting County is very good, if these competitions were to move to one venue then entries would be reduced.

Hertfordshire commented on the transportation of equipment. It is difficult for them to transport carpets within their own county without having to get equipment to a new venue.

All in all it was decided that it was a nice theory but it would not work in practice.

The ECCBA comments will be passed back to the ECBA.

Designated Diary Dates

See attached sheet

Any Other Business

The new Chairman for Bedfordshire is Andrew Hatton

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th October 2006

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairmans Report to AGM on 8th June 2006

We have now completed our first year using the revised calender of our events and I am pleased to say that it has gone well, with our main tournaments being played in a more logical order. We actually had 2 Teambowls in 2005 and no Six Counties Championship but from September last year the new order came into being and we have just completed the first full year with the Champion of Champions in May hosted by Bedfordshire. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the three counties which have been our hosts this year, Essex, Suffolk and Bedfordshire, although I try to say thank you before the presentation at each event it is usually impossible to make myself heard above the general back ground noise. Since our last meeting we have had the 6 Counties Championship which was won by Suffolk and the Champion of Champions in which the honours were shared by Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire, the Singles and Fours going to Hertfordshire and the Pairs, Triples and Team Trophy to Cambridgeshire. Apart from Bedfordshire our Bowlers go to Blackpool on 17th and 18th June for the National Champion of Champions and I wish them every success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Officers, Clare who took on the Secretary's job, Maureen who is both Treasurer and Competition Secretary, which includes preparing the format, programme and scorecards, and then sends the printed results to everyone within a few days of the event and last but not least Rob, who was persuaded to carry on as League Secretary and again sent us updated league tables at regular intervals. It is not only the Officers but you the Delegates who have made it possible for us to run a successful association, we may only be small with 6 member counties but you have always been willing to make decisions when necessary at our meetings and this is what has made us successful by all working together for the good of Carpet Bowls.



Margaret Southgate
Chairman