

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

### Apologies

Rebecca Gammage & Rob Washbrook

### Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting were signed and agreed.

### Matters Arising

Maureen had inquired about Littleport – only food that is purchased on site can be eaten in the bar area. Those who take their own food may eat in the Sports Hall.

There had been several issues with the home teams informing the away teams of league match details. Could all County contacts make sure that information is sent to the opposing team at least 4 weeks in advance.

### Chairman's report

The Chairman apologised for cancelling the meeting set in February due to the bad weather, this was the first meeting that had had to be changed.

### Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported the balance as:

4719.97	Business Premium Account
107.06	Community Account
<u>54.43</u>	Cash in hand
4881.46	

Any expenses including hall hires to be submitted as soon as possible, year end is end of April.

### League Secretary's Report

Rob had given league reports to Margaret which were handed to those who had not received a copy.

### Review of Tournaments

Congratulations were given to Cambridgeshire for winning the National Championships at Blackpool. Suffolk were runners up with Durham finishing third.

There were one or two issues regarding reception area, rooms and the restaurant which the ECBA Chairman is hoping to rectify prior to this years event.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Maureen issued programmes for the 6 Counties and ECCBA Champion of Champions tournaments.

Bedfordshire pre-warned the meeting that they may not be attending the 6 Counties as they have at least 2 blocks who are attending a bowls holiday at Hemsby.

Maureen also issued an Events Calendar with designated dates up to 2012 for Counties to plan ahead for venue bookings.

### **Any Other Business**

- \* A letter was read from Hertfordshire regarding a recent league match at Bedfordshire. The hall was not large enough to cater for 3 mats plus disabled players access.

Hertfordshire put forward a proposal that Bedfordshire move their home venue for county matches which could not be accepted by the meeting, all proposals are to be put forward at the AGM only.

Bedfordshire did point out that they offered to move venue but this would have to be either the week before or after the scheduled Sunday as Barton Hall was not available. The Hertfordshire captain agreed to leave arrangements as they were.

Clare will send a letter in reply to the Hertfordshire letter received.

- \* Margaret requested that Bedfordshire play with 1 jack per carpet when Suffolk visit as they normally play with 2 per mat. Bedfordshire accepted this.
- \* Clare announced that she would be standing down as Secretary at the AGM, if anyone wishes to volunteer please come forward.
- \* Bedfordshire asked what rules the Eastern Counties matches played to. The Chairman confirmed it was English rules. During a recent game with Hertfordshire Bedfordshire noticed that a player was not delivering the wood through the blocks, it was being dropped in the 'box'. The rules state that the wood must pass between or through the delivery space (9.1 in the rule book).
- \* Bedfordshire would also like training for more referees. Margaret to obtain details for them.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

AGM - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Meeting closed at 9.05pm