

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007

### 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 – balance £3089.03

### League Secretary's Report

Congratulations given to Suffolk as being the League winners.

### Final standings:

Suffolk	118
Cambridgeshire	110
Essex	103
Norfolk	97
Hertfordshire	66
Bedfordshire	43

### Review of Tournaments

Results from the 2007 Champion of Champions held at Cambridgeshire were:

Singles – Essex	Colin Day
Pairs – Cambridgeshire	Leigh & Robin Mynott
Triples – Suffolk	Sue Gilder, Mick Watkins, Roy Lonsborough
Fours – Suffolk	Sam Runnacles, Rita Runnacles, Andy Pooley, Tom Runnacles
Team – Cambridgeshire	

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

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The change from 2 wood pairs to 3 wood pairs worked OK. Timings will be kept the same for next years championships as, this year due to issues with powercuts at Littleport, the games didn't give a true reflection of timings during the day.

Team Bowl winners – Cambridgeshire

6 Counties winners - Cambridgeshire

#### 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 Billy Watson

#### 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 not received the renewal notice but couldn't see any reason to change insurers.

#### Proposals

**Hertfordshire** - Proposed that Counties find a home venue suitable for disabled bowlers. This should not be the case for matches against Hertfordshire but for all home matches as bowls is a game for all ages and abilities.

After much discussion it was agreed that the host County choose a venue for league matches bearing in mind the visiting County. If any issues arise then the visiting County must point these out to the host County.

#### Designated Diary Dates

Essex – Team Bowl to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2007

#### Any Other Business

Suffolk apologised for the trophy not being returned at the Champion of Champions.

#### Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007



## Chairmans Report to AGM on 7th June 2007

Another year of Eastern Counties events has gone by with a few hiccups along the way. Our year started with the Teambowl, this was hosted by Norfolk, who had booked Brackenbury Sports Centre at Felixstowe only to find the Centre had double booked and at very short notice were able to hire Braintree, where Essex were most helpful in loaning their equipment. The winners were Cambridgeshire. The League season then started and again we had a change to the usual start date for matches because the National Championships were to be later in November the first league match was brought forward to October. The next event was National Championships at the new venue of Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool and after two very long days Cambridgeshire were the eventual winners with Suffolk the runners up. The league then continued until March when Suffolk who had led the table for the whole season were the winners. Our next event was the 6 Counties Championship hosted by Hertfordshire at a new venue, St Lukes School in Redbourne. Once more there was a problem, this time Suffolk had left the main trophies behind so I had to apologies to the Suffolk Captain at the start of the day when I did the League Winners presentation and at the end of the day to Cambridgeshire who were the 6 Counties Champions. Our last event was the Champion of Champions, could anything go wrong this time, of course it could, one of the trophies came back not engraved for 2006 and the base was very loose. However, Ely Trophics came to the rescue by arriving at Littleport Leisure Centre to collect the trophy, take it away, engrave it and return it in time for the presentation. My thanks go to Maureen who organised this, she was also responsible for the admin on the day with help from the Cambridgeshire Chairman. I hope the coming year runs a little more smoothly.

We have held our usual two committee meetings and I would like to thank not only the Officers for their support but all the delegates who have been willing to give up the time to attend. We could not function without the input of every county and I do realise that you are all involved with your own county committee and these meetings mean another night away from the family. I hope we can continue to run a successful association and look forward to another enjoyable year of bowling.



Margaret Southgate  
Chairman