

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

### Apologies

No apologies received.

### Minutes from Previous Meeting

The correct name of the Auditor is Mr Billy Wilson.

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, she would only continue being Secretary for one more year.

### Treasurer's Report

As Bedfordshire did not participate at the champion of Champions it was asked if they would contribute the £10 fee for the raffle. Prizes had already been purchased to the full value of all entries. Andrew will take this to his committee.

### League Secretary's Report

Congratulations given to Cambridgeshire as being the League winners.

Final standings:

Cambridgeshire	122
Suffolk	116
Essex	86
Norfolk	84
Hertfordshire	69
Bedfordshire	63

### Review of Tournaments

Results from the 2008 Champion of Champions held at Norfolk were:

Singles – Cambridgeshire	Gary Blunsten
Pairs – Hertfordshire	Rebecca Gammage, Neal Tuckey
Triples – Norfolk	Gerald Sutton, Phyllis Sutton, Colin Knox
Fours – Norfolk	Sue Ross, David Carter, John Clements, Margaret Barnes
Team – Norfolk	

Thanks were given to Maureen for completing the score sheets.

Team Bowl winners – Suffolk

6 Counties winners – Suffolk

### 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 Wilson

It was agreed that Maureen would purchase a gift for Mr Wilson for auditing the accounts.

### 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

Due to a healthy balance it was agreed that the 6 Counties tournament in 2009 will be free entry.

### Insurance

Maureen had not received the renewal notice from Equity but had also been in conversation with Endsleigh. Equity only covered Public Liability to the value of £1,000,000 whereas the cover from Endsleigh would be £2,000,000. The meeting agreed for Maureen to make the final decision.

Maureen will discuss with Endsleigh about the extra cover for the Officers which currently hasn't been taken but the meeting agreed that this should be looked into.

### Proposals

#### **ECCBA Committee**

If a County cannot find 24 players a playing order needs to be followed.

- a. that the blocks play with 3 players and 6 woods, the position 2 bowlers woods are not played
- b. that all woods are played by the 3 players – bowler 1 plays 3 woods, bowler 2 plays 3 woods and the skip plays 2 woods – 25% of the shots are then deducted at the end of the game

A vote was taken with 2 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions. The Chairman declined to make a casting vote.

Essex had brought another option to the meeting

The number of players short are picked from the 12 players missing that session. Draw to be made prior to commencement of the match. The player drawn out cannot play in the same position twice or as skip. For every player short 1 point is deducted from their final score.

All counties are to discuss the 3 options and to come to the October meeting with a decision.

#### **Cambridgeshire - Charity Teambowl**

Proposal: To amend the team to 24 players split into 4 x Singles, 4 x Pairs and 4 x Triples

A vote was taken with 5 for and 1 against – proposal carried. Triples will be played at the 2008 Teambowl in September.

### Designated Diary Dates

Suffolk – Team Bowl to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 at East Bergholt High School. Tea and coffee will be available but there will be NO FOOD.

Maureen will issue new diary dates sheets up to 2015 along with new organising events sheets.

It was suggested to centralise venues for the Teambowl, 6 Counties and Champion of Champions, say Littleport for the Teambowl and Braintree for the 6 Counties.

### Any Other Business

Bedfordshire had informed Hertfordshire that they would be playing at Cople but had had no response from Hertfordshire as to whether they were happy with this venue.

### Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

### Chairmans Report to the AGM on 11th June 2008

We have come to the end of another year and I am sorry to say that we have had more problems this year than we have ever had in the past, although they were different to those we encountered last year. The one thing that did go fairly smoothly was the League fixtures, with all games being played on the designated date, however, on one occasion a County was unable to field 24 players and although the captains came to an agreement at the time we have put it on tonights Agenda for a decision to be made for a similar situation in the future. The main concern this year has been the attendance of Bedfordshire at our tournaments. Last September at very short notice we were informed that they could not get a team so would not be coming to Braintree for the Teambowl, it was suggested to them that they could send as many players as possible and at least take part in one or two of the disciplines but they declined to do this and it was far to late to re-arrange the Format so every session one County had to sit out. At the October committee meeting we were informed by Bedfordshire that they would be unable to host the 6 Counties Championships in April and it was only due to the good offices of Maureen that we were able to hire Soham Sports Centre and as Maureen also offered to do the Administration on the day that the event was able to take place. After these two problems I had hoped that the Champion of Champions would go without a hitch, but this was not to be either, I received a telephone call from the Bedfordshire Secretary, Trevor Tumber, to say they would not be sending anyone to this event because they had not held any Closed Championships, I made a decision and said they could send any 10 bowlers to the event even though they were not their champions but it transpired that Bedfordshire bowlers thought it was to far to travel to Stalham to play, so they would not bother. To say I was disappointed was putting it mildly, Maureen puts in a lot of hard work producing the playing formats for our tournaments and once again we were left with players having to sit and watch when they were due to play Bedfordshire. I do not feel we can have another year of such disruption, so if Bedfordshire are intending to stay in the Association I hope they will be committed to all of our events.

On a more pleasant note I would like to congratulate Cambridgeshire on winning the National Championships at Blackpool last November, with Suffolk as the Runners Up. Cambridgeshire also won the League for 2007/08 and will play Sunderland on Friday night in November this year. The Teambowl last September was won by Suffolk, as was the 6 Counties Championship. The last event of the year was the Champion of Champions and congratulations go to the following winners, Singles, Cambridgeshire, Pairs, Hertfordshire, Triples, Norfolk and Rinks, Norfolk, with the Team Trophy also going to Norfolk.

Finally I wish to express my thanks to my fellow Officers for their help and support over what has not been an easy year and to thank the county delegates who have attended our committee meetings and give their time and effort to the Association



Margaret Southgate  
Chairman