

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 9th October 2008

Apologies

Peter – Suffolk – Neil attended
Rob & Rebecca – Herts – Roy attended
Pauline – Beds

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting were signed and agreed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked Suffolk for hosting the Team Bowl. Congratulations to the winners, Cambridgeshire.

An announcement – On April 19th 2009 is the ECCBA 6 Counties tournament but it has been noted that T&D Holidays have also booked the Pairs at Hembsy for the same time. It is hoped that all Captains/players remember their commitment to their own Counties. ECCBA dates are arranged and distributed to all Counties well ahead of schedule.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported the balance as:

3769.40	Business Premium Account
1659.91	Community Account
<u>77.88</u>	Cash in hand
5507.19	

An invoice for the Team Bowl hall hire has yet to be received by Maureen, a cheque for the Air Ambulance will be issued once all monies has been sorted. The presentation will be made at the County league game Suffolk v Cambridgeshire in November.

There are payments outstanding for the league fees from Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

£10 has been paid by Bedfordshire to cover the raffle costs for the tournament that they did not attend.

The insurance has been taken out with Endsleigh - £210 public liability and £105 officers cover.

League Secretary's Report

League secretary was absent

Home games are to be played at the following venues:

Bedfordshire – Cople/Putteridge
Cambridgeshire – Milton
Essex – Braintree
Hertfordshire – Woodson Park/Ware
Norfolk – Wortwell
Suffolk – Risby/Bildeston

6 Counties April 2009 – Littleport, Cambs
Team Bowl Sept 2009 – Ware, Herts

Review of Tournaments

Team Bowl

Suffolk were thanked for hosting the tournament, everything went smoothly on the day.

Margaret would prefer not to present trophies to people holding a baby/child. The presentation only takes a few minutes where someone else could look after the child. Margaret felt that some respect is to be paid to ECCBA.

Thank you to Maureen for producing the programmes and score cards for the day.

Proposal

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
- c. the number of players short are picked from the 12 players missing that session. Draw to be made prior to the 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.

A vote was taken with the following result:

a – 1 b – 2 c – 3

Proposal c was carried with slight revision

The players (up to 7) must be drawn before the commencement of the match. No player can play more than 4 games. If a county has 8 players short then the match would be void and would need to be re-arranged. Players drawn out cannot play in the same position as they are already playing or as skip in the game where they are replacement bowler. A deduction of 1 point per player short will be made from the final score.

Any Other Business

The centralising of venues was discussed at a previous meeting but no decision was made. As from 2010 the venue for the 6 Counties & Team Bowl will be centralised. April 2010 6 Counties will be held at Braintree, September 2010 Team Bowl will be held at Littleport (assuming that the venues are free on the dates required – Mervyn & Maureen will check availability).

Cambridgeshire raised a view that the home team always play with black woods rather than tossing for colour. It was decided that at the ECCBA tournaments it was not always easy to find the relevant person to toss for colour so it was agreed that 15 minutes prior to the commencement of both the 6 Counties & the Team Bowl tournaments that all County captains are to meet to arrange playing colours. League matches will take the usual process of tossing at the start of the game.

Maureen distributed the team bowl results.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th March 2009

Meeting closed at 9.15pm