

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 15th October 2009-10-17

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Hertfordshire for organising the Team Bowl at Soham. Suffolk were the winners with Essex Runners-up. The day raised £450 for the Lister Renal Unit. The Chairman also thanked Maureen for the work she puts in prior to each tournament and Clare, for her efforts as Secretary. Margaret reminded the committee that this is her last year as Chair!

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the balance as:

£4,174.29 Business Premium Account £850.61 Community Account £108.31 Cash

A total balance of £5,133.21.

Insurance premiums, £210 Public Liability and £105 'Officers' were paid in July to Endsleigh.

All the Counties' League fees have been received.

7. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that Hertfordshire will be playing at Cottered this season and Rebecca remains as County contact. Other venues were reported as:

Beds. Barton-le-Clay(vs Norfolk & Suffolk); Cople (vs Essex)

Cambs. Milton - except vs Herts (Jan) t.b.a.

Norfolk Wortwell

Suffolk Bildeston

Reminder All Counties are reminded that Team Sheets must be exchanged prior to the start of a match.

8. Review of Tournaments - Team Bowl

The Chairman commented that the Team Bowl event had run smoothly and, as reported earlier, had made a satisfactory profit. There had been one problem with a Score Sheet that had not been completed correctly. In view of this; Skips are reminded that they must take care when signing off the result of a game.

8. cont'd.

Rob suggested that on occasion a more effective P.A. system would be useful. During a short discussion regarding the possible purchase of suitable equipment Norfolk offered to loan a system for a trial period.

In answer to a query from Suffolk re mats at Braintree and Littleport the Chairman suggested that mat availability should be checked prior to hosting an event. The somewhat poor quality of the mats at Littleport was discussed, they have eight available, therefore a host needs to bring, or arrange for the supply of, a further four. The mat quality was resolved on the understanding that 'they are the same for everyone'.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairman stated that the fuel allowance for Officers had stood at 15p /mile for some time now and questioned whether it should be increased. Following some discussion Rob Washbrook proposed, seconded by Trevor Tumber (Sec.), that the allowance be increased to 25p/mile. This was agreed unanimously.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th March 2010.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

PJ's Notes from ECCBA Meeting on 15th October 2009

All counties attended except Essex.

Trevor Tumber of Bedfordshire is the new secretary.

Thanks to Hertfordshire - £450 was raised at the Teambowl for Lister Renal Unit.

Treasurer confirmed assets at £5133.21

This year's league matches will be played at:

Cottered (Herts)

Bildeston (Suffolk)

Wortwell (Norfolk)

Cople & Barton le Clay (Beds) Cople v Essex, Barton v Cambs & Norfolk

Milton (Cambs)

Braintree (Essex)

Captains to be reminded to exchange team sheets before the start of matches and notify opposition of details one month in advance.

There was discussion on the checking of score sheets following problems - no change but captains asked to remind skips of need to double check results before signing.

Discussion on carpets at Littleport for Teambowl - there are 8 carpets available there but counties encouraged to take their own (better) ones when they are hosting.

Fuel allowance for delegates etc raised to 25p per mile.

Margaret Southgate reminded the meeting that she will be standing down as chairman at the end of this year so all counties need to be thinking about a suitable successor.

Date of next AGM changed to 24th June 2010

Next meeting 11th March 2010