

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### 1. Apologies

Mr T Tumber, Mr G Savage.

### 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

Margaret delivered her last report before resigning her post after 12 years of service. Margaret gave special thanks to Maureen and Barry for all their help. Maureen gave thanks to Margaret for her hard work and friendship. Chairman's full report attached.

### 5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

### 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that a letter of thanks had been received from East Anglian Air Ambulance for the outstanding donation. The annual balance sheet duly audited was issued, discussed and approved

### 7. League Secretary's Report

Scoring was discussed and will remain as per current rules

#### 7.1 Scorecards – Letter from Cambridgeshire Captain.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The competition secretary agreed to add county name alongside the space for the Skips signature. The Chairman advised that if any changes to the rules were to be considered this would have to be proposed at a regular committee meeting. It was agreed that the main Trophy would be engraved as Suffolk the winners. However, Suffolk agreed this but declined to accept the trophy.

### 8. Review of Tournaments

Champion of Champions 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010. A enjoyable day all round at Braintree. Good venue but really needs the big hall for more space, but would cost considerably more.

Secretary to add item to next regular meeting agenda.( 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 ) - Running the Team Bowl

Venues for next season

Bedfordshire = Barton. Suffolk = Bildeston. Essex = Braintree. Norfolk = Wortwell.

Cambridge = ?.

Hertfordshire = Cottered.

## 9. Election of Officers

The officers were duly proposed and seconded as follows

Chairman	Mike Walker
Secretary	Trevor Tumber
Treasurer	Maurcen Giddens
Competition Secretary	Maureen Giddens
League Secretary	Rob Washbrook
Auditor	Billy Wilson

## 10. Fees

The level of fees were discussed. It was agreed that no increase was required at this time.

## 11. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked Margaret for her hard work and dedication during her long period as Chairman and for her continuing support and help.

Neil Jolly advised that Jason is running a Juniors competition on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

A regular meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 , New Astley Club, Newmarket at 8.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.



## Chairmans Report to AGM 10th June 2010

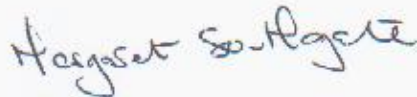
This will be my last Chairmans Report to the AGM, I have enjoyed my involvement with the Eastern Counties as Chairman and prior to that position in 1998 I had attended all the meetings since 1993 with Tony Webber .

We have made great strides in those years, the formation of the Leagues and the 6 Counties Championship which were followed by the Tcambowl in January 1997 and the Champion of Champions in July of the same year. By the AGM of June 2000 we had devised our Constitution so that we were formally an Association. In 2004 Rob Washbrook the League Co-ordinator set out the Calender of dates for League Matches and main events. Maureen Giddens spent some time going through the Minutes and pulled together all the various decisions made at our meetings regarding the running of our events and produced a set of Rules which were agreed by all the delegates at last years AGM and given to each County. It had become obvious that as new Delegates attended meetings several decisions had not been passed on or had been forgotten, each County put their point of view and the final draft became effective in June 2009.

During the past 12 years I have had the support of several secretaries, Starting with Jill Emms followed by Sandra Gammage, Clare Lord and Trevor Tumber, the League Co-ordinator has been Rob Washbrook and after Jill Emms gave up as Treasurer that position has been ably filled by Maureen Giddens, which she combines with Competition Secretary. They have all helped enormously, we really do work together, this has been the most friendly Committee to be involved with. I will miss it but it is time for someone else to take over the reins and bring new ideas forward.

My special thanks go to Maureen, who does a tremendous amount of work for the Association especially prior to our main events in producing the Format (which I always checked for her) and the Programmes and scorecards on the day, these are not jobs which only take a few minutes. I would also like to express my thanks to Barry , Maureens husband, I know from personal experience how much we need the support from our husband in order to work for the good of the Association.

Finally I give my best wishes to my successor, I hope you will find as much satisfaction and friendship as I have, this is due to the attitude of the County Delegates who work together for the good of Carpet Bowls. Long may the Association continue to prosper.



Margaret Southgate  
Chairman