

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### 1. Apologies

George Savage. Rebecca Gammage

### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### 3. Matters Arising

Re: ECBA, the Chairman (MW) commented that the ECBA web site is proving to be effective - Bedfordshire have been contacted, via the site, by a Northamptonshire village hall to assist with a demonstration. The 'role of the ECBA' issue had not resulted in a positive outcome at the January meeting. Perhaps the March meeting will be more fruitful.

### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

### 5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

### 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (MG) reported that the current balances are:

£4,637.02 Business Saver Account; £478.78 Community Account; £73.33 Cash, giving a total balance of £5,189.13.

Forthcoming payments: Counties expenses for hall hire.

- Counties Please Note: Send in your expenses as soon as possible. \*

The committee approved the Treasurer's proposed budget for this season's trophies.

### 7. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary (RW) apologised for the late issue of the League Table. This had been caused by waiting to receive some score sheets. Emailing the results ( then post the originals) would help. The Chairman asked for the final results to be emailed direct to Mick Watkins [mjwportmac@hotmail.com](mailto:mjwportmac@hotmail.com) for inclusion on the Web Page

### 8. Review of Tournaments

The next tournament is the Six Counties Championships at Braintree, hosted by Essex on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Maureen will be sending the programme out very shortly.

The Champion of Champions will be hosted by Hertfordshire at the Drill Hall, Ware, on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Rebecca will send location maps/directions to assist locating the venue. (proposed by RW!)

#### 9. Any Other Business

Essex have now completed six referee courses and have a further four planned. These are part of their policy that all clubs will have qualified referees. ECBA are drawing up an action plan on the issue of training referees to a national standard. More from the March meeting perhaps?

Maureen commented that advertising details of Open tournaments is not very effective. After a short discussion the Chairman suggested that counties should send him their open event dates and details whilst the web site is investigated.

**Note:** Following the meeting the Chairman confirmed that lists of events should be emailed to Mick Watkins [mjwportmac@hotmail.com](mailto:mjwportmac@hotmail.com) as soon as they become available.

#### 10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011** at 8.00pm in the New Astley Club, Newmarket. **Please note the change from the provisional date!**

Provisional dates for the remaining meetings in 2011 are :-  
Committee: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.