

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 13th October 2011

1. Apologies

Paul Daniels, George Savage.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman commented that the season had begun well and gave a report of the ECBA Referee Proposals:-

- David Storey and Mick Watkins will be National Trainers for Northern and Eastern counties respectively.
- A maximum of 6 'English Referees' to be appointed in each county by the National Trainer – in consultation with the relevant county trainer referee.
- If appointees have no recent referee qualification a refresher course would be mandatory.
- English referees required to commit to officiating at major events.
- Existing referees not appointed to 'English' status would be designated 'County Referees' to officiate only within their own county.
- Counties able to appoint new County Referees, subject to their badges and certificates being different to those for the English.
- Counties would be responsible for costs incurred in training County Referees.

Also, ECBA are considering amendments to the current issue of the Rules. Suggestions are welcome from counties.

It was noted that ECCBA counties, in general, do not use the Delivery Box rule and will recommend that this rule be struck. (Rule 1.3 in the version on the ECBA web site – *Sec.*)

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

£3,037.86 (£4,637.02) Business Saver Account; £1,492.97 (£478.78) Community Account; £137.05 (£73.33) Cash, giving a total balance of £4,667.88 (£5,189.13). Figs. in () are previous amounts.

The majority of League fees have been received but Essex and Cambridgeshire have still to pay.

7. League Secretary's Report

As the League Secretary (PD) was not present the Chairman reported that each county's Team captain has been sent then full season's programme and all results will be emailed to Paul – or 'phoned - as appropriate.

8. Review of Tournaments

The Teambowl in September had been very successful and Magpas have been very appreciative of the donation.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked that counties put their tournaments and/or trials on the ECCBA page by passing their details to Paul, p_daniels@yahoo.com or to Mick Watkins, mjwportmac@hotmail.com.

Cambridgeshire and Suffolk wish to keep 9 ends for the Six Counties Championships and the Chairman noted that the general feeling is to keep to '9 ends and substitutes as per the current rules'.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 8th March 2012 at 8.00pm in the New Astley Club, Newmarket.

Provisional date for the AGM is 21st June 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59 pm.

Addendum

Item 7 refers: Since the meeting it has come to light that the League sheets had been inadvertently sent to Bedfordshire's County Captain, George Savage, who will now distribute them during the Nationals at Potters 11th - 14th November.