

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket on Thursday 8th March 2012

1. Apologies

Barry Giddens, Paul Daniels, George Savage.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were amended – the Sec's reference to ECBA 'rule 1.3' should have read 'rule 1.4' – then agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

The costs associated with training of referees was clarified. 'English' referees will be trained by ECBA, up to 6 per county. 'County' referees' training costs will be met by their county.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman (MW) congratulated Essex on having their programme of fixtures up on their new website and commented that it was disappointing that Cambridgeshire and Suffolk have yet to follow suit. It was agreed that these counties would address the matter.

The Chairman then reminded counties that ECBA are conducting a review of the rules and added that having completed three years in the post he would not be standing for re-election at the AGM.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report other than he would not be standing for re-election at the AGM. It was noted that should there be no nominations for the vacancies the committee would have to resort to the 'names-in-a-hat' process again!

6. Treasurer's Report

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

£5,038.88 (£3,037.86) Business Saver Account; £212.97 (£1,492.97) Community Account; £115.05 (£137.05) Cash, giving a total balance of £5,366.90 (£4,667.88). Figs. in () are previous amounts.

Forthcoming expenses will be the costs relating to League matches.

Please Note: As the year end is **30th April**, all counties must submit their charges before that date for all related expenses to be accounted in the current financial year.

**** The Treasurer commented that it would be particularly helpful if they could be submitted by the middle of April so that they can be paid out at the Six Counties Championships on 15th April. ****

7. League Secretary's Report

There was no report as the League Secretary (PD) was not present but the Chairman commented that results are appearing very promptly on the website thanks to Paul's efforts.

8. Review of Tournaments

Forthcoming: Six Counties Championships on 15th April – hosted by Suffolk.

MC has agreed the programmes and they are ready for issue

8. cont'd.

PJ checked that MG had booked the venue and clarified details regarding raffle prizes and re-imbursement of costs by ECCBA.

During a discussion re supply of mats – there will be 8 from Essex and 4 from Suffolk, it was noted that ECCBA will pay costs of van hire for moving mats.

MG confirmed that she would supply score cards and trophies.

9. Any Other Business

PJ queried the proposed Delivery Box rule change – Bedfordshire propose the striking of rule 1.4 – the line limiting the length of a delivery as this is considered to be unworkable.

The Chairman again reminded all counties that rule change proposals should be submitted to the ECBA Secretary.

A discussion regarding the ECCBA 'Substitutes' rule and whether a substitute is 'permanent' or 'temporary' decided that to avoid confusion the matter be subject to a decision at the AGM. (Sec to add to the agenda.)

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 21st June at the New Astley Club, Newmarket.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm.