

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 21st June 2012 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: M. Walker, T. Tumber, M. Giddens, P. Daniels
County Representatives: B. Giddens (Cambs), M. Bushe (Essex), R. Hearn (Herts),
G. Sutton (Norfolk) and P. Jones (Suffolk)
Also attended by 3 members of the associated counties

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G. Savage (Bedfordshire)

2. **Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th June 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Mike Walker, reported that it had been another good year in which there were no issues regarding scorecards, or anything else. It was particularly pleasing to find results 'posted' on the website so promptly.

The Chairman wished to record his thanks to all committee members for their commitment, support and regular attendance, despite the travelling involved and especially the Secretary Trevor Tumber, who, having been press-ganged into the post for one year had now served for three and was now standing down.

5. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had nothing to report.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Maureen Giddens, presented an Audited Statement of Account for the year ending 30th April 2012.

Business Saver Account £2,759.50, Community Account £300.00 and Cash £89.00
being a total of £3,148.50

In comparison to last year, there was a loss of £228.79

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6. **Treasurer's Report** - continued

From the analysis of events, the following were highlighted.

- The league costs were covered, this normally breaks-even. The cost of trophies was slightly higher due to the fact that these were purchased in boxes of 6, leaving 5 held in stock.
- The Champion of Champions saw a loss of £79.48 but the event held in 2012 which will show in next year's accounts, there will be a profit of around £50.00
- With the Six Counties Championships there was a small loss of £17.60. The cost of hall hire at Braintree is now quite expensive due to the amount increased annually.

In response to the costs at the Braintree Leisure Centre, the Essex representative advised the costs are something Essex are looking into, as a change of organisation running the leisure centre when the present contract runs out may see a small reduction for next year instead of an increase, but this is not confirmed.

The Chairman recorded his thanks to the Auditor, Mr W B Wilson.

7. **League Secretary's Report**

The League Secretary, Paul Daniels, reported that all results were being sent through promptly, making his task easier, and congratulated Suffolk on winning the Eastern League.

8. **Review of Tournaments**

Maureen Giddens remarked that all the tournaments have gone well.

Regarding the Champion of Champions, Maureen queried the Pairs being as a 3 wood competition when the English play 2 woods each and questioned if we should look to change to be the same as the English. After discussion it was agreed this is a format of play and not a rule change, and for each county to discuss this item and decide at the next committee meeting whether to stay the same or change to 2 woods in the Pairs.

8.1. **Review of the Substitutes Rule**

The proposed amendment to the rules regarding the use of substitutes (as circulated) was discussed and unanimously agreed.

The amendment to read: Once a player has been substituted they would not be allowed to take any further part in the match.

8.2. **ECBA Rules Exclusions**

The Chairman presented a report regarding the amendment of the rules agreed at the English AGM.

It was noted that Rule 1.4 – the 'delivery box' was not accepted for amendment, considered by the Chairman that perhaps further clarification of this amendment at the meeting would have been helpful.

It was noted that all mats will need the box marked on them when used for the Eastern Counties events, although the ECCBA do not consider it to be policeable.

8. **Review of Tournaments** - continued

8.3. **Competition Venues**

The Chairman checked on the views of the committee regarding the venues used for the events.

The Champion of Champions is rotated around each county and with finding a venue to hold the 6 mats needed, this is not a problem. The Teambowl is held at Littleport and this remains ok. The Six Counties at Braintree was the only venue to be looked at due only to the cost. After discussing alternatives the Drill Hall at Ware was considered to be a good alternative due to its location and being less expensive.

Hertfordshire will enquire on the availability of the Drill Hall and also Cambridgeshire to enquire on alternative venues within their county. This to be further discussed at the next committee meeting but to bear in mind that Braintree has been booked in advance.

9. **Election of Officers**

With the present Secretary standing down, nominations were sought for this position. As no prior nominations were received, the present Officers agreed to take on changes to their present roles and in view of this the Chairman agreed to continue.

The Officers were duly proposed and elected en-bloc as follows:-

Chairman	Mike Walker
Secretary	Maureen Giddens
Treasurer	Maureen Giddens
Tournament Secretary	Paul Daniels
League Secretary	Paul Daniels
Auditor	Billy Wilson

10. **Fees**

Taking into the consideration the predicted income/expenditure during this next year, the Treasurer recommended to increase the annual subscription by £10.00 to £60.00. The annual subscription is due within 28 days of the AGM.

The other fees to remain the same at £3.00 per player. (The league fees £360.00 in total per county are payable in advance and due prior to the start of the league)

This was agreed.

11. **Any Other Business**

- i. Following a query regarding the level of insurance cover, the type of cover the Association is insured for was clarified in that the Association is covered for Directors & Officers Liability and Public Liability. As the equipment we use is not our property but on loan for the events, our insurance does not cover for Product Insurance.

11. **Any Other Business** - continued

- ii. Gerald Sutton queried the availability of mats at Littleport in preparation for the Teambowl they will be hosting. Maureen replied that although there are eight mats at Littleport, Cambridgeshire will liaise with Gerald regarding the 12 mats needed but pointed out that although they were 'not good' they were the same for all players.
- iii. The Chairman queried the ease of booking Littleport as Bedfordshire now have no 'large' venue available. Maureen replied that normally there is no problem in making a booking within the area of Littleport.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a Committee Meeting and this was arranged for Thursday 18th October 2012.

At the same time the meetings for 2013 were arranged as follows:

Committee Meeting – Thursday 14th March 2013

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 20th June 2013

All to be held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket at 8.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date