

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 18th October 2012 at 8.00pm

Present: Officers: M. Walker- Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
County Representatives: G. Savage (Beds), B. Giddens (Cambs)
G. Sutton (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

Firstly the Chairman welcomed Neil Jolly to the meeting, who is now the representative for Suffolk.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Essex, Hertfordshire and the Tournament & League Secretary - P. Daniels.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 8th March 2012 were confirmed.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous committee meeting but an item raised at the AGM was discussed regarding the number of woods played in the Pairs at the Champion of Champions. The present format is 3 woods each and the suggestion was to change to 2 woods each over the 9 ends to be consistent with the format of play at the English Champion of Champions. This was agreed by all counties present.

It was further clarified that the Pairs in the Teambowl which is played over 7 ends will remain at 3 woods each.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report as the items he wished to discuss would be covered under the Tournament & League Secretary's agenda item.

5. **Secretary & Treasurers Report**

The Contact List will be updated and issued with these minutes.

On the accounts, the balances stand at:

Business Saver Account £4,160.32 Community Account £387.18 and Cash £100.32
totalling £4,647.82

It was noted that apart from two counties the league fees payable in advance had been received. Reminders had been sent to advise these are payable by 31st October.

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6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

As the League & Tournament Secretary was unable to attend the meeting, a report was forwarded as follows:

Tournaments

I would prefer to see the correct score recorded in the final results regardless of any errors on the scoresheets. Needless to say the skips should take responsibility for ensuring that they are signing for the correct score. Even though changing the score takes just a moment, before we get to that point any amendment needs to be agreed by both sides and the later in the day that happens, the more problematic it becomes and we need to do whatever we can to avoid any possible disputes.

I have to say that Maureen advised me to add the team names to the bottom of the scoresheet, but I forgot to do so and that in itself might well have averted the problems. I have already amended the scoresheets for next year's event.

It might be worth considering a change to the rules which would see the first named team playing black and the second brown, which would also save the captains some time.

If the rule stays as it is then something similar to a ballot box might be considered. Once the scoresheet is dropped into the box it becomes final. This might avoid the possibility of a result being commented upon and discussed before it is recorded, thus removing any dispute about the point at which the result is set in stone.

On a final note I am pleased to say that there were no problems with any of the scores at the National Championships. If there were any problems with scorecards they were sorted out between the teams involved before they were handed in, which is exactly as it should be.

Items discussed at the meeting:

There were some spoilt scorecards at the Teambowl which affected the recorded results. The reason for introducing that signed scoresheets results stood once handed in, was due to the results being handwritten. It was also noted that it is the responsibility of the skips to check the scorecard is correct before signing.

The Chairman put forward that results if incorrectly recorded on the scoresheet they could be corrected even after signed and handed in, this being the same as that of the English CBA. Although Hertfordshire was not at the meeting, they were aware this item was to be discussed and felt that this is a ruling and any change would need to be taken to the AGM. The Chairman advised this was an administration matter and could be decided at the committee meeting.

The procedure on how to rectify this and at which stage the cut off point would be, this was discussed and also queried if it happened in the last session. As the results are now entered by computer it is easy enough to correct a score prior to the final results being printed.

It was agreed by all present to allow scores to be corrected at any stage. Where an error has been picked up it will be for the team captains involved to go to the desk and confirm any correction. The team captains will also have the opportunity to double check the final results before they are announced.

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6. **League & Tournament Secretary's Report**

The suggestion for the first named team to play with black woods was discussed and felt it would assist with both keeping the correct score and avoid the initial finding the opposing captain to toss to decide colours. It was agreed by all counties present to change to this but to remain choosing colours at league matches.

Bedfordshire felt strongly that the team should keep their own score and not hand out the scorecard for someone else to record on their behalf.

7. **Any Other Business**

- i. Norfolk congratulated Cambridgeshire for winning the Teambowl and thanked those who helped, especially to Paul for doing the scoring and to Dean for transporting the mats.

A point also raised was the amount of rubbish left behind. It was suggested that more rubbish bins are needed at Littleport although it is no excuse for people not to clear away their own rubbish.

- ii. The cost of hiring Braintree for the Six Counties Championships had previously been raised. It was advised that negotiations are still ongoing for a reduction in the cost. With new management at the centre who have indicated they want prestigious events, it is hoped a discounted rate will be given. It was noted that we would prefer to remain at Braintree and in the meantime no alternative venue will be sought.

- iii. The venues for home league matches were advised as:

Bedfordshire	Barton le Clay
Cambridgeshire	Milton
Essex	Braintree
Hertfordshire	Ware
Norfolk	Wortwell
Suffolk	Bildeston

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 14th March 2013.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date