



# *English Carpet Bowls Association*

## **Minutes of a Meeting held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 at The Courtyard Hotel, Rotherham.**

Present: Chairman Mr. Tony Cuthbert, Vice Chairman Mr Jason Ellis, Secretary Mrs. Ann Hardy,  
Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Southgate.  
Representatives from: Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk,  
Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Suffolk Sunderland.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Referee Mr. David Storey.

### **Minutes of last meeting.**

Following the deletion of the following sentence under the heading of Potters 2006 "The Chairman thought that this perhaps should not be the case". The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **Matters Arising.**

North Tyneside – Have the events that took place at Hemsby been put to rest? As there is no reference to that appearing in the minutes of the last meeting. The Chairman replied that as unless someone comes forward with further information then we are unable to pursue the matter any further

Mrs. Southgate - Shot Bowl – payment still has not been received for the ad in the Rules booklet – Mrs Hardy to chase.

Insurance – Due to the high cost of Public Liability being asked for the secretary has asked that they continue to reduce this before a complete package is circulated. The emphasis has been put that we must have something in place for May at the latest.

### **Chairman's Report.**

All items that the Chairman wished to comment on would be covered during the meeting.

### **Secretary's Report.**

Interest in Carpet Bowls has recently been received from Cornwall and Devon. Cheadle FC are having a new community based stadium built and would like to include a room that would accommodate up to 10 carpets.

Mr. Ramshaw has received a request for us to have a visit at Blackpool from someone based in Liverpool who would like to introduce Carpet Bowls in to her local area.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

The balances showing for each of the associations bank accounts are as follows: Current account £191.78, Premium account £1,029.41, Step Interest account £18,558.46, giving a total of £19,779.65.

Since the introduction of the "Step Interest" we are now receiving a increase in the amounts of interest being paid.

The overall balance is currently showing an increase of £4,000 on this time last year. This is mainly down to the revenue coming in from the Potters mid week break.

This years accounts will reflect a total of 13 months as the accounts do not close this year to the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Referee's Report.**

As Mr. Storey was unable to attend this meeting no report was available.

### **ECBA Competitions.**

**Rinks 2006.** A total of 40 entries have been received for this competition. It was suggested that the low number of teams entering this event was due to it being held on Easter Weekend. However it was agreed that in 2007 it would still be held at Easter in the Eastern Counties as there are a limited number of dates available in the calendar, and by having the competition at Easter means that the people travelling from other parts of the country do not have to use holiday days from their annual entitlement.

The Chairman stated that he was disappointed to have received a number of requests for entry forms as they had not been fully distributed in a number of counties/clubs. We rely entirely on the network of secretaries to get these entry forms out to the players, when this falls down we end up with the possibility of a very low number of teams entering our competitions.

The possibility of having our competitions at two main venues Durham in the north and one to be agreed in the Eastern Counties was discussed. It was agreed that Durham would be where the venue will be located to hold ECBA competitions in the north. But each county in the north will still rotate the administration of each event.

It was suggested that the Eastern Counties discuss the location of the venue to be used in that part of the country when they next meet.

**Potters 2006.** A total of 58 rinks, 111 pairs and 142 singles have entered the competitions that form the Festival of Carpet Bowls at Potters.

There are a number of people attending that are non-players, as it is the players that actually contribute to the ECBA, and whilst it is appreciated that there will always be some non-players, the Chairman would not like to see this level increase as this is not intended as a holiday break with bowls, the main purpose is to take part in the competitions. It is hoped that there are some bowlers amongst those that have not entered this year that will complete a rink and make up a pair, this will fill gaps in the format.

**Champion of Champions 2006.** The programmes distributed to the delegates attending this meeting.

All ten counties confirmed that they will be represented in all events on this occasion.

**County Championships 2006.** Concern was raised about the ability of people to book appropriate meal times at the Norbreck especially on the Friday evening when Durham will play Suffolk. Mrs. Hardy suggested that she speaks to the hotel and requests that the sittings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm are held specifically for Carpet Bowlers.

It was confirmed that all counties taking part in the Championships intend to claim the agreed subsidy from the ECBA.

Mrs. Southgate asked if Mr. Walker from Pitlington CBC, Durham will be administering the Friendly Pairs on his own or would he have an assistant. It was thought that he is quite capable of organising this competition on his own.

### **Annual General Meeting.**

The AGM will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Norbreck Hotel, Blackpool.

All officers with the exception of Mr. Storey are willing to stand for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. Nominations for Referee, and two Development Officers will be sought at the AGM.

There were no proposals to be put to the AGM from the Executive Committee.

### **The Alliance.**

The secretary distributed to the delegates a copy of an Agreement on behalf of the Alliance. This agreement will form the basis of the operation of the Alliance. Delegates were asked to come back to the secretary with any comments/amendments at the Champion of Champions weekend. The next meeting of the Alliance will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and it would be preferable to have comments for that meeting. The final document will be discussed at the next Executive meeting in July.

### **Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006 commencing at midday assuming that the room is available.

### **Any Other Business**

There were no items brought forward for discussion under this item.

With all matters concluded the meeting was declared closed at 1:25 p.m.