

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY
25 April 2015**

Present: Chairman, Treasurer, and representatives from Bedfordshire, Durham, Essex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Suffolk & Sunderland

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Jamie Smith & Andy Gilder.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting**
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 3. Matters Arising from previous minutes**
Development of Carpet Bowls
Mick Watkins reported that a demo would be undertaken shortly in the West Country. Also that the web page had been very active over the last 12 months.

The Chairman reported that carpet bowls in Scandinavia was expanding rapidly, and that we would continue to work with them.
Rebecca Hearne advised that the Special Olympics would be held in Sheffield in 2017. It was agreed that the ECBA would support Rebecca in running the carpet bowls event.
- 4. Correspondence**
Letters received from Sport England and Potters Leisure were discussed
- 5. Chairman's Report**
The Chairman had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
- 6. Secretary's Report**
N/A
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
Community Account - £540.22
Business Saving Account 1 - Closed
Business Saving Account 2 - £17,069.28 . The total balances were £17,609.50
- 8. Referee's Report**
There was no report in the absence of the referee
- 9. Child Protection Officer's Report**
There was no report in the absence of the Child Protection Officer.
- 10. Policies**
.Further to the Letter from Sport England and their request that we establish policies for – Anti Doping, Equality and Diversity, Complaints, and Conflict of interest before re-applying for registration. It was discussed at length, and the Chairman pointed out that in part this was a legal requirement. It was agreed that said policies should be drawn up and submitted to the delegates for approval.
- 11. Champion of Champions 2016**
Following on from our previous meeting it was agreed that the 2016 event would be held at Soham. Due to the much lower cost of the venue no County fee would be levied.
- 12. Advertising/Sponsorship**
After considerable discussion it was agreed that in order to facilitate this for the future, rule 1.3 should be struck out from the constitution. T be carried forward to the AGM for ratification.

13. National County Championships 2015

Potters leisure have been requested to leave out additional equipment in order that the Referee can select the most suitable for our needs.

14. Festival of Carpet Bowls

Regrettably numbers were down from last year. However, 118 single, 80 pairs and 40 rinks were booked.

15 Date of next meeting - 26th September 2015

16 Any Other Business None .