

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM of the English Carpet Bowls Association held on 14th April 2018
at the Holiday Inn, Rotherham

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

1. Apologies for absence

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Hertfordshire

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

None

4. Chairman's Report

A year of mixed emotions for me.

On the bright side, we will be holding the first Carpet bowls International this year and enjoying a large number of guests at the Festival of Bowls. We also ran carpet bowls for the Special Olympics, another first, my thanks to Rebecca Hearn and all who helped, over a very exciting and enjoyable week. It was also great to watch Colin Young repeatedly upstaging the TV celebrity at the presentations.

Another new venture was carpet bowls future inclusion in the Indoor Bowler magazine. This should greatly improve knowledge of our sport, and its activities, via this world wide publication.

However, on the downside.

We have seen the necessity to deal with bad conduct and form a disciplinary panel, as well as a rise in drunken or yobish behaviour at our National Championships. It is very important that we stamp this out. County Captains must take a lead in ensuring all their players and guests are aware of our code of conduct. In addition I have requested that Potters Resort security team take a zero tolerance with any of our players in the late night bars. Any incidents will be reported back to the ECBA and the code of conduct will be invoked.

In conclusion

As we will hear from our Treasurers report our finances are back on a firm footing. And I am looking forward to another successful year of our association and sport.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all the officers and delegates for their hard work and support over the past year.

5. Secretary's Report

None

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Association turned a small profit of £88.10 on the year..

While the profit from the Festival was up by £400 (£2982 from £2563) this was offset by losses from the Nationals which increased nearly £600 in 2017, from £2107 to £2690 owing to a reduced number of guests.

Income from the Triples & Rinks was down with an overall profit of £116 compared with £384 in the previous year and the Champion of Champions came closer to break even, losing £43 compared with £132 in 2016.

7. Referee's Report

None

8. Policy Revision

Changes to The Code of Conduct were agreed unanimously.

9. Election of Officers

Mick Watkins has stepped down from the office of National Referee but has agreed to fill the post of Development Officer
The current officers were re-elected: Chairman - Mike Walker, Vice Chairman Colin Young, Treasurer & Competitions Secretary - Paul Daniels, Child Protection Officer - Rebecca Hearn. The post of Secretary remains open.

10. Annual Membership Fee

It was agreed that Membership Fees remain at £100 (£20 for Associate Members).

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.50 PM