

## ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting of the English Carpet Bowls Association held on Saturday 13th January 2018  
at the Holiday Inn, Rotherham

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

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cambridgeshire

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

None

#### Development of Carpet Bowls

The stock of Rule Books now stands at around 150, approximately one year's supply. The committee was asked to go away and consider any rules which need to be amended before a reprint later in the year.

The Short Mat International magazine produced by Bob Weafer has now had a name change to 'The Indoor Bowler' and has been expanded to include coverage of Carpet Bowls. The magazine is issued 4 times a year, costs £6.95 pa and Bob will welcome any contributions from anyone within the Association.

#### Website

None

### 4. Correspondence

An email has been received from David Scofield concerning the English Pairs Trophy. As that particular event has not been held for several years David has been good enough to offer it to the ECBA for use at an event. While the committee appreciated the very generous offer it was felt that the Association does not currently run an event of sufficient stature to do justice to the trophy. However Mick Watkins agreed to discuss the matter further with David.

### 5. Chairman's Report

None, other than matters which will be brought up later.

### 6. Secretary's Report

None

### 7. Treasurer's Report

Since the last meeting the National Championships have been held and this year saw a much reduced income as a result of a reduction in the number of people attending the event. As a result losses increased to £2690 from £2106 in 2016.

### 8. Referee's Report

Mick Watkins thanks all the counties for their assistance at the National Championships in providing referees, all of which helped in the smooth running of the event.

### 9. Child Protection Officer's Report

None

### 10. Competitions

#### a) Champion of Champions Rules

Following discussions at the previous meeting it was decided by a majority that the rules governing substitutions would remain as they are and that once the event has begun no substitutions will be allowed. As a result if a player has to drop out that team's results will be made void.

#### b) Venues for ECBA Competitions

A suggestion was made that Needham Market be made the permanent venue for all ECBA Triples and Rinks events held in the South, given the location, venue and equipment availability. It was decided that the counties involved would discuss the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

#### c) Responsibilities for Host County

It was decided to come up with a set of guidelines for anyone responsible for running a Triples or Rinks event in the future.

**11. Code of Conduct**

Following an incident at Potters during the Nationals it became clear that a review of the Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure was necessary since it has not been revisited since being drawn up in 2006.

An amended version was distributed to allow the delegates to discuss it within their counties before the next meeting.

After some discussion about the incident the committee asked the chairman to write to Potters making the ECBA position clear.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

14th April 2018

**11. Any Other Business**

None

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.25 PM