

## ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting of the English Carpet Bowls Association held on 22nd September 2018  
at the Holiday Inn, Rotherham

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

### 1. Apologies for absence

Norfolk

### 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

There was an email from New Zealand - Trevor Rainer now retiring from executive committee – thanking us for the warm welcome received at the Festival of Carpet Bowls in May at Potters.

### Website

There have been two enquiries from Surrey which Mick Watkins is following up.

### 4. Correspondence

The email from New Zealand, continued with information that there has been an advert for Potters placed in their magazine - their intention is for a 4 yearly International competition and a possibility of looking into moving the competition away from the Festival.

New Zealand Bowls Update - from Neil Jolly, explains the difference with the NZ bowls mat and delivery of their game – 2 mats have been bought and brought over from NZ. Jason and Neil have clubs interested in learning the NZ game and are willing to help any other clubs nationwide who are interested in learning. There is hope that in 2020, an English group of bowlers may travel to NZ to partake in their National Championships.

### 5. Chairman's Report

Mike complemented Hertfordshire for hosting the triples at Needham and the money raised, and stated it was good to see many Northern players attending this competition.

Mike stated that he will not be standing for re-election at the AGM as he intends to retire.

### 6. Secretary's Report

None

### 7. Treasurer's Report

The Champion of Champions reported a small loss of £50, despite Bedfordshire being unable to send a team.

The Festival of Bowls made a profit of £3140, a little down on the previous year, although there had been the extra cost of renewing the trophies owing to a lack of space for the winner's names.

The previous weekend's ECBA Triples had turned a profit of £350, hosts Hertfordshire were thanked for their efforts.

Kay (Northumberland) asked if the cost of the coach for the Festival was covered. It was confirmed that it has done for the last 2 years.

### 8. Referee's Report

None

### 9. Child Protection Officer's Report

None

### 10. Competitions

#### ECBA Triples

The event which was hosted by Hertfordshire at Needham Market received the maximum entry of 40 teams well before the closing date, including teams from each of the member counties. Next year's event will be hosted by Durham on 15th September.

**Nationals**

There was a reminder to teams for the forthcoming National Championships that Potters will be taking a zero tolerance attitude towards bad behaviour and that anyone being reported back to the ECBA would be dealt with under the Code of Conduct.

**Champion of Champions**

Next year the event will be run once again at Stanley, County Durham, over 1st & 2nd June.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Saturday 12th January 2019

The following dates have also been booked:

Saturday 20th April (AGM)

Saturday 21st September

**11. Any Other Business**

Colin Young stated that problems stemming from the Nationals last November at Potters continued to be an issue. Several players have been suspended by Sunderland as a result.

The issue has been further exacerbated by the involvement of other counties in what is an internal matter.

It was agreed that any decision made with respect to it's own members should be respected by all other member counties and to this end the names and term of punishments handed out, would be circulated to the other counties.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.00pm.