

**Minutes of Second Annual General Meeting held on Friday 23 April 1993 in the Trafalgar Ballroom, Seacroft Holiday Village, Hemsby, Norfolk**

**Present:**

Representatives from Cambridge, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Suffolk, South Tyneside.

1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies - all counties represented.

3. **Minutes of Inaugural Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes which were approved by the meeting and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters arising**

The Treasurer informed the meeting that Mrs Susan Dicker from Essex was appointed to the position of Auditor.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present indicating his pleasure in seeing so many people interested and supporting in the success of the Association.

6. **Secretary's Report**

*Membership*

We currently have ten affiliated members of the Association: Cambridge, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Suffolk and Wearside. (Wearside have indicated that they will not be renewing their membership in 1993-94). Bedfordshire expressed interest in joining and were invited to the Committee meeting in February as observers.

*'County' Championships*

The first Championships were held at Pontins, Hemsby over the weekend 21-24 November 1992. Cambridge, Durham, Essex, Northumberland and Suffolk sent teams with North Tyneside and Norfolk combining to make a team.

**Suffolk won the Championship** with Cambridge second and Durham third with very keen and competitive but friendly rivalry with an exceptionally high standard of bowling.

A pairs tournament for people not playing in the championships was held during the weekend and was won by Elizabeth and Laurence Brown from Durham (Runners-up in last years English Pairs Championships).

Thanks to everyone involved in making this a very successful weekend.

Note - The second Championship has been provisionally arranged for the weekend, Friday 15 to Monday 18 October 1993 at Pontins, Hemsby.

*The Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls*

Most members affiliated to the Association have adopted or are in the process of adopting these rules for matches and tournaments.

*Development of Carpet Bowling*

Work is progressing on the development of a colour brochure to advertise and promote carpet bowling, particularly to non-playing areas of the Country. The Development Officer discussed the matter of financing of this brochure with the Sports Council who suggested we formulate a four-year plan for the development of carpet bowling with the brochure being part of this plan.

It was agreed at the last meeting of the committee that although we should have long term future planning, we would try and raise the money for this brochure from sponsorship from suppliers of carpet bowling equipment. This matter is progressing.

*Calendar of Events*

Information required from all members, particularly for 'Open' competitions.

**7. Financial Statement**

The Treasurer presented the financial figures for the year 1991/92. Summarised,

<b>Income</b>	
b/f 1992	£565.58
10 members @ £50	£500.00
Donation from English Pairs Championships	£1500.00
'County' championships	£1820.84
Interest	£70.53
Total	£4456.95
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration	£1080.09
Meeting facilities	£252.40
Total	£1332.49
<b>Balance as at 20/4/93</b>	<b>£3124.46</b>

A cheque for £500 was presented to the Treasurer on behalf of the English Pairs Championships.

The Treasurer was asked if the financial information could be made available sooner. He replied this could be difficult particularly because of the distance between himself and the Auditor, however the matter will be investigated.

The Treasurer thanked the Auditor, Mrs Susan Dicker for the work she had done on behalf of the Association.

**8(a) Proposed Amendment to Constitution - Essex**

'that a representative from all affiliated County Associations be represented on the E C B A Executive Committee'

*This amendment was withdrawn by Essex*

**8(b) Proposed Amendment to Constitution - Item 3- Suffolk**

'Membership'

A member shall be an Association formed to represent a County or Metropolitan Borough and they shall become members upon payment of an annual subscription which shall become due for payment on the 1st May each year'

*Voting resulted in this application being accepted. 7 for, 1 against.*

**9(a) Amendment to Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls - Rule 2.7. - Essex**

'it is advisable that bowlers must not stand or kneel on carpet until the last wood is bowled'

*Following considerable discussion, this was referred to the next Committee meeting when Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls would be discussed in much more detail.*

**9(b) Amendment to Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls - Rule 8.1. - Suffolk**

'Persons not taking part in the game shall be situated clear of and beyond the limits of play. They may support a team but only in a way that will not offend nor disturb their opponents. Direct coaching of a player whilst a game is in progress is forbidden.

*Voting resulted in this amendment being adopted, 8 for, 0 against.*

**Amendment to Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls - Rule 2.12 - Suffolk**

*This proposal did not receive a seconder.*

**9(c) Amendment to Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls Rules 2.7/5.3./8.1- Cambridge**

*This proposal was withdrawn by Cambridge.*

**10. Election of Officers**

Chairman	Mr David Schofield (Suffolk)
Vice Chairman	Mr Arnold Miller (Durham)
Secretary	Miss Eve Warren (Durham)
Treasurer	Mr John Crawford (Northumberland)
Referee	Mr David Brazier (Cambridge)
Development	Mr Scott Andrews (Cambridge)

**11 Annual Membership Subscription**

It was proposed that the subscription be increased to £75.. An amendment was proposed that the subscription remain at £50.

*Voting resulted in the proposal being adopted, 5 for, 4 against. Therefore the level of subscription for year 1992/93 is £75.*

**12 Appointment of Auditor**

Mrs Susan Dicker was proposed and agreed to continue as Auditor.

**13 Any Other Business**

- (a) A member from Norfolk asked who decided who should be a County's representative at the AGM to do the voting. The Chairman replied that this was a matter for each County to decide for themselves.
- (b) Mr Thirsk from North Tyneside asked for developments on the leaflet. Scott Andrews said they were progressing and there was a possibility that we would receive approx. £1000 in sponsorship.
- (c) North Tyneside asked about the possibility of County League Championships - to be discussed at next Committee meeting.
- (d) Trophy for Runners Up of County Championships - for discussion at Committee meeting.
- (e) Rule 3.2. of Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls - for discussion at Committee meeting..
- (f) Northern & Southern areas play for County Championships - for discussion at Committee meeting.

On behalf of the meeting, a representative from Essex thanked the Chairman, Secretary and Officers for their work over the last year.

There being no further business, the Chairman once again thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 10.05pm

  
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