

Bedfordshire County Carpet Bowls Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2022 at 8.00pm in Barton Village Hall

Present:

Mrs S Knapton (Pres), Mr A Hatton (Chr.), Mrs S Lee-Dell (Treas.), Mr T Tumber (Sec.), Mr K Cockings (League/Comps Sec), Mr N Rixon (Cty Capt).
Delegates (26) representing:- Barton, Clophill, Colmworth, Cople, Cotton End, Haynes, Maulden, Ravensden, Renhold, Silsoe, Slip End, Toddington, Turvey and Westoning. (14)

1. **Apologies:** Mr T Meredith (Clophill).

2. **Minutes of previous meeting.**

Due to Covid19 restrictions there was no meeting in 2021. In 2020 as meetings were still restricted the officers sent in reports, by email. As this was technically not an Annual General Meeting these reports were not read or submitted for approval but are attached to these minutes.

2.1 **Matters Arising**

None.

3. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman, Mr Hatton, thanked Mrs Lee-Dell, Mr Cockings, Mr Rixon and Mr Tumber for their work 'behind the scenes' during the shut-down, especially the work associated with ECBA and ECCBA as it had helped to 'keep it all together'. Mr Rixon was thanked for his role as Captain and finally, Mr Hatton thanked all present for attending the AGM.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Mrs Lee-Dell, presented accounts for the years ending 30th April 2020, 2021 and 2022. The latter showed an opening balance of £6,546.65 and income for the year at just £828.00 from Club Equipment and Public Liability insurance charges. Due to being shut-down affiliation fees had been waived.

Expenditure was £1,275.00 resulting in an operating loss of £448.00 with a balance of £6,099.65 carried forward.

For comparison, 2019 figures were Income £9,574.77, Expenditure £9,212.55, Balance c/fd £4,869.34.

Mrs Lee-Dell thanked Mr Cockings for his assistance with paying in cheques, and Mr Savage for his Charity Event in 2019 on behalf of the Primrose appeal, which raised £1,225 for the charity and £84 for BCCBA.

Finally, Mrs Lee-Dell informed the meeting of her decision, after 14 years as our Treasurer that this would be her last year in office. Mrs Whitfield (Toddington) asked that Mrs Lee-Dell be formally thanked for her long service.

5. **County Captain's Report**

The County Captain, Mr Rixon remarked on how reassuring it was to see so many members present. It may be an indication that we are beginning to get back to normal and there could be sufficient support for a County Squad. But, it all depends on the attitude within the clubs. The county squad needs committed bowlers from which to form a strong team. Mr Rixon will start visiting

clubs soon.

Regarding the ECCBA's Champion of Champion event to be held on 26 June, we have a single, a pair and a triple but no four though one is being sought.

Finally, Mr Rixon thanked Mr Savage for all the work he had done as the previous County Captain.

6. Competitions/League Secretary's Report

Mr Cockings reported that after 25 years in various roles in the association it is time for a rest and he is standing down. He said there had been many good times and some difficult times, but he had been well supported by the officers and members, for which he thanked everyone concerned especially those who entered the competitions, the caterers and the raffle team. Their work has been greatly appreciated.

The shut-down had been a bleak two years during which we lost many bowlers, friends who should not be forgotten, but now it is time to start again.

He remarked that the work of the Competitions/League secretary could be split into two separate posts, as it had been originally. The workload would be significantly reduced.

Finally, Mr Cockings commented that though he was standing down from office, he would still be playing.

7. Election of Officers

The President took the chair and used the opportunity to add her sincere thanks to Keith Cockings for all he had done for the association, including the 'behind the scenes' work of Janet Cockings.

The Secretary reported that there had been no nominations received for the officer posts.

In the absence of nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair the following persons were proposed from the floor and re-elected, unopposed, 'en-bloc' :-

Secretary; Trevor Tumber, Treasurer; Sandra Lee-Dell, County Captain; Neil Rixon.

Mr Tumber thanked the meeting for his re-election but announced that he would be standing down next year.

After a discussion with Mr Cockings, Carol Still was elected unopposed to League Secretary.

The Secretary reported that he had received an offer from Mr Walker, a past Chair, to take the post but only for a limited time, typically three months. After a short discussion the offer was accepted. Mr Walker was proposed (Mr Savage), seconded (Mr Hurren), and elected unopposed as Chair.

Chair:	Mike Walker
Hon Treas:	Sandra Lee-Dell
Vice Chair:	Vacant
League Sec:	Carol Still
Hon Sec:	Trevor Tumber
County Captain:	Neil Rixon
Competitions Sec:	Vacant

8. Competitions

The Secretary reported that within ECCBA North and South Norfolk leagues were following different

formats according to the size of the local clubs.

In North Norfolk a league team consists of two triples, six players, whilst in South Norfolk a team is two fours, eight players.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Bedfordshire should trial the 'two triples' per team format where clubs may field 'A' and 'B' teams if they have the numbers to support them. There must be no mixing of team members, an 'A' team player can not play in the 'B' team.

Matches would still follow the two woods per player over nine ends format.

Keith Cockings agreed to amend the current County League rules accordingly.

9. ECBA and ECCBA

The meeting agreed that Bedfordshire should continue to affiliate to ECBA and ECCBA.

10. Any Other Business

The Secretary was asked to update the club contact information as the current directory is two years old. Mr Tumber commented that this normally occurs when clubs are asked to renew their affiliation and enter the County League. As the league format is under review this process may require two stages instead of one.

Mrs Tumber announced that she would no longer be providing catering for the County Competitions.

The Secretary commented that current ECBA policy was that players should make their own arrangements.

11. Date, Venue of Next meeting

The Annual General Meeting 2023 will be held on Tuesday, 16th May, in Barton Village Hall, commencing at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.