

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 15th June 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer

County Representatives: B. Giddens (Cambs), P. Cook (Herts),
M. Fisher (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the League & Tournament Secretary – P. Daniels, Bedfordshire – G. Savage & M. Walker and Essex – P. Orrin.

2. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 16th June 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report:

I would like to start by thanking Maureen and Paul for all their hard work during the past season and to all the delegates of the counties.

Thanks to all counties who have ran ECCBA tournaments during the last season.

I would like to congratulate Suffolk on winning the Eastern Counties League, Six Counties, the Teambowl and also the National Championships at Potters.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Champion of Champions at the Eastern Counties and the English.

5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

There was nothing to report from the Secretary side of business.

Contacts List – if there is any change to the contact list, this to be advised as the Contact List will be reissued following the next meeting.

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report - continued

Treasurers Report:

The Audited Statement of Account for the year ending 30th April 2017 was issued showing the accounts stand at: Business Saver Account £2,266.33, Community Account £681.55 and Cash £142.11 being a total of £3,089.99. This included £90.00 paid on account for the Champion of Champions that fell in May 2017. The overall profit for the year was £357.68.

The Treasurer highlighted the level of fees enabled the League to run without making a loss and also the six counties showed a similar profit to the previous year.

Acceptance of the accounts as presented was proposed by Hertfordshire, seconded by Suffolk and agreed by all counties.

The Treasurer wished to record her thanks to Karyn Chivers for auditing the accounts.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

The League & Tournament Secretary had nothing to report but had forwarded the results to record in the minutes:

Inter-County League – Suffolk

Six Counties – Suffolk

Teambowl – Suffolk

Champion of Champions:

Singles - Paul Ellis (Cambridgeshire)

Pairs - Sue Jones & Sarah Pullar (Cambridgeshire)

Triples - Tom & Sam Runnacles and Clint Watling (Suffolk)

Fours - Sandra Gammage, Ron Hart, Rebecca Hearn & Craig Hearn (Hertfordshire)

Team - Hertfordshire

7. Election of Officers & Auditor

The current Officers advised they were all willing to continue and with no further nominations they were voted in block, as proposed by Norfolk and seconded by Hertfordshire.

With all counties in agreement, the following Officers were re-elected:

Chairman	Gerald Sutton
Secretary & Treasurer	Maureen Giddens
League & Tournament Secretary	Paul Daniels

The current Auditor confirmed she was willing to continue. The Treasurer proposed to continue with Karyn Chivers as Auditor and all counties were in agreement.

8. Fees

Firstly, the Treasurer gave a forecast for next season which covered:

League - based on the number of league home matches for each county and the cost of their hall hire, a small profit was predicted.

Champion of Champions – this event has taken place and a loss of £5 was confirmed. Due to the number of players taking part in this event, it is not expected to make any profit.

Six Counties – based on the last two years, it is expected to be similar in profit.

Insurance – it is expected to see an increase similar to previous years.

From the above forecast, the Treasurer proposed that all fees remain the same. These being Annual Subscription £60.00 per county, all other fees £3.50 per player.

All counties were in agreement for the fees to remain the same.

It was reminded the Annual Subscription is due for payment by the end of July and the League Fees payable in advance by the end of October.

9. Proposal re League Matches

The proposal from Bedfordshire that at League Matches the home team play with black woods was seconded by Cambridgeshire. All counties were in agreement.

The Rules relating to Eastern Counties CBA Events will be updated and reissued.

10. Dress Code at Champion of Champions

The Dress Code at the Champion of Champions was raised, as there was players not adhering to the dress code.

It was pointed out the dress code is shown on the programme so all players are aware. To highlight this on the programme it was suggested the wording to be printed in bold or a different colour.

With various suggestions put forward that would be difficult to implement, it was decided to leave it to the counties to make sure their representatives adhere to the dress code.

After discussing this matter, it was agreed that in future if a player is in clear breach of the dress code rules, that player will be excluded.

11. Meeting Dates

Meetings were arranged for the following dates, to be held at the Racing Centre, Newmarket at 8.00pm.

Committee Meeting: 12th October 2017
Annual General Meeting: 21st June 2018

12. Any Other Business

i. Date of 2018 Champion of Champions

The English CBA Chairman had advised the Secretary that next year there will be representatives from New Zealand taking part in the Festival of Bowls which is taking place week commencing 14th May 2018. Prior to this they are looking to have a practice match on the Sunday 13th May 2018 which is the scheduled date for the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions. As Bedfordshire are hosting the Champion of Champions next year, they have asked if we could change the date of the Champion of Champions.

With all counties in agreement, the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions next year will be put back a week to 20th May 2018. All future dates remain the same.

ii. Singles Markers at Teambowl

Norfolk queried on who should be markers for the singles at the Teambowl.

It was advised that it was relied upon volunteers but all counties are to encourage their players to carry out marking and to make sure their players who mark appreciate the rules.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date