

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
P. Daniels – League & Tournament Secretary
County Representatives: M. Walker & G. Savage (Beds), B. Giddens (Cambs),
G. Evans & T. Marsh (Essex), P. Cook (Herts),
M. Fisher (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the P. Orrin (Essex).

2. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 18th June 2015 and the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 8th October 2015 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:

As my first spell of being Chairman I would like to thank Maureen and Paul for all their hard work during the past season which has made my job easy and also thanks to the delegates of all counties.

Thanks to all counties for running the ECCBA competitions this season.

I would like to congratulate Suffolk on winning the Eastern Counties League, Six Counties, the Teambowl and the National Championships at Potters. Congratulations also to all the winners of the Champion of Champions at both the Eastern Counties and English events.

We have once again had remarks on the dress code at some of the tournaments which we will be addressing later in the meeting.

The change in signatories with the Barclays account has taken some time for them to sort out. Maureen checked with them again this week and they advised this is now in the process of being updated.

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

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

Contacts List – any changes that have been advised or if any contacts needed to be added, details will be updated and issued with these minutes.

The Audited Statement of Account for the year ending 30th April 2016 was issued showing the accounts stand at: Business Saver Account £1,565.71, Community Account £1,036.79 and Cash £39.81 being a total of £2,642.31

The Treasurer commented on the following:

- i. League – with the increase in fees, the league income was increased by £420. With a profit relating to the League of £203.33 if the fees had not been increased there would have been a loss.
- ii. Six Counties – a greater profit than usual. This was due to various reason including increase in fees and raffle income was up on the previous year.

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

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

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

The League and Tournament Secretary advised everything had gone well.

A Diary Dates List covering all Eastern Counties Events up to 2023 was issued to help counties that need to book their halls a few years in advance.

7. Election of Officers & Auditor

The current Officers advised they were willing to continue and with no further nominations, they were voted in block. It was proposed by Suffolk seconded by Norfolk for the current Officers to continue and 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**

The Treasurer gave a forecast for next season expecting the league to either break-even or there may be a small profit after looking at the number of home matches for each county. The Champion of Champions a small profit, and based on this year hope to see a profit with the Six Counties Championships.

With the increase in fees last year which has shown from the accounts was the right decision, and based on 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. **Dress Code / Rules**

The proposal put forward by the Secretary was discussed and the following main points were raised:

- To bear in mind the dress code for the Champion of Champions, the players do not have a team captain.
- If a player is excluded, this could affect the whole team.
- The wearing of jeans seems to be the main problem.
- From the proposal put forward it was suggested to remove the wording 'polo shirts not conforming to club or county regulations' from the section of 'What will not be allowed'.
- The Champion of Champions is where the problem arises as some of these players are not aware of the dress code. To introduce a team penalty would be difficult as this event is individual disciplines.

After discussion it was agreed by all counties for the dress code to be added to the Rules as follows:

Top – team colours as specified by your own county for county team events, club colours or county team colours for the Champion of Champions.
Smart/casual trousers or skirt.

What will not be allowed are:

Jeans or skirt/trousers made of similar material or style; shorts; track or jogging suits of any type or T-shirts.

The Officers of the Eastern Counties CBA reserve the right to exclude any player wearing clothing that is considered as being outside the prescribed dress code.

The onus is on the county delegates to inform players and ensure they all have a copy of the rules.

9. Dress Code / Rules - continued

For clarification on the rules relating to illness/replacements for the Champion of Champions It was agreed to add to the rules:

Please note that since this is not a team event, once play has begun no replacements will be allowed.

If a player has to withdraw for any reason, the results of any games that have already been played by that individual/team will be deleted.

It was agreed for the dress code and the rules relating to illness/replacements to be shown on the programme for the Champion of Champions.

10. Meeting Dates

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

Committee Meeting: 13th October 2016
Annual General Meeting: 15th June 2017

11. Any Other Business

i. Venues

Essex advised they have a new venue for League Matches, they will be held at Great Salings, The Salings Millennium Hall, Piccotts Lane, Essex. CM7 5DW

Hertfordshire will have a change of venue. They are looking for a new venue as the Drill Hall will not be available after their Memorial Fours in September.

Suffolk advised their home match in November will be held at a different venue.

Whilst discussing venues, Cambridgeshire advised that the Littleport Leisure Centre is due to be replaced next Autumn. This will not affect bookings as the present centre will not be knocked down until the new centre is opened.

ii. The Teambowl being hosted by Bedfordshire in September. They advised 7 mats will be provided so from the 5 remainder, the best ones to be sourced from those at Littleport.

iii. Entry Forms for the ECBA Triples being held on 4th September 2016 at Needham Market were handed out by Bedfordshire.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date