

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 8.00pm

Present: Officers: M. Walker, M. Giddens
County Representatives: B. Giddens (Cams), M. Bennet (Essex), M. Cook (Herts),
G. Sutton (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from P. Orrin (Essex), G. Savage (Bedfordshire) P. Cook (Hertfordshire) and the League/Tournament Secretary – P. Daniels.

2. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th June 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman congratulated the winners of all the events, further detailed under the League/Tournament Secretary's report.

The Chairman referred to the English CBA where at the recent AGM the Secretary stood down and with no nominations there is no Secretary appointed. The Treasurer is also looking to stand down next year so it was asked for counties to enquire if they can find people willing to fill these positions. The English AGM will be brought forward to April next year being held at Rotherham. These positions need to be filled for the future running of the English but noted the National Championships and the Festival of Bowls next year is covered.

5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

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

The Audited Statement of Account for the year ending 30th April 2014 was issued.

Business Saver Account £2,362.98, Community Account £453.61 and Cash £66.82 being a total of £2,883.41

Overall there was a loss of just over £58.

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

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6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

In the absence of Paul Daniels, a report was forwarded in which he congratulated the winners of the Eastern Counties events:

Inter-County League – Suffolk

Charity Teambowl – Suffolk

Six Counties Championships – Cambridgeshire

Champion of Champions:

Singles Neil Tuckey (Bedfordshire)

Pairs Simon Missing & Jamie Smith (Cambridgeshire)

Triples Ivan Perry, Colin Dalton & David Folkes (Cambridgeshire)

Fours Colin & Beryl Wicks, Barry & Maureen Giddens (Cambridgeshire)

Team Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire were also congratulated by the Chairman for being the team winners at the National Champion of Champions.

The Chairman commented that Hingham was a good venue for the Champion of Champions. Norfolk wished to record their thanks to Paul for doing the score keeping on the day.

The dress code at the Champion of Champions was discussed and although it is for club colours to be worn, where teams are mixed it was agreed to adopt the same rules as the English which is club colours or county colours.

The events were then ran through confirming the host counties:

Charity Teambowl 28th September 2014 hosted by Suffolk

Six Counties Championships 12th April 2015 hosted by Cambridgeshire

Champion of Champions 10th May 2015 hosted by Suffolk

Under this agenda item the costs for the Eastern Counties players attending the National Champion of Champions was raised by Cambridgeshire. It was felt that where the players in the Eastern Counties pay for accommodation for both the Champion of Champions held at Durham and also for the National Championships at Potters, the Northern Counties were able to travel to the venue at Wolsingham and not committed to paying for accommodation.

The Chairman will raise this at the next English meeting regarding a travel subsidy for the Eastern Counties players attending the Champion of Champions at Durham.

7. Election of Officers

Firstly Norfolk on behalf of the counties thanked the Officers for the work they do.

With no other nominations and the present Officers willing to continue, Norfolk proposed the existing Officers were elected in block. Seconded by Essex. With all counties in favour, the following Officers were re-elected:

Chairman	Mike Walker
Secretary & Treasurer	Maureen Giddens
League & Tournament Secretary	Paul Daniels

The present Auditor Billy Wilson confirmed he was willing to continue and all were in agreement to continue with the same Auditor.

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8. Fees

Based on predicted costs for this next season where the hall hires for league matches are expected to see an increase due to the rotation in number of home matches for the more expensive venues, overall the Treasurer expected there may be a loss of around £200. However, with the funds held by the Association a loss around this figure could be absorbed and being mindful of the cost for the players, the Treasurer would not wish to increase fees and recommended they remain the same.

With all counties in favour, the fees will remain at £60.00 Annual Subscription and £3.00 per player for all events.

Note: 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. Any Other Business

i. English Rules

Cambridgeshire commented on players walking on mats. It was noticed at the National Champion of Champions there were players from the Northern Counties that walked on the mats to place the jack and also walked on the mat to look at the head at the end of the match, where the Eastern Counties are more conscious to not walk on the mats.

ii. Charity Teambowl

The quality of mats at Littleport was commented upon by the Chairman regarding the Teambowl in September. Cambridgeshire will see if better quality mats can be sourced.

10. Meeting Dates

The next meeting date and the meeting dates for 2015 were arranged for:

- Committee Meeting - Thursday 16th October 2014
- Committee Meeting - Thursday 12th March 2015
- Annual General Meeting - Thursday 18th June 2015

All to be held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket at 8.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date