

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
County Representatives:
B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, P. Orrin - Essex,
M Fisher - Norfolk and T. Runnacles - Suffolk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from P. Daniels – League & Tournament Secretary, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

2. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th June 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising

The mats at Littleport were referred to. Norfolk have a club in their county that have 2 mats and equipment for sale. With the condition of the mats at Littleport, the Chairman will enquire what price they are looking for, with a view for the Eastern Counties CBA to purchase them and replace some of the mats at Littleport. An offer of around £50 per full set was suggested but will see what they are asking for, and agreed for the Chairman to use his discretion regarding the purchase of these.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report:

I would like to thank Maureen and Paul for all their hard work leading up to the stop of carpet bowls in March 2020 due to covid, but most counties have now started playing again.

Five counties took part in the English Champion of Champions at Stanley in Durham. Congratulations to Matt Frost from Norfolk for winning the Singles, Paul Harris and Craig Hearn from Hertfordshire for winning the Pairs and MaryIn Cook, Rebecca Hearn, Jack Smalley and Jason Ellis for winning the Rinks.

We look forward to restarting the Eastern Counties League later in the year. Sadly Bedfordshire will not be taking part but look forward to them returning soon.

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

The Contacts List was updated as attached.

Treasurers Report:

The Audited Statement of Account for the year ending 30th April 2022 was issued.

With no events taking place over the last couple of years, the main item has been the cost of insurance renewals.

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

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

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

Various documents had been forwarded by the League & Tournament Secretary for discussion.

i. Six Counties Championships being held on 25th September 2022

Bedfordshire advised they will not be entering. With five counties taking part it was suggested to rename this event as the Eastern Counties Championships. This title makes no difference on how many counties enter. Agreed by all.

A format had been devised by Paul for the five counties to play the matches either on 9 mats or 12 mats. All agreed to the 9 mat format.

As Bedfordshire was originally down to host this event, Cambridgeshire agreed to be hosts and also organise a raffle.

The Eastern Counties Championships will revert back to April from 2023. Essex will be the host county and confirmed they will also do a raffle.

As previously agreed, it was noted the winners of this event will be the county that represents the Eastern Counties on the match that takes place on the Friday evening at Potters.

ii. Teambowl

The Teambowl was discussed regarding holding this event, if September is the right month and the format, as counties struggle to get a full team. This is to be taken back to counties for their suggestions and to discuss further at the next meeting.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report - continued

iii. League

With Bedfordshire not taking part in the league, the change in format for the five counties had previously been issued to all counties. There was only one county that needed to change the booking of their hall.

The home match venues and details will be ran through and confirmed as usual at the October meeting.

An email regarding the League Rules relating to when a county is a player short had been issued by Hertfordshire to all counties, but in their absence this was not discussed.

iv. Champion of Champions

At the last committee meeting, Essex commented on the number of woods played in the Pairs. No proposal was put forward for the AGM, this will be taken to the October meeting for further discussion in regards to number of woods played and the number of ends played.

7. Election of Officers & Auditor

The current Officers who were happy to continue, were voted in block, proposed by Essex, seconded by Suffolk.

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

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

The Treasurer advised the current Auditor was willing to continue and proposed that Karyn Chivers remains as Auditor. All counties were in agreement.

8. Fees

The Treasurer gave a forecast for next season based on predicted income and expenditure covering:

- Annual Subscription – this would be from the six counties as Bedfordshire had confirmed they would affiliate.
- Insurance – expected to see an increase.
- Champion of Champions – with costs already known, there will be a small loss.
- Eastern Counties Championships – now a raffle will be held, a profit is expected.
- League – based on the income from five counties and the expected hall costs with two home matches for each county, it is expected to break even as trophies have already been purchased so would only be the cost of engraving.

Based on the above and overall would not expect a loss, the Treasurer recommended all fees remain the same but would need to be reviewed next year.

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8. Fees - continued

The fees being: Annual Subscription £60.00 per county, all other fees £3.50 per player.

This was seconded by Essex. All agreed.

The payment due by dates of fees being:

Annual Subscription is due by the end of July.

League Fees payable in advance by the end of October.

Other Events - either payment on the day or in advance of the event.

9. Date of Next Meeting

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

Committee Meeting: 20th October 2022

Annual General Meeting: 22nd June 2023

10. Any Other Business

- i. With raffles now being held at events, Essex enquired if a raffle will be held by the home county at league matches. It was agreed that counties can hold a raffle at league matches as this generates income for the home county.
- ii. Dress Code – following the dress code at the National Champion of Championships which is set by the English CBA, Essex said to remind players of the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions dress code for the event this Sunday.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date