

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 10th October 2013 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: M. Walker- Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
County Representatives: G. Savage (Beds), B. Giddens (Cambs), P. Orrin (Essex),
P. Cook (Herts), G. Sutton (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from the Tournament & League Secretary - P. Daniels.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 14th March 2013 were confirmed.

3. **Matters Arising**

An update on the items covered within the Chairman's report relating to the English CBA were advised that the Festival of Bowls held at Potters will be run by Rita Daniels. The National Champion of Champions for 2014 will be held at Chester-le-Street, Durham, full details can be found on the English website.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman commented on the Charity Teambowl in that it went well and congratulated Suffolk for winning the tournament.

The Chairman was disappointed with the dress code at the Teambowl and felt it was deplorable with seeing players wearing blue jeans, cut of jeans and non county clothing. This item to be further discussed under Any Other Business.

Whilst discussing the Teambowl Norfolk added that Essex ran the day very well but made reference to the mats in that they were not marked up properly. Also their team members were too keen in rolling up the mats as a mat was rolled up whilst a game next to it was still in play.

The other item the Chairman reported on was relating to the National Championships at Potters. Although the date for 2014 has been fixed for 31st October, the dates for further years have not been fixed. The first week in October has been requested but this is to be confirmed.

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5. **Secretary & Treasurers Report**

On the accounts, the balances stand at:

Business Saver Account £2,562.04, Community Account £2,084.36 and Cash £81.82 totalling £4,728.22.

It was explained that the Community Account is higher at the moment due to the cheques received at the Teambowl being recently banked and awaiting clearance before transferring some of the funds to the Saver Account.

It was noted that apart from one county, the league fees payable by the 31st October have been received .

It was also confirmed that the insurance has been renewed but this was delayed a month until September due to the insurance company not forwarding the documents correctly.

6. **League & Tournament Secretary's Report**

As the League & Tournament Secretary was unable to attend the meeting, a report was forwarded as follows:

- i The league score sheets have all been sent out.
- ii. A combined calendar is now available on the Eastern Counties website. The information has been pulled from Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire's websites. There are no current dates available for Norfolk or the rest of Cambridgeshire, so if anyone wants any other dates added, please let me know.

7. **Any Other Business**

i. **Dress Code**

The Chairman asked that counties look the ruling regarding the Dress Code with introducing a penalty for non conformance, for this to be put forward at the next AGM.

ii. **Registration Ruling**

Essex queried the ruling covering registration as the Eastern Counties rules state the season commences 1st September.

The Chairman advised that at the National Counties Championships the English CBA allow guest players from the pool of people available. Also there is a cross over as some counties take the National County Championships as the last event for the team. Under these circumstances should a player decide to change county the situation could arise where they start from 1st September with one county but play at the Nationals with their previous county.

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8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 13th March 2014.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date