

# **EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 8.00pm**

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

County Representatives: G. Savage & M. Walker (Beds), B. Giddens (Cambs),  
P. Orrin (Essex), P. Cook (Herts) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Daniels - Tournament & League Secretary, and Mick Fisher (Norfolk).

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th October 2016 were confirmed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked Cambridgeshire for hosting the Teambowl which ran very smoothly on the day. The Officers were also thanked, Paul for doing the score-keeping and Maureen for arranging the trophies.

Suffolk were congratulated on winning the Teambowl.

The venue was then discussed and all counties thought the new Littleport Leisure Centre was an excellent venue with good lighting and catering facilities. The quality of a few of the mats was commented upon where in future it would be looked to bring in mats instead of using the poorer quality mats. Cambridgeshire confirmed they would source any additional mats needed and as enough equipment is not at the centre to cover 12 mats, Cambridgeshire will ensure all equipment is available instead of the host county needing to make arrangements.

Whilst discussing the venue at Littleport, Peter Orrin then raised the Six Counties Championships which has been held at Braintree. Peter advised they have had problems with Braintree and had made enquiries at moving to a venue in Gt Dunmow. After looking at the costs of hall hire in Essex against the cost at Littleport, financially for the Association it would make sense to move the Six Counties Championships to Littleport.

With all counties in agreement, the Six Counties Championships scheduled for 8th April 2018 will be held at the Littleport Leisure Centre.

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**5. Secretary & Treasurers Report**

The annual insurance was renewed in August for both the Sports Public Liability and Directors & Officers insurance. The total cover costing £456.28 an increase of £24.84.

On the accounts, these stand at: Business Saver Account £2,266.33  
Community Account £2,650.27 and Cash £32.11 totalling £4,948.71.

It was noted the amount in the Community Account includes the league fees already paid, with only one county still to pay. It was advised the due date is 31st October but the majority of counties pay at the Teambowl event.

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

There was nothing to report from the League & Tournament Secretary.

Counties confirmed their venues for the league matches, these being:

Bedfordshire: Barton-le-Clay, Cambridgeshire: Littleport, Essex: Great Salings,  
Hertfordshire: Welwyn, Norfolk: Wortwell and Suffolk: Needham Market.

**7. Charity Teambowl**

1. Singles Markers

There was times when markers were called this year, especially around the lunchtime session. To avoid this in future it was suggested that counties nominate 2 markers for each session. This was agreed.

It was also agreed to add this to the programme so the playing order can also state which two mats each county are allocated to mark in the singles.

ii. The date for the 2018 Charity Teambowl was raised as if held on the last Sunday in September it would affect players that are taking part in a bowls event the following week. Being looked at so far in advance, it was agreed to move a week earlier and hold the Charity Teambowl on Sunday 23rd September 2018.

iii. For future events, it will be looked to see if a PA system can be available.

**8. Any Other Business**

i. Hertfordshire advised the English Triples they will be hosting next September will probably be held at Applecroft School, Welwyn, but there are also looking at a different venue to encourage more entries.

ii. The next meeting will be the AGM being held on Thursday 21st June 2018.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date