

# **EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting  
held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 13th March 2014 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 10th October 2013 were confirmed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Dress Code. Following discussion at the previous meeting, the Chairman advised that the English CBA will not allow for cropped trousers to be worn and it was agreed their rules are followed by the Eastern Counties CBA.

It was also clarified that at the Champion of Champions the players have qualified through their club and club colours are worn at this event, or for mixed teams matching smart casual dress only. As this is not a county team event, no county uniform to be worn.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman advised that at the AGM he would like to retire as Chairman and asked for counties to enquire if anyone would be interested in taking up this position.

5. **Secretary & Treasurers Report**

On the accounts, the balances stand at:

Business Saver Account £4,362.98, Community Account £588.36 and Cash £81.82  
totalling £5,033.16

The expenses for the hall hires relating to the home league matches are due to be paid out. With one already advised, counties were asked to submit their costs as soon as possible after their home matches have been completed.

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5. **Secretary & Treasurers Report - continued**

The Charity Teambowl incurred an additional expense that was not taken into account at the time of the event. This was due to Essex submitting an expense claim in November which was previously advised would not be claimed but rightfully due to be reimbursed.

For future events the Treasurer asked that all expenses are known in advance so they can be settled on the day.

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

The League & Tournament Secretary was unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed the programmes for the Six Counties Championships and the Champion of Champions had been issued.

Bedfordshire was hosting the Six Counties Championships and asked for clarification regarding the financial side for the raffle which the Treasurer answered.

7. **Any Other Business**

i. **Essex Carpet Bowls Weekend Break at Potters**

Peter Orrin gave an entry form to each county for the pairs that Essex run at Potters. For the past 13 years this has been run by Mike Welch and Alex Russell but from 2015 will be run by Peter Orrin and Martin Bennett. The date for next year will be Friday 30th January to Monday 2nd February 2015 and the prices will be held if booked before the end of April. A copy of the entry form was suggested to be put on the website.

ii. **Referees**

Essex enquired about the number of the qualified referees within the Eastern Counties. The Chairman advised that David Storey is still the English CBA Referee and Mick Watkins has carried out some training in the Eastern Counties.

The Chairman confirmed that until further training is carried out, the previously qualified referees still stand.

8. **Forthcoming AGM – Agenda Items**

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 19th June 2014. There were no matters the committee needed to put forward in addition to the standard items.

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