

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 8.20pm**

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

County Representatives: G. Savage (Beds), B. Giddens (Cambs), P. Orrin (Essex),
P. Cook (Herts), M. Fisher (Norfolk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Daniels - Tournament & League Secretary, and Neil Jolly - Suffolk.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 8th October 2015 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

The use of a PA system at Littleport was raised. The Chairman advised that Norfolk had brought their PA system to Littleport but after initial testing it then didn't work.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Bedfordshire for hosting the Charity Teambowl and congratulated Suffolk for winning the tournament.

Maureen was also thanked for updating the diary dates list etc.

5. Secretary & Treasurers Report

On the accounts, these stand at: Business Saver Account £1,566.13
Community Account £3,029.55 and Cash £51.31 totalling £4,646.99.

It was noted the amount in the Community Account includes the league fees already paid, with only one county still to pay.

The annual insurance was renewed in August for both the Sports Public Liability and Directors & Officers insurance. Overall these policies saw an increase of £34.10 to £431.44.

Earlier in the year Barclays were contacted several times regarding the change of signatories and eventual this was confirmed in July. Maureen then made a complaint to Barclays regarding the length of time and the numerous phone calls it took to complete this request and they responded with a goodwill payment of £25.00 to resolve the complaint.

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5. Secretary & Treasurers Report - continued

Essex apologised for the late payment of the Charity Teambowl entry fee which was due to their Treasurer being on holiday at that time.

It was asked that in future if payment could be made in advance if a county is unable to pay on the day of an event.

The Secretary to update the document outlining entry fees and to issue to all counties.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

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

Cambridgeshire advised they have a change of venue for their home league matches for this next season which is Lutton Village Hall, Lutton. PE8 5NE

Hertfordshire advised they are still looking for a new venue but their first home league match will be at Essendon Village Hall.

7. Charity Teambowl – Singles Markers

Hertfordshire had raised this matter as they had received comments relating to players marking for the singles on the mats they were next playing on.

It was mainly considered that there it is no difference if marking or specifically sitting near a mat to watch how it plays.

The person marking for a mat was also raised in that during play they are not to advise what the score is until asked.

In discussing this matter, it would be ideal to have two markers from each county to mark neutral matches but at certain times of the day this would not work where those volunteering to mark are then needed.

To resolve this issue, the following was agreed for all counties to inform their players :

- i. Both skips are to agree when the marker is from the same county as one of the players, if not then the marker can be swapped with another mat.
- ii. If an independent measurer is needed, a neutral referee can be called.
- iii. Counties are to make sure their players are aware of the role of a marker.

Whilst covering the Charity Teambowl, Maureen wished to thank Bedfordshire for donating mats to enable better quality mats to be used other than those available at Littleport.

Other items that were discussed was the number of referees that are needed by each county and a suggestion that the conceding team takes out the shots that are awarded.

8. Any Other Business

- i. Essex advised they have catering arrangements in place for their league matches played at Great Salings with three mats also stored at the venue. Braintree is still booked for the competitions but at that venue catering facilities are not available.
- ii. Bedfordshire confirmed the excellent amount of £574 raised at the Charity Teambowl had been passed to their chosen charity.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date