

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
P. Daniels – League & Tournament Secretary

County Representatives:

N. Rixon – Bedfordshire, B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, P. Orrin - Essex,
P. Cook – Hertfordshire and M. Fisher - Norfolk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from T. Runnacles - Suffolk

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 17th March 2022 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

Ref Item 7 iii. The decision regarding holding a raffle at league matches and other events was changed at the AGM.

4. Chairman's Report

Thanks to Cambridgeshire for organising the Eastern Counties Championships at Littleport. Also thanks to Paul for doing the scorekeeping and Maureen for getting the trophies.

Suffolk were congratulated for winning the Eastern Counties Championships and will now represent the ECCBA on the Friday night at Potters.

For the future of carpet bowls we need to discuss ways to help counties who struggle to get 24 players without penalising them if they are short of players, or to look for playing with less players. This for discussion later in the meeting.

5. Secretary & Treasurers Report

The accounts were advised at: Premium Account £2,278.73 Community Account £795.02 and Cash £37.66, totalling £3,111.41

The accounts include the league fees from one county. The league fees are £336.00 per county and reminded payment is due in advance, to be paid by 31st October 2022.

At the Eastern Counties Championships held in September, the decision to hold a raffle gave this event a profit of £190.00. If no raffle was held there would have been a loss of £23.00.

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report - continued

The accounts include the purchase of 5 mats and equipment for £300.00. To transport the mats to Littleport, the vehicle hire cost of £96.15 is now known and due to be paid.

The Chairman was thanked for arranging the purchase and along with Gerald, Mick Fisher and Steve Wells were also thanked for their help in bringing the mats to Littleport, and sorting out the mats at Littleport to make sure all the mats stored there are to a required standard.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

i. League

The score sheets for the league matches will be issued shortly.

Counties advised their home venues, these being:

Norfolk	Wortwell
Hertfordshire	Applecroft School, Welwyn Garden City
Essex	Great Sailing
Suffolk	Needham Market
Cambridgeshire	Littleport

In the main, counties will provide tea/coffee on arrival and drinks will be available for purchasing during the day but no catering will be available, unless advised otherwise. To help cover costs, counties will also hold a raffle. Counties are to advise their players of these arrangements so they have cash available for purchases.

Bedfordshire have now started their league and will make enquiries with their players in the hope to re-join the Eastern Counties League next year.

ii. Eastern Counties Championships

The Eastern Counties Championships will revert back to April next year and this has been booked at Littleport to be held on the 16th April 2023 with Essex hosting the event. Hopefully Bedfordshire will attend.

The ruling relating to where a county is a player or players short was discussed. In general, it would be hoped that counties would try to get a full team by using players who would not normally play for the county but would be available to play.

iii. Rules re Penalty

Where a team is unable to get a full squad for a league match, the penalty is a deduction of 1 point per player short will be made from the final score. All were in agreement for this not to be applied.

With the Eastern Counties Championships, there is no ruling if a team is a player or players short. It was proposed that where a team are players short, the lead and second player plays 3 woods and the skip 2 woods with no penalty for being a player short. An Extraordinary General Meeting will need to be held for this proposal to be taken to, for a ruling to be in place prior to next year's event.

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7. Teambowl – Date of Event / Format

This event is normally held the last Sunday in September. Some counties find it difficult to find 24 players at that time of year due to players being on holiday in September.

It was agreed to move this event to the first Sunday in October which was suitable to all counties. The date for this event next year will be Sunday 1st October 2023 and the hosts will be Cambridgeshire.

In the past the profit from this event has been donated to charity. This was discussed as the Eastern Counties funds have been reduced these past couple of years and with hall costs increasing it was something that needed to be taken into consideration. It was proposed by Cambridgeshire for 50% of the profit to go to the charity chosen by the host county and for the Eastern Counties to retain 50% of the profit. All were in agreement.

It was discussed if a team was players short how the matches would be played. Prior to putting rules in place, it was decided to see how the change in date goes for teams being able to get enough players.

Bedfordshire are hoping to also enter the Teambowl.

8. Any Other Business

- i. Essex raised concern about slow play which their players had encountered at the Eastern Counties Championships where the matches were timed and the opposing skip was taking far too long with making decisions.

Where this does happen, the team captains are to inform their players to be mindful when matches are timed.

- ii. Champion of Champions

Following the item raised at the AGM, the League Secretary had prepared a format for the Champion of Champions with the Pairs playing 3 woods each. Representatives are to take this back to their counties to discuss, and will be added to the EGM Agenda to decide on the format from next year's Champion of Champions.

- iii. Date of Extraordinary General Meeting

An EGM was arranged for Thursday 2nd March 2023. The Agenda will cover the items raised at this meeting that require approval at a General Meeting.

- iv. Referees

Cambridgeshire advised they have 2 trained referees and 2 others that were competent measurers who will be doing the measuring for Cambridgeshire at Potters. It was checked if that was ok, which it was, as other counties are also in the same situation.

8. Any Other Business - continued

v. County Contacts

The Contacts List will be updated with a change in contact for Bedfordshire.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date