

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 8.00pm**

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

County Representatives:

B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, G. Evans - Essex,
P. Cook - Hertfordshire, M. Fisher - Norfolk and N. Jolly - Suffolk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from G. Savage and M. Walker – Bedfordshire and P. Orrin – Essex.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 11th October 2018 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Essex for hosting the Teambowl and congratulated Suffolk for retaining the title by winning the Teambowl.

5. Secretary & Treasurers Report

Bedfordshire have indicated they will not be at the Six Counties Championships next year. Their county was down to run the event and in their absence this will drop down to the next county which is Cambridgeshire.

Discussion of this took place as concern was raised about the future of Bedfordshire as the Eastern Counties don't want to lose them. With their current team captain stepping down it was hoped that players within their county put themselves forward to keep a county team. The Officers of the Eastern Counties will arrange to speak to Bedfordshire regarding this.

The Secretary confirmed the insurance was renewed in August with the Sports Public Liability at £317.40 and the Directors & Officers Liability at £173.60, an approx. 8% increase on last year's total.

On the accounts, these stand at: Business Saver Account £2,274.64
Community Account £3,427.42 and Cash £57.66 totalling £5,759.72

The Treasurer reported there was one county that was late in paying the Annual Subscription and needed to be chased up. It was also noted the funds in the Community Account include payment received from five counties for the League Fees, these being due for payment by the end of October.

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6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

The League & Tournament Secretary advised the scoresheets for this next season are to be sent out.

The venues for the league homes matches were advised as:

Bedfordshire: Barton-le-Clay, Cambridgeshire: Littleport, Essex: Great Salings, Hertfordshire: Welwyn, Norfolk: Wortwell and Suffolk: their first match at Bildeston and their other home match at Needham Market.

7. Team Numbers

The team numbers was put on the agenda following Teambowl where Hertfordshire were unable to field a full team. Hertfordshire advised they will be ok for the league matches but do normally struggle for players in September. Their representative also said that due to not playing all the games this affected the competitive element with the team that did compete.

For the Teambowl it was moved to September some time ago and would be difficult to find an alternative date. This event was discussed and to consider in the future for a change of format. It was asked for counties to take this back to their county to discuss further to find a solution.

With the Six Counties Championships, if Bedfordshire are not at this event a suggested format of play was put forward by Paul Daniels. Copy attached.

The number of players in each county was discussed and in general league numbers are dropping with some counties finding it difficult to find the 24 players needed for the county team. It was thought there should either be a change to the rules to suit the number of players, as teams short of players this could be extra games for some but playing 2 or 3 games in a row so playing the same amount of matches as a full squad, or change the number of players in a team. If a change in team numbers this would need to be linked with both the English and the Northern Counties for National events.

Regarding the team numbers, a meeting needs to take place with the English and Northern Counties to see what can be done for the future.

8. Any Other Business

There were no matters raised under this Agenda Item.

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