

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 8.00pm

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

County Representatives: B. Giddens (Cambs), G. Evans (Essex), M. Fisher (Norfolk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Daniels - Tournament & League Secretary, George Savage (Bedfordshire), Peter Orrin (Essex) and Neil Jolly (Suffolk).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 12th October 2017 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Norfolk for hosting the Teambowl and to Paul, Maureen and Rita for their help on the day.

Suffolk were congratulated for winning the Teambowl.

With the introduction of the two markers from each county allocated on the programme for the singles in the Teambowl, the Chairman thought this worked very well.

Following the Chairman's Report, Mick Fisher from Norfolk also thanked Barry and Maureen for their help first thing in the morning with the setting up arrangements for the Teambowl.

With the mats used for the Teambowl there was no comments the Chairman was made aware of regarding their quality.

5. Secretary & Treasurers Report

The Secretary confirmed the annual insurance was renewed in August for both the Directors & Officers Liability and the Sports Public Liability. The total cover costing £453.60 similar in price to last year.

On the accounts, these stand at: Business Saver Account £2,270.12
Community Account £2,729.17 and Cash £63.61 totalling £5,062.90

It was noted the amount in the Community Account includes the league fees already received from four counties. It was advised the due date is 31st October.

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6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

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

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 two matches at Bildeston and their last home match at Needham Market.

An email from Neil Jolly was referred to regarding the availability of the Needham Market venue. It was noted the hall is not available on the 10th May 2020 when Norfolk are hosting the Champion of Champions and again on 13th September 2020 when Norfolk are hosting the English Triples. The Chairman advised they are currently looking at alternative venues for hosting these events.

The Secretary highlighted the note made on the Teambowl programme regarding food, in that only food purchased from the Leisure Centre may be consumed in the Bar Areas. Counties were asked to remind their players of this when events are held at Littleport.

The Secretary confirmed that future events held at Littleport have all been booked.

7. Any Other Business

- i. Norfolk commented on the Teambowl profit for charity of £580.00 which included donations, and was pleased a representative from Help for Heroes attended the event to be presented with the cheque on the day.
- ii. At the time of giving their apologies, Bedfordshire also included in their email to the Secretary a proposal regarding the Six Counties Championships.

The proposal from Bedfordshire was not a matter that could be taken to a committee meeting and therefore no discussion took place to record in these minutes.

Should Bedfordshire wish to put forward a proposal regarding the Six Counties Championships, this would need to be put forward to the AGM at which time any proposals are circulated in advance for counties to discuss prior to voting at the AGM.

- iii. Essex advised their county are hosting the English Rinks next year which is held during April. They brought this to the meeting to seek assistance with a venue and a date as the April calendar for counties within the Eastern Counties did not give a free week. It was asked to initially check the dates available at Littleport in April and around that month, then to inform Peter Orrin.
- iv. The next meeting will be the AGM being held on Thursday 20th June 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date