

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 8.10pm

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman, also representing Norfolk
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer

County Representatives: G. Savage (Bedfordshire), B. Giddens (Cambs),
P. Orrin (Essex), P. Cook (Herts) and K. Jolly (Suffolk)

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 19th March 2015 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. It was queried why the March minutes were not shown on the website and it was confirmed the minutes are available as soon as issued.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman congratulated Hertfordshire for organising the Teambowl held in September and to Suffolk winning the event.

The Teambowl was further commented upon regarding the quality and number of mats available at Littleport as there are only six of their mats that can be used for county events and the remainder are brought in by the host county. Discussion took place whether each county should look to bring two mats each or move the event to a county who have their own mats and a venue that holds twelve mats. Hertfordshire advised that at Ware they would struggle to hold twelve mats. The Secretary advised the Teambowl is held at Littleport as the cost of the hall hire benefits the charity. Next year in the first instance Cambridgeshire will look to source the twelve mats within their county.

5. Secretary & Treasurers Report

On the accounts, these stand at: Business Saver Account £2,065.19,
Community Account £2,261.99 and Cash £60.78 totalling £4,387.96.

With the league fees which are due by the 31st October, there is only one county still to pay.

The insurance was renewed in August for both the Public Liability and Directors & Officers insurance. Overall these policies saw an increase of around £20. The insurance that each county take out and the cover for clubs within their county was generally discussed regarding the cover for equipment held at a venue and what is covered by the venue.

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

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

With the Teambowl, Hertfordshire advised the profit of £455 raised for charity was gratefully received by Mencap.

The Secretary apologised for the PA system not being in place at Littleport. Norfolk confirmed theirs could be borrowed should there be a problem in the future.

7. **Any Other Business**

i. **League Home Match Venues**

The venues for each county home league matches were advised as:

Bedfordshire	Barton-le-clay
Cambridgeshire	Over
Essex	Braintree
Hertfordshire	Ware – Drill Hall or an alternative venue
Norfolk	Wortwell
Suffolk	Needham Market

Essex pointed out that at Braintree they no longer have catering for food. For the league matches the servery will be open from 9.30am to 2.30pm for hot drinks. This will also affect the Six Counties Championships and possibly the Champion of Champions that Essex host next year but notice of this will be shown on the programme.

ii. **Singles Markers**

Essex commented on those who marked for the singles at the Charity Teambowl querying if the markers know what their role is and also if a person should mark on a mat they would be playing on in the next game.

It was suggested that counties could nominate markers or to inform their markers what their role is when marking for the singles.

iii. Essex queried why the Pairs at the Charity Teambowl is three woods each and not two woods. It was advised this was due to being over seven ends whereas at the Champion of Champions two woods are played over nine ends.

iv. **Potters Mid-Week Bowls Break in November**

Peter Orrin handed out a letter relating to the Potters Mid-Week Bowls break held during the week of 9th to 13th November in which Potters are offering a reduction of £75 in the price of accommodation, now £264.00 per person, due to being let down by a coach load of non-bowlers. Should a county have any players who would like to take up this offer and interested in entering the pairs competition they can contact Peter to make arrangements.

7. **Any Other Business** - continued

v. Contact List

With a change in Officers, an up-to-date Contact List will be issued with these minutes.

vi. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM being held on the 16th June 2016.
In the meantime a further committee meeting will only be held should the need arise.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date