

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at the New Astley Club, Newmarket, on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: M. Walker- Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
County Representatives: B. Giddens (Cambs), P. Cook (Herts),
G. Sutton (Norfolk) and N. Jolly (Suffolk)

1. **Apologies**

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

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th March 2014 were confirmed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The item regarding referees was commented upon in that Cambridgeshire will shortly be looking to arrange training as soon as the number of people to train as referees has been established.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman congratulated Suffolk for winning the Charity Teambowl and to Essex for being runners up. Suffolk and Cambridgeshire were thanked for providing the mats and all agreed it was better to use good quality mats.

5. **Secretary & Treasurers Report**

Suffolk had forwarded a letter of thanks from the East Anglian Air Ambulance following the donation of £415.00 from the Charity Teambowl event.

A letter was received from the New Astley Club advising of an increase in the hourly rate charged for the meeting room hire.

On the accounts, these stand at:

Business Saver Account £3,863.70, Community Account £1,019.19 and Cash £96.78 totalling £4,979.67.

There is nothing outstanding on the account as all league fees have been received.

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

Under this agenda item, at this time there was nothing to report upon.

7. **Any Other Business**

- .i. In their absence Essex had asked to raise the matter of supplying a speaker system at the events. This followed the Charity Teambowl at Littleport where it was difficult to hear the main speaking due to the size of the hall.

As there is a speaker system available at both Littleport and Braintree it is to make sure these are in place so can be used on the day.

For the Champion of Champions, this is held at smaller venues which is not so much a problem. Norfolk advised they have a system that can be used if needed.

With holding the raffle, it was agreed to always pre-draw the tickets and then display the winning tickets after the completion of all matches.

- ii. Open Tournaments

Due to the number of events being held during the main season, it was asked for counties to refer to the Calendar (which can be found on the Eastern Counties website) prior to arranging any new competitions. Although there are times when it is difficult not to clash, with numbers falling at open tournaments and recently some being cancelled, it was hoped that counties would check against the calendar to try to maximise their event.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date

