

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 6th October 2024 at 6.30pm (*upon completion of the Teambowl*)

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

County Representatives:

J. Ellis - Bedfordshire, B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, P. Orrin - Essex,
P. Cook - Hertfordshire, M. Fisher - Norfolk, S. Goodrich - Suffolk

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 19th October 2023 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matter arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the Teambowl and thanked the Norfolk team for running the event, to Paul for doing the score keeping throughout the day and to Maureen for sorting the trophies. Suffolk were congratulated on winning the event.

5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

i. Correspondence was received from Bedfordshire regarding using a laser measurer which will to be discussed under Any Other Business.

ii. The insurance renewal in August saw a higher than expected increase from Endsleigh, their renewal quote was £735.69 where last year it was £618.97.

With such a high increase an alternative insurance broker was sought. Following conversations with the Abbeystone Group and a quote which covered all our requirements including property damage (for our mats), Public Liability, Directors & Officers Liability, plus more insurance cover than needed, their quote was £497.93.

After going through the quote with our Chairman and also with agreement from Paul, the insurance was arranged through the Abbeystone Group.

The contact details for Abbeystone will be issued to all counties.

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report - continued

iii. With the accounts, the following was reported upon.

Challenge Trophies who supplied the trophies for Teambowl requested 50% of the cost of the trophies to be donated to the charity, as the East Anglian Air Ambulance is a charity he supports.

From the Teambowl along with the donation, a total of £285.00 will be sent to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The accounts, excluding Teambowl transactions and league fees already received, stand at: Premium Account £2,327.63 Community Account £786.61 Cash £46.96 totalling £3,161.20

It was reminded the league fees are due by the end of October, £480.00 per county.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

The league score sheets for each county will be sent out during this next week.

The home venues were advised:

Cambridgeshire	Littleport
Bedfordshire	Barton le Clay
Suffolk	Needham Market apart from the February match, venue TBC.
Essex	Great Saling apart from the December match which will be held Langham Community Centre
Hertfordshire	Applecroft School, Welwyn Garden City apart from the December match, venue TBC.
Norfolk	Wortwell

The time required to notify the opposition of the type of refreshments the home team will be providing was discussed. With most counties providing drinks only, it was agreed there is no need to notify the opposing team of this and taken that it will be only tea/coffee etc. that will be available unless notified otherwise.

7. Proposal from Bedfordshire re Scoring System

The proposal from Bedfordshire, to amend the current scoring system from shots scored if points are equal, to be shots difference will determine the placings if points are equal, was initially raised at the AGM and brought to this meeting to vote upon.

The League Secretary advised that after looking back at the events, changing the scoring system would not have made any difference to who won but only minor placing differences.

With 2 counties in favour of this proposal and 4 against, the current system will remain.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM which has been arranged for Thursday 19th June 2025 to commence at 7.30pm at The Racing Centre, Newmarket.

9. Any Other Business

i. Laser Measurer

Bedfordshire had purchased a laser measure which they use within their county and put forward for using at Eastern Counties events.

Essex commented that it is the type of measure used for outdoor bowls as not all county representatives had seen a laser measure and how it worked.

Following discussion, it was decided to trial at county level in the first instance, then to discuss at the next meeting.

For the counties not aware of how this measures the distance when a close measure is needed, it was suggested that Bedfordshire could show other counties how this works when they are at a league match.

ii. Child Protection Policy

Bedfordshire asked what was in place regarding a safeguarding policy and what policy is in place for each county. The English CBA have a policy as shown on their website. Suffolk confirmed they have a Child Protection policy but not all counties have their own policy. This is a matter for each county to look into.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date