

# **EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 8.00pm**

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

County Representatives:

B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, P. Orrin - Essex, P. Cook – Hertfordshire  
and M. Fisher - Norfolk

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from T. Runnacles - Suffolk

Bedfordshire had advised a change in contacts and the Agenda and a reminder of the meeting had been sent to both their Chairman and County Captain. No response had been received to advise they would not be attending this meeting.

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 10th October 2019 were confirmed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

We have finally got together after two years of Covid. Condolences goes out to all families, clubs, and counties, who have lost friends and members.

The 2019-20 season was not completed due to Covid and all competitions were cancelled.

I hope we will be able to discuss the way forward for starting up our Eastern Counties carpet bowls once again but I know some counties will be struggling to get a squad of 24 players.

### **5. Secretary & Treasurers Report**

#### **1. Contacts**

The contact details had been updated as there had been changes with two counties. A new list of contacts will be issued.

#### **ii. Treasurers Report**

The accounts for the year ending 30th April 2020 were audited and issued at this meeting. The accounts for the year ending 30th April 2021 were also issued but these will be included in the accounts for this year end and audited. The audited accounts will be presented at the AGM.

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**5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report - continued**

ii. Treasurers Report - continued

The Secretary confirmed the insurance was renewed in both August 2020 and 2021 as it was unknown at that stage when carpet bowls would resume. The income from the previous year was offset against the cost of insurance.

The account currently stands at: Business Saver Account £2,277.86  
Current Account £802.90 and Cash £52.66 totalling £3,133.42

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

There was nothing to report as no league or events have taken place.

**7. Restart of Eastern Counties Events**

i. Update on Counties

Norfolk – restarting with their Summer League and their county team are planning a get together in April. For the Nationals at Potters they have 18-20 players at the moment.

Hertfordshire – in the main they are back to normal and their league matches started in November. They have played their pairs and fours with the triples and singles planned for April. They have around 26-28 players for their county team but may struggle with 24 players for Potters.

Cambridgeshire – trials for the county team are planned in May with around 30 players interested in being in the county team of which 2 would not go to Potters.

Essex – proposing to restart in September at which time they would expect to have a full county team. They held a county team meeting in January where 25 players attended of which approx 6 players would not go to Potters, but Essex would still expect to have enough players for Potters.

Suffolk – they have been playing a triples Winter League as only half of the clubs were playing. They would be confident of getting a full county team for this next season.

Bedfordshire – with no representative at the meeting it was unknown if they will get a team, but it is known they are not doing anything at the moment. Paul Daniels will contact them to find out.

From the above, Hertfordshire said we should look to do everything we can to keep Bedfordshire and Norfolk involved in the Eastern Counties which all counties agreed.

The rules are being looked at when a county is unable to play with a full squad in the Nationals at Potters.

**7. Restart of Eastern Counties Events - continued**

ii. Potters

Potters have already advised the cost of accommodation for the 2022 Nationals and the allocation per county.

Previously a £300 deposit was required by the end of April and forms were issued to the counties for their players to book accommodation.

After checking with the English CBA Chairman, Paul advised that Potters will be sending the forms to the English to be available at the English AGM which is being held in April. Counties will be given more details at that time.

iii. League Matches

The 2022/23 league will commence on the dates as listed and halls can be booked. Counties expected their hall hire costs to still be roughly the same price.

It was agreed that no catering will be provided at League Matches or any Eastern Counties events that will be planned to take place. Players will be advised to bring their own packed lunches. Tea & Coffee will still be available.

It was also agreed that a raffle will not be held at league matches or any event for this next season.

iv. Champion of Champions

The English are holding the National Champion of Champions over the week-end of 11th & 12th June 2022 where it was confirmed that Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk & Suffolk will be entering a team. With some of the counties it is their players who qualified for the 2020 championships.

It was then enquired if the Eastern Counties would hold their Champion of Champions this year. Dates were looked at and the earliest suitable date was 26th June 2022. In 2022 it is Essex who were down to host this event but advised will be unable to find a venue for that date.

Alternative venues were looked at and the first option will be Littleport but if that venue is not available, then Hertfordshire will look to book the hall at Welwyn.

*(Following the meeting the Sports Hall at Littleport Leisure is available and has been booked for 26th June 2022)*

v. Six Counties Championships

The Six Counties Championships was looked at which is normally held in April. The date of this event being held was discussed and advised this is when the league trophies are presented.

It was agreed for the Six Counties Championships to be held this year in September on the date the Teambowl is usually held and for the Teambowl to not take place this year.

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**7. Restart of Eastern Counties Events - continued**

v. Six Counties Championships - continued

It was also agreed the winners of the Six Counties Championships would be the county that represents the Eastern Counties on the Friday evening at the Nationals in the match that takes place between the Southern and Northern counties.

This would revert back the following year to it being the League winners who represent the Eastern Counties in the match played on the Friday evening.

**8. Date of AGM**

The Annual General Meeting was arranged for Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 8.00pm at the same venue.

**9. Any Other Business**

i. Essex would like to see the number of bowls played in the pairs, in both the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions and the Teambowl, as being three per player instead of the two.

This would need to be taken to the AGM but confirmed the Champion of Champions arranged for June this year, would remain the same for the pairs at two woods per player.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date