

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and representatives from Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Suffolk, Sunderland

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from South Tyneside, Norfolk and David Russo (Referee)

2. The Vice Chairman opened the extraordinary meeting commenting on the situation necessitating this meeting and saying that changes to the constitution should be considered to cover this type of situation.

Election of Chairman: 1 nomination - Tony Cuthbert

5 votes for and 0 against, 3 abstentions

Tony Cuthbert Elected to position of Chairman.

Election of Secretary: 1 nomination - Eve Warren

8 votes for and 0 against

Eve Warren elected to position of Secretary.

The following matters not dealt with at the meeting scheduled for 19 August 2006 were now discussed.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and signed as a true record. Kay Cuthbert/Margaret Southgate

4. Matters arising

(a) Insurance

We have no insurance cover at all. Treasurer to pursue particularly public liability.

5. Treasurers Report

Total in ECBA accounts £22,407.85

£98.98 interest for 3 months on reserve account. £1230 received from Norbreck Castle Hotel for Champion of Champions. All counties paid subscriptions. Small gift for Auditor (agreed).

6. Referees Report

No report. Referee unable to attend meeting.

7. Update on Promotional leaflet

Shot Bowl - Owner of company did not agree to pay us £200 for advertising in our programmes.



Acknowledgement of photographs taken by Shirley Watkins.

At this point a discussion took place on the files and equipment held by the previous Secretary.

It was also discussed and agreed that a letter should be sent to Mrs Ann Hardy requesting the return of ECBA files and equipment. A time limit was set. Jamie Smith will be in her area Thursday or Friday of next week and will collect. This to be included in letter.

8. Proposals from Potters and Seacroft

Various letters and e-mails with Potters and Seacroft were explained and discussed in detail. ECBA will run Carpet Bowls Festival at Potters. It was proposed by Suffolk that a pairs tournament) should be held at Seacroft in 2008 if a suitable date can be found. This was agreed. (named ECBA Pairs Tournament).

9. ECBA Competitions

(a) Champion of Champions 2006 Review

Comments and discussion re: future events
Rules of play to be included on programmes.
Players in one discipline only.
Payment in advance on entry forms.
Separate desk for booking in of bowlers.
Better organisation of booking meals.

(b) County Championships

Provision of Equipment and Organisation of Event

18 Carpets and ancillary - Northumberland
18 Scoreboards - Durham/Sunderland
Trophies - M Southgate to purchase
Spectator Pairs - to be run by Stephen Walker
Raffle - to be run by Essex
Raffle Prizes - each county to provide prizes to the value of £25.00
Programme - Secretary
Running of Competition at weekend - Eve/Alex
Laying of carpets - Referee with assistance of David Storey
Check number of chairs
Check storing of equipment
Check Tannoy System
Security notice on programmes regarding personal belongings.
Financial Subsidy - all Counties claiming

(c) Rinks 2007

To be held in Cambridgeshire at Easter weekend 2007 - 7 April 2007

80 Rinks/16 carpets
Entry form to Northern counties 1 month before rest
£10.00 per team entry

(d) Festival of Carpet Bowls 2007

Chairman to speak to Potters regarding entry forms. Chairman to distribute to Counties.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 6 January 2007 at same Venue. (This since changed to 13 January 2007)

11 Any Other Business

(a) Constitution

To be looked at with a view to updating and improving.

(b) Development Officer

When are we going to fill these positions? Should be up to counties to suggest areas of promotion of the game. Proposals in writing to the committee. Follow up procedure, Paid expenses. Item for Agenda at next meeting.

(c) Bowls Alliance

Treasurer to attend the meeting and ask "How much is it going to cost us"

(d) Entry Charge for Champion of Champions

Is it necessary to pay the £50 entry fee for this event? Proposed Northumberland, seconded Sunderland. All agreed that this payment be cancelled.

As a gesture of goodwill, it was suggested that the ECBA re-imburse the money to the counties for the raffle prizes. Agreed. £25 paid to each county with travel subsidy cheque.

(e) ECBA Funds

It was suggested that the financial situation of the Association be viewed with a possibility of some money being paid back to counties.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30 pm