

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON
SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2009**

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
South Tyneside
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
Item 9(e) County Championships - the vote was not unanimous, but was carried by 6 votes to 4. With this amendment, the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising from previous minutes**
Development of Carpet Bowls - The equipment for Waterloo would be available the following week. There had been enquiries to the website about a possible demonstration at Sheffield.
Demonstration of Carpet Bowls - a demonstration was being arranged at Stockton in September.
Website - There had been 2000 hits in July. It was agreed to include information on surplus equipment, suppliers of new equipment, notices of forthcoming meetings and minutes (after approval).
Insurance - Insurance cover for the transport of carpets had been obtained through Northumberland's insurers for premium of £26.25.
4. **Chairman's Report**
Nothing to report.
5. **Secretary's Report**
An enquiry had been received from the Norbreck regarding the policy on the supplement for the Champion of Champions 2010.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
Community Account - £711.17
Business Premium Account - £901.11 (for development of bowls)
Business Reserve Account - £19,093.18
£360 had been transferred from the Business Premium Account to the Community Account in respect of development expenses.
All annual subscriptions had been received, except for South Tyneside.
Thanks were expressed to Hertfordshire for organising the raffle at the Champion of Champions, which had produced a best-ever result of £226.74.
7. **Referee's Report**
Nothing to report
8. **Correspondence**
Notification from Laura Gibbs of Potters that, in 2010, there would be 4 free places for the Festival. In 2011, this would reduce to 2 free places. It was agreed that the 4 free places be retained as per the original agreement and the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary should meet Laura Gibbs at the 2010 Festival to discuss the future.
9. **Items referred from Annual General Meeting**
(a) ECBA Travel Subsidy for National Championships
The Chairman read the letter that he had sent to all counties. After a full discussion, it was agreed by 5 votes to 3 to reverse the earlier decision and continue with the £10 supplement and travel subsidy for the National Championships and Champion of Champions.
10. **Review of the Champion of Champions 2009**
It was agreed that the event had gone very well, and the competition had been as close as it had ever been. The new prize plates were well received, and supplies had been ordered for the next 3 years.

- 11. National County Championships 2009**
Suffolk would organise the raffle - counties were each asked to provide prizes to a value of £25. Northumberland would provide the equipment, with Suffolk and Sunderland each providing 9 scoreboards.
At the request of Suffolk, it was agreed to provide details of the new replacement rule to each county captain and to ensure that, where possible, replacements did not play against their own counties.
It was agreed to abandon the Friendly Pairs event.
The Secretary was requested to check with the Norbreck that the Norcalympia floor would be completed in time.
It was agreed that there would be paper and computer scoring systems, with the Vice-Chairman and Secretary scoring by computer, and the Treasurer offered to assist with the paper system.
It was agreed that sufficient programmes for 30 per county be ordered from Kempco.
- 12. Programme for Future Events**
ECBA Triples, Wallsend, 13th September. It was agreed that programmes would be available on the day, but would be posted to Southern entries.
- 13. Date of Next Meeting**
Next Committee Meetings - 9 January and 27 March, 2010. Both had been booked.
- 14. Any Other Business**
- (a) Contact Details**
It was agreed that a new list of contact details be circulated.
- (b) Rule Books**
It was agreed that the Treasurer order a reprint, without the Shotbowl advertisement, from Kempco.
- (c) Child Protection Policy**
The Chairman reported that he had been making extensive enquiries since the last meeting and had found it difficult to obtain straight answers. He had contacted the NSPCC National Development Officer, Jude Toseland, who would be available to attend a future meeting at a charge of £65 per hour, to include travel time. It was agreed that, in view of the importance of having a policy in place, she should be invited to the January meeting, and members should submit any questions in advance via the Secretary so that answers could be available at the meeting.
It was agreed that, in the meantime, the draft policy be recirculated to counties, with the advice that counties and clubs attend awareness courses wherever they are likely to be involved in events including under-18 children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len D...' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.