

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 12th June 2009 At The Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool

Present: T Cuthbert, P Boyton, E Warren, M Southgate, D Storey
Representatives from: Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk,
Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Suffolk, Sunderland.
Approximately 40 other attendees in total

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 18th Annual General Meeting of the ECBA.

Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence.

Minutes of last meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the 17th AGM be signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Hertfordshire and seconded by Essex.

Matters Arising

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Chairman's Report.

Copy attached.

Secretary's Report.

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Festival of Carpet Bowls - Potters May 2009

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Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to those that have hosted or contributed in any way to the organisation of any of our competitions.

County Co-operation

Concern was expressed for the future of the ECBA Championships due to some counties maybe falling short of the minimum 24 players required and being unable to compete. This has been addressed by the committee and hopefully solved for the future of the championships.

Agreement was reached by all counties that a 'pool' of players from any of the 10 counties to be set up at the beginning of the tournament from which counties can borrow from if their minimum number of players falls below 22. The pool will consist of bowlers not nominated to play for their county but who are attending the event to support only.

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Treasurer's Report.

Copies of the balance sheet were made available to all those present. Copy of Balance Sheet and Treasurers Report attached.

Referee's Report

Not much to report. Games are being played in the right spirit and we must develop the sport. Referee's Training Courses need to be organised.

Election of Officers

Current Officers

Chairman	Tony Cuthbert
Vice Chairman	Peter Boynton
Secretary	Eve Warren (resigned)
Treasurer	Margaret Southgate
Referee	David Storey

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Referee were re-elected being present incumbents. Nominated North Tyneside, seconded by Cambridgeshire.

Mr Dirk Vettewinkel was nominated by Essex and seconded by Northumberland for the position of Secretary and there being no further nominations was unanimously elected.

The Chairman asked if anyone would be interested in the position of Development Officers, North and South. There was no interest.

Annual Membership

The Treasurer proposed that the annual membership fee for 2009/10 remains at £100 for Members and £20 for Associate Members. This was agreed unanimously.

The Treasurer reminded all members that their fees are due within the next 30 days

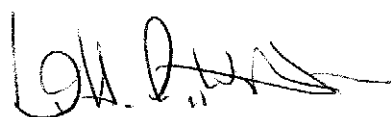
Any Other Business

The representative from Hertfordshire (Rebecca Gammage) expressed her county's concern on the method of payment of travel expenses which was agreed at the last committee meeting. She said that her county committee disagreed with this decision and that they would find it very difficult to operate the system proposed.

The Chairman indicated that as we have to wait a long time for the subsidy payment collected by the Hotel to be paid, this alternative system was proposed and accepted at the last committee meeting. Norfolk member Margaret Barnes indicated that from the balance sheet produced for 2008-2009, the ECBA should be able to continue with the present method to help struggling counties.

It was agreed this would be discussed at the next committee meeting to be held in August.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm



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11 June 2009