

# ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010 At The Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool

Present: T Cuthbert, D. Vettewinkel, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the ECBA.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Gilder and Jamie Smith.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes of the 18th AGM be signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Hertfordshire and seconded by Northumberland.

### **Matters Arising**

No Matters Arising.

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

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### **Treasurer's Report.**

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Copies of the balance sheet were made available to all those present, copy attached.

### **Referee's Report**

There was nothing to report

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

On behalf of the committee, the Secretary proposed amendments to the constitution to give effect to the adoption of the Child Protection Policy:

Clause 1.2: to insert "(h) Maintain a policy for protection of children and vulnerable adults."

Clause 3.1: to insert after "Hon. Referee": "Child Protection Officer"

At the end of existing Constitution: Add as Appendix "A", the ECBA Child Protection Policy.

This was seconded by Northumberland and agreed unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

#### Current Officers

Chairman	Tony Cuthbert
Secretary	Dirk Vettewinkel
Treasurer	Margaret Southgate
Referee	David Storey

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were nominated by the committee and were re-elected. Andy Gilder was also nominated by the committee as Child Protection Officer and was elected.

Jamie Smith was nominated by Cambridgeshire and seconded by Suffolk for the position of Vice-Chairman and there being no further nominations was unanimously elected.

No nominations had been received for the post of Referee, and David Storey agreed to serve for one more year. This was agreed.

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 2010/11 remain at £100 for Members and £20 for Associate Members. This was agreed unanimously.

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

### **Any Other Business**

The Chairman read a letter from the Bedfordshire County Association applying for re-affiliation to the ECBA. The application was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm



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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11th JUNE 2010**

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM of the English Carpet Bowls Association.

As usual I will let the secretaries report cover the detail of the competitions and restrict my comments to other matters.

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11<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

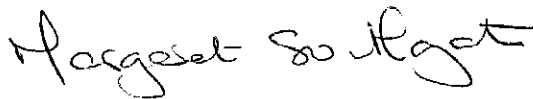
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11th June 2010

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Balance Sheet -----Year to 30th April 2010

INCOME

Balance brought forward from 2009	16,610.11
10 County Fees	1,000.00
1 Associate Fee	20.00

Development/Promotion

Raffles	908.74
Referee Courses	180.00

Commission from Norbreck June & Nov 2008	3,744.40
Norbreck June & Nov 2009	3,862.80
Free Places June & Nov 09	542.00
Internet Booking Subsidy	110.00

ECBA Rinks 2009	607.50
ECBA Triples 2009	470.00

Potters 2009	247.00
Potters 2010	2,560.00

Bank Interest	8.54
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30,871.09

ECBA Assets	
Computer/Printer	£200.00
Lapel Badges	£ 5.00
Rule Books	£200.00

S. M. Withell  
Honorary Auditor  
26.05.2010

EXPENDITURE

<u>Administration</u>	
Officers Expenses, eg Postage Telephone, Photocopying etc	196.90
Meeting Expenses, Venue Travel	703.58
Insurance	404.25

<u>Development/Promotion</u>	
Raffle Prizes/Books	125.00
Rule Books	264.00
Promotional Leaflets	360.00
Referee Courses, Expenses	32.55
Formation of New Club	63.40

<u>Champion of Champions</u>	
Trophies 2009	65.00
Equipment Transport	370.00
Officers' Expenses inc. Admin	350.95
Trophies 2010, 2011 & 2012	208.00

ECBA Rinks 2009	412.90
ECBA Triples 2009	245.50

Potters Admin 2009	245.39
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<u>County Championships</u>	
Administration	220.75
Travel Subsidy	4,048.00
Equipment Transport	340.15
Trophies	467.40

Donation in memory of Peter Boyton 100.00

Combined Bank Balances	21,638.37
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