

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY  
27 MARCH 2010**

Present: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Referee and representatives from Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside & Suffolk & *Sunderland*

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Sunderland
2. **Minutes of last meeting**  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising from previous minutes**  
Child Protection Policy – It was pointed out that the four modules offered by the Safe Network were all part of the same course.  
Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer reported that no further £10 supplements had been received.  
Development of Carpet Bowls – It was reported that approaches had been received from Herefordshire and the Westbourne Social Club in West Sussex. The Westbourne club was interested in purchasing second-hand equipment and the Chairman suggested that Northumberland might have equipment for sale.  
Website – The good response to the website was continuing.
4. **Correspondence**  
There was no correspondence, other than matters covered elsewhere on the agenda.
5. **Chairman's Report**  
Nothing to report.
6. **Secretary's Report**  
Request from Age Concern – In view of the assurance that Age Concern only wished to publicise its services, it was agreed that there would be no objection to their having an information presence at ECBA events.  
Request from Shotbowl – It was considered inappropriate for a supply of rule books to be supplied to Shotbowl.  
Contract for 2011 Champion of Champions – The Secretary reported that the contract for the 2011 Champion of Champions at the Norbreck had been signed.
7. **Treasurer's Report**  
Community Account - £1706.28  
Business Premium Account - £856.36 (for development of bowls)  
Business Reserve Account - £18,024.02 . The total balances were £20,586.66  
The insurance premium of £304 had been paid.  
A new bank mandate had been completed, installing the Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary as signatories.  
The books would close at the end of April, and the Treasurer requested that any requests for payment be submitted by then.  
The contract had been signed with the Holiday Inn for the next three meetings.
8. **Referee's Report**  
David Storey informed members that he would not be seeking re-election as Referee at the AGM.
9. **Annual General Meeting**  
The Chairman pointed out that there were vacancies to be filled at the AGM for Vice-Chairman and Referee.  
It was agreed to nominate the other officers.
10. **National County Championships**
  - a) **Future venue from 2011** – it was agreed by 8 votes for and none against to accept the proposal from Potters Leisure for the 2011 Championships. At the request of Hertfordshire, it was agreed to discuss with Potters a system whereby counties could each book sufficient accommodation at the terms quoted.
  - b) **Number of Ends** – it was agreed by 5 votes to 4 to reduce the number of ends from 11 to 9.
  - c) **Re-naming of Trophy** – it was agreed by 3 votes to 2 not to re-name the Pontins Trophy.

**11. Child Protection Policy**

Following some discussion, a number of amendments to the draft policy were agreed, and Andy Gilder agreed to amend the policy accordingly for circulation to Counties. He then circulated a paper on the role of the new Independent Safeguarding Authority and its implications for the ECBA, the counties and the clubs.

He agreed to be the ECBA Child Protection Officer, and to take the four module training course. It was agreed that the ECBA would meet the expenses.

The Chairman thanked Andy Gilder for accepting this responsibility and for the considerable work that he had undertaken.

**12. Champion of Champions 2010**

A draft programme and application forms were circulated. It was agreed that responsibilities would be:

Equipment – Durham

Raffle Sales – Essex

Raffle prizes & raffle books – Treasurer

Administration – Treasurer & Secretary

Scorecards & score sheets – Secretary

**13. ECB A Competitions**

**Rinks 2010** – to be held at Sunderland on 11<sup>th</sup> April. No report was available, but it was thought that numbers may be disappointing.

**Triples 2010** – to be held at East Bergholt, Suffolk on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The Secretary was requested to provide application forms.

**14. Dates of next meetings**

It was reported that the next three meetings would be on:

21<sup>st</sup> August 2010

(15<sup>th</sup> January 2011) – subsequently changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> January

25<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**15. Any Other Business**

**(a) Festival of Carpet Bowls**

The Chairman reported the best response yet, with 60 rinks, 127 pairs and 147 singles, which should produce a profit of approximately £3400. It was agreed that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary would seek a meeting with Potters management on the Monday afternoon to discuss any outstanding issues.

**(b) Travel Subsidy**

Hertfordshire enquired what changes in the travel subsidy might result from the move to Potters. It was agreed to give further consideration to this.

**(c) Roll of Honour**

Hertfordshire asked that a roll of honour, listing past winners, be on display at the Champion of Champions. The Secretary undertook to find a way of providing this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L.A. Potters', written in a cursive style.