

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2013

Present: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Protection Officer and representatives from Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Suffolk & Sunderland

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Jamie Smith, Paul Dalliday, David Storey & Mike Walker.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**  
It was noted that the demonstration at Staveley was yet to take place – otherwise the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising from previous minutes**  
Development of Carpet Bowls Contact had been made with a group of 14 clubs in Yorkshire, who were being encouraged to switch to ECBA rules. Cambridgeshire had helped to set up a club in Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire were actively assisting in Brighton with a Special Needs Olympics.
4. **Correspondence**  
A letter from Gamlingay Community Centre in Bedfordshire was read, expressing thanks to the Bedfordshire Association for help with advice and equipment.
5. **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman reported on arrangements with Potters for Tenth Anniversary mementos at the Festival of Bowls. Potters had agreed to provide commemorative pens, and it was agreed that the ECBA would provide commemorative fridge magnets at a cost of £288. The Chairman indicated that he would no longer organise the Festival after 2013 and appealed for someone to take over. The Treasurer expressed the appreciation of the committee for all the Chairman's efforts over the ten years of the Festival.
6. **Secretary's Report**  
The Secretary reported that he had ordered a reprint of the Rule Book, and now had ample supplies.
7. **Treasurer's Report**  
Community Account - £2,041.43  
Business Saving Account 1 - £322.44  
Business Saving Account 2 - £18,552.15 . The total balances were £20,916.02  
The balances were approximately the same as at the same time in 2012. She asked that any expenses be sent to her in time for the books closing on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
8. **Referee's Report**  
There was no report in the absence of the Referee.
9. **Child Protection Officer's Report**  
There had been no further developments.
10. **Annual General Meeting**  
It was noted that the Secretary, Treasurer and Child Protection Officer were available for re-election. It was agreed that all county associations be asked to notify the Secretary of their views on the election of officers.
11. **National County Championships 2013**  
South Tyneside reported that they no longer had a county committee, and were extremely short of players. They would report by the AGM on their availability for the National Championships. The Secretary was requested to contact Nathan Moore to enquire if the accommodation was still allocated on the original formula.
12. **Champion of Champions, Blackpool 7/9 June 2013**  
It was confirmed that Bedfordshire and Norfolk would not be competing, leaving eight teams taking part. A draft programme was circulated and approved with amendments to the Sunday schedule. Two alternative Sunday arrangements were proposed and it was agreed on the Chairman's casting vote that Sunday's starting time remain at 9.30 a.m., but that the Sunday programme be reversed to start with Singles & Pairs and finish with Triples and Fours.

**13. Champion of Champions 2014 onwards**

It was agreed that the Champion of Champions be held in the north for the immediate future, and it was agreed to ask David Storey to book the Wolsingham venue for the weekend of 7/8 June 2014. It was also agreed to consider an arrangement for 3 or 5 years if the terms would be better. It was agreed that no separate accommodation would be required on Friday for the AGM, as this could be fitted in to the Saturday or Sunday programme.

**14. ECBA Competitions**

Rinks 2013, Norfolk, 21<sup>st</sup> April – it was reported that 30 entries had been received.

Triples 2013, Northumberland, 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Entry forms were circulated, and it was agreed to send email copies to all counties.

**15. Promotional DVD**

Rebecca Hearn reported that the DVD was nearing completion and it was hoped that it would be available for showing at the AGM.

**16. Dates of Future Meetings**

Meetings were booked for 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**17. Any Other Business**

Colin Young asked that the travel subsidy be increased. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be reviewed at a later date.

Margaret Southgate asked if anyone knew of a set of bowls for sale. Colin Young agreed to bring a set to the Champion of Champions.

The Chairman reported that there was a possibility of eight sets becoming available from Northumberland.

On behalf of the committee, Mick Watkins thanked Tony Cuthbert for his long and distinguished service to the ECBA