

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY  
16 August 2014**

Present: Chairman, Treasurer, and representatives from Bedfordshire, Durham, Essex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Suffolk & Sunderland

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Jamie Smith, Paul Dalliday & Andy Gilder.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising from previous minutes**  
Development of Carpet Bowls Mick Watkins reported that a demo would be undertaken shortly at Manchester.
4. **Matters Arising from the Annual General Meeting**  
**(a) Secretarial arrangements**  
As no one had come forward to take up this vacant post, the Chairman reminded the meeting that the post of Treasurer would also be vacant from April 2015, and unless these vacancies were filled the association would not be able to function.
5. **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
6. **Secretary's Report**  
N/A
7. **Treasurer's Report**  
Community Account - £1,298.95  
Business Saving Account 1 - £322.64  
Business Saving Account 2 - £18,063.34 . The total balances were £19,684.93
8. **Referee's Report**  
The referee had nothing specific to report.
9. **Child Protection Officer's Report**  
There was no report in the absence of the Child Protection Officer.
10. **Correspondence**  
There was no correspondence.
11. **Review of the Champion of Champions 2014**  
All agreed that the new venue at Wolsingham had been a great success. However, the event did generate a loss of £246.50. Durham requested that a letter be sent to the venue thanking them for their hospitality.
12. **National County Championships 2014**  
The travel subsidy was reviewed and discussed at length, and in light of the difficulties some counties were facing with travel costs it was agreed by 6 votes for and 1 against to increase the allowance by 50 pence per mile.  
Mick Watkins requested that all counties forward to him the names of any players that were prepared to help with providing referees to cover this event.
13. **ECBA Events**  
**(a) Report on open rinks 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**  
Colin Young reported that the event had gone well, but was disappointed with the lack of help in putting away the equipment.  
**(b) Open Triples – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Alex Russel was unable to report on the number of entries received due to the booking secretary being away on holiday.
14. **Festival of Carpet Bowls**  
The Chairman reported that we had received 162 confirmed bookings so far.
15. **Date of next meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**16 Any Other Business**

As South Tyneside had resigned from the association and therefore would not be hosting the ECBA Open Triples 2015, Durham kindly agreed to host this event.

The Chairman put forward a request from the members of the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association the possibility of offering a travel subsidy for the Champion of Champions. This will be added to the January 2015 meeting.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 2.30pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. Kelly", is written above a long, sweeping horizontal line that spans across the width of the signature.