



English Carpet Bowls Association

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2015

Present: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and representatives from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Northumberland, Hertfordshire & Suffolk

1. Apologies for absence

Jill Emms (Norfolk), Colin Young (Sunderland), David Storey (Referee/Durham) & Andy Gilder (Child Protection Officer)

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 16th August 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

- a) Demonstration of carpet bowls at Whitehaven was successful with 1 set of carpet bowls being purchased
- b) Demonstration at a Manchester care home could provide carpet bowls at 6 further care homes although cost of equipment may be an issue.
- c) It would be beneficial for all carpet bowls websites to have links to each other
- d) Enquiries being received for suppliers of equipment and trophies to have links to their websites, currently the ECBA does not support this form of advertising. This will need to be reviewed and agreed at an AGM if we decide to allow advertising links.
- e) Carpet bowls in Norway appears to be growing in strength with significant investment to provide halls the ability to play. Norway and Sweden recently played a friendly tournament with 48 teams. Talk about staging international match is in its early stages. A contingent of players from Norway coming to UK on 8th Feb to play a friendly at Colmworth Village Hall in Bedfordshire. The Chairman is working on advertising this to its potential to get some much needed exposure.

4. Correspondence

Treasurer advised that the trophies invoice for the 2014 ECBA Open Triples is still to be received, the competition did make a £17 loss

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report that was not covered by the agenda.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report that was not covered by the agenda.

7. Treasurer's Report

Community Account - £644.44
Business Saving Account 1 - £322.72 (for development of bowls)
Business Saving Account 2 - £17,067.52 . The total balances were £18,034.68
Potters subsidy of £3,110.00 received, this amount was higher than last year and we had one county less.

8. Referee's Report

There was no report. The Chairman advised that the referee was not seeking re-election at the AGM

9. Child Protection Officer's Report

There was no report.

10. Review of National County Championships 2014

The raffle had raised £492.00 – The Chairman commented on how well the competition went. There were some initial problems with the equipment but this was resolved prior to the commencement of the event. Although one mat still did have mixed woods. It was commented by Suffolk that the mats did not appear to play particular well unlike previous years and that more time should be set aside to ensure the best

possible position of the mats. The Chairman to work with the referee to ensure that the set up and testing of mats is done as early on Friday as possible; obviously this does require volunteers to make themselves available.

Cambridgeshire commented that the standard of food was below Potters normal standard in particular the Salad Bar.

11. Champion of Champions 6/7 June 2015

The Champion of Champions weekend would be held at Wolsingham as per last year's arrangements. The Treasurer asked that if a deposit is required then this is communicated as soon as possible.

The discussion regarding travel expenses was discussed. The Vice-Chairman commented that the association is not in a position to approve such expenses as the event currently makes a significant loss and would be against this. It was voted on and all those present were against travel expenses for the champion of champions

12. Competitions

ECBA Triples held on the 14th September 2014 held at Braintree Leisure Centre and hosted by Essex went well, there were some observations made that the organisers should be aware of

- Lack of numbers
- Lack of advertising
- Lack of helpers to set up
- Programme changed to many times without notification

The Chairman applauded the winners of the 2013 event who travelled down to defend their title

ECBA Rinks 2015 is being held on Sunday 26th April by Suffolk, entry forms are available on the ECBA website

ECBA Triples 2015 is being held on Sunday 20th September by Durham, entry forms will be available in due course

13. Festival of Carpet Bowls

180 bowlers have booked with Potters this event although the Treasurer also advised that she has not yet received entry fees to match this number.

For those that may encounter issues with accommodation bookings with Potters whereby they do not honour the advertised price need to contact the Chairman or Rita Daniels

14. Annual General Meeting 2015

The Annual General Meeting is being held on Saturday 25th April 2015 after the committee meeting. Nomination forms for officers have been circulated with county delegates.

17. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting would take place on 25th April 2015.

18. Any Other Business

The treasurer asked if she should bulk buy the Champion of Champions winners plates when she orders this years; it was advise only to purchase this years.

With no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 13:10pm