

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM of the English Carpet Bowls Association held on 20th April 2019
at the Holiday Inn, Rotherham

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

1. Apologies for absence

Norfolk

2. Minutes of 27th AGM

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

None

4. Chairman's Report

Mike was delighted with the International match held last year at Potters and the renewed enthusiasm generated with the Festival of Bowls. Neil Jolly intends to enter their championship competition this year. The growth in carpet bowls in Europe is increasing.

There had been some bad behaviour entailed with poor conduct and social media issues, this has been dealt with by the committee.

Mike has enjoyed his post as Chairman, and hope the incoming Chairman enjoys the same.

Thank you to all for their help and more so to Paul Daniels for his help and guidance.

5. Secretary's Report

None

6. Treasurer's Report

Overall the Association showed a surplus in its account of £568 for the year, although that excludes £179 for Officer's liability Insurance which took longer to arrange than normal.

Taking this into account brings the surplus down to around £390 which is chiefly down to increased profits on the Triples and Rinks events and a reduction of losses on the Nationals.

It was recommended that the annual subscriptions and champion of Champions entry fee remain the same for the forthcoming year.

Approved by Northumberland.

7. National Championship Revision Rules

Discussed at meeting – 8 in favour.

8. Election of Officers

Chairman : Colin Young (6 : 2)

Vice Chairman : Mike Walker

Secretary : Pauline Charleton

Treasurer : Paul Daniels

Child Protection : Rebecca Hearn

Referee: Vacant

9. Annual Membership Fee

Continue at £100

10. Any other business

Festival of Bowls – Colin was happy for Paul and Mike to run the competition.

Bedfordshire not entering a team in Champion of Champions

Overseas carpet bowlers are "new" and as such are receiving funding from the Norwegian Health Department, 75,000eu first year, 55,000eu second year.

There have been promotions put around and many people watching – if Europeans continue to push with health promotion within this sport, the World Health Organisation may support this too with benefit worldwide.

Northumberland – looking at the past bowls festivals – the majority attended were non-county bowlers – this helped make the festival a success – the important part of the Festival is that it is a holiday. Northumberland have 100 regular bowls clubs and at an AGM, there are 30 – shows that not all interested in county bowling.

Cambridgeshire re balance sheet – £154 over 2 years spent on development - that states why there are no newcomers!

Chairman – we need people willing to promote the sport, we need money to do it and need to find people interested in the game. We have looked at different venues throughout the country – difficult to find one.

Northumberland – Issue here is to sign only people who are committed to play for county, therefore cost, time and interest are the basic commitments in this sport.

Chairman – arrange pamphlet drops into venues/leisure centres etc nationwide. The Website has information available out there, but not a key sport to lots of people. The target age is 55yrs as it's not a hard-physical exertion – younger age goes mainly for more physical exercise.

Meeting closed at 1.20 PM