

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting 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 last meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

None

Development of Carpet Bowls

None

Website

None

4. Correspondence

Letter from Joyce Woodward, Durham, with regard of a disciplinary ban of one year against a Durham County player.

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Secretary's Report

None

7. Treasurer's Report

Up to date accounts – distributed

One item discussed re Insurance – Officers' Liability Insurance £179 is in this year's accounts, which shows a surplus in last year's accounts as this insurance had not been added.

There are little bits of cash coming in from the festival and a £300 profit from the rink's competition.

The coach for the Festival cost money this year, £1400, a small increase from the previous year.

8. Child Protection Officer's Report

None

9. Competitions

Well done Essex for a successful Rinks competition of 32 teams.

Unfortunately, there had been problems re the timing of this competition – the date clashed with Bedfordshire and Suffolk competitions, and Essex wondered if it was worth continuing with rinks in the long run. There were only 10 teams from bowlers nationwide, and 21 from Essex home clubs.

Cambridgeshire commented that the entry fee at £18 was more than they normally pay, and the format was not ideal, with another comp alongside the main comp. Jamie showed a format that Cambridge use where all teams have 5 games but are not in groups.

Essex stated that £4.50pp is the charge for use of the venue and all had 5 games with their format, but they would look at other formats of play.

Mike discussed more advertising within bowls sectors, and encouragement of club players to enter National Competitions, the criteria is not to lose too much on competitions.

It is important that the southern bowls clubs need to discuss dates of competitions so there is no clash between the arranged dates and the competitions are well supported.

Essex stated that it is difficult to book as venue is very popular.

Mike suggests pick a venue from over 6 counties and hold the competitions there – e.g. Needham was used for Hertfordshire comp.

Festival of Bowls now on-line – there are no overseas players this year, the date clashes with their own competition in Norway. Avon Compton however, is flying in from New Zealand to the Festival of Bowls at Potters.

10. Rule Books

There are now 20 rule books left – after discussion and unanimous vote, it is now decided to have the on-line rule books for easier administration and accessible for all at no cost.

11. National Championships Rule Revision

Much discussion regards the rule revision, with many options for and against - it was decided by all to trial the playing sheet and to concentrate on:

- a) Nomination of 6 skips – skips can be a choice of playing extra games, but not in a skip position when playing extra - players not play more than additional 3 games/3 times in succession – HOWEVER – there may be an occasion when a 4th time could be inevitable, so for this year accept 4 if necessary.
- b) a team may elect to play with 5 rinks - follow the case of an absent block for each county.
Also, to note, there may be a problem of playing on same carpet, which is unavoidable and to be accepted.

Should a county know they are going to be playing short, they must sort their format before the date of the competition and send to Paul so he can distribute it to the county captains prior to the National weekend.

12. Date of Next Meeting

21st September 2019

13. Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.34pm.