

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of virtual AGM of the English Carpet Bowls Association held on 10th April 2021

Present: Representatives from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Suffolk and Sunderland

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes of 28th AGM (2019)

In the absence of a 2020 AGM, the minutes of the 2019 were read and agreed and signed as a true record.

The Chairman asked that the 2019/20 accounts should be adopted, which was agreed.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

None

4. Chairman's Report

Who will forget the year 2020/2021? It certainly will be a year to be remembered!!

When the former Chairman passed over the Chair to me in April 2019 I knew things could get somewhat difficult, but never realized what might lie ahead.

COVID-19: I never envisaged or will ever understand how life can change so much and so quickly; it feels almost paranormal. It's not nice, not knowing what to do in the circumstances we faced. However, I am grateful that this Association had the individuals who could help put together an action plan, and a way of moving forward.

My main thoughts were always with our bowlers, hoping that they would remain safe during these unprecedented and challenging times. I hope and expect that we will be able to resume playing in the very near future, even though the duration of the pandemic still remains unclear.

We will of course continue to be guided by the Government guidelines. Once again, thank you all for your patience and commitment and look forward to seeing you all back playing the game you love, very soon.

5. Secretary's Report

None

6. Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts were circulated, showing a surplus of £132.67 for the year 2020/21.

7. Referee's Report

None

8. Election of Officers

The existing officers all agreed to stand again and were voted in en bloc.

Chairman : Colin Young
Vice Chairman : Neil Jolly
Secretary : Pauline Charleton
Treasurer : Paul Daniels
Child Protection : Rebecca Hearn
Referee: Mick Watkins

9. Annual Membership Fee

In view of the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, the Treasurer recommended that the memberships for 2020/21 should be extended across the 2021/22 season, which was agreed.

10. Any other business

Northumberland wanted to ensure that there was no mention of the ECBA being a National Governing Body on the website.

Norfolk would like to reduce the size of the teams for the National Championships down to 18. With there being no event this year it was felt that this could be left for discussion at a later date.

Mick Watkins mentioned that the Dress Code needs to be reviewed, but that it was something best left to a time when we can meet in person again.