

ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

The Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the
English Carpet Bowls Association
held at Seacroft Holiday Village, Norfolk
on Friday, 22nd April, 1994

Present:- David Schofield (Chairman), Arnold Miller Vice Chairman), Eve Warren (Secretary), John Crawford (Treasurer), Scott Andrews (Development Officer) and David Brazier (Referee), representatives from Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, North Tyneside, Northumberland and Suffolk with approx. 200 people in all.

North Tyneside held a proxy vote for South Tyneside who were not able to be represented.

✓ The Annual General Meeting began at 8.30 p.m..

1. The Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting by welcoming all those present and commenting that it was encouraging to see so many. To avoid any confusion it was his intention to nominations for Office from the floor at the appropriate time.
2. Apologies were received from Gareth Beard (South Tyneside) and Susie & David Dicker (Essex).
3. The Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting were approved as minuted and signed to that effect by the Chairman.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. The Chairmans only comment was with regard to the promotional leaflet where he said that it was his decision to delay the printing and circulation, just a few weeks, in case there were changes in Officers, and thus contact names on the leaflet, at this Meeting.
6. The Secretary reported that there were presently 9 members of the Association, viz. Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Suffolk. Wearside had resigned since the last Meeting and Bedfordshire, who had considered joining, had not done so.

The 2nd National "County" Championships were held at Pontin's, Hemsby in October, 1993 with teams entered from Cambridgeshire, Durham, North Tyneside, Norfolk, Northumberland and Suffolk. A great weekend of carpet bowls culminated in Durham taking the honours by just 1 point from the previous years Champions, Suffolk, with Cambridgeshire taking 3rd place. As is the norm when Counties get together there was competitive, but friendly, rivalry with an exceptionally high standard of bowling. The associated pairs tournament for those not taking part in the County Championship was won by Nancy Pitcher & Jean Roddham (Suffolk).

Northern and Eastern Counties Leagues had been started in the last year and the winners would play each other on the Friday night prior to the County Championships in October, 1994. Durham currently lead the Northern and Cambridgeshire the Eastern Counties.

Suffolk had won the Eastern Counties Championships, for the second successive year, from Essex with Cambridgeshire third.

It has been decided that National Singles, Pairs and Rinks Championships will be held in May, 1995 at a point midway between the North East and the Eastern Counties, Doncaster, perhaps, and it was hoped that this would be ECBA funded. The Secretary, Ms Eve Warren, then announced that she would not be standing as Secretary for a further year adding that she had enjoyed acting in these early years of the Association. Personal circumstances would not allow her to devote the time and effort that would be necessary to continue as Secretary.

Carpet bowling was important to her and she has always believed that a National Association is essential. She did make a plea, however, for the origins of carpet bowls not to be forgotten nor the many hundreds of people who play for the sheer pleasure and social contact it gives them.

As a final word she reminded everyone that the work done by the Officials of the Association is on a voluntary basis. They were individuals who had the courage to take on a task for the benefit of carpet bowls and she felt they deserve every encouragement and the full support of the members. They are not perfect, just human!

7. The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year to 22nd April, 1994 (attached hereto) showing a closing balance of £4,462.63 (£3,124.46 opening balance). Income for the year had been £3,088.50 while the expenditure had been £1,750.33.
Since these accounts had been compiled a cheque for £200 had been received as a donation from Durham from the English Rinks Championships.
8. Details of proposed Rule changes had been circulated to members prior to the Meeting and a representative from Suffolk, the proposer of the bulk of the changes, explained their intention.

Proposal to amend Rules 2.6, 2.8 and 2.10, adopt new Rule 2.12, amend Rules 3.1 and 3.2 and adopt new Rule 3.5

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by Durham and carried unanimously.

Proposal to amend Rule 1.4 so that it should read "The jack shall be 2.5ins. in diameter."

Proposed by Suffolk and seconded by Northumberland.

Amendment 1 - that 1.4 should read "The jack shall be white or a contrasting colour to the mat and woods . ."

Proposed by Hertfordshire, seconded by Norfolk but de

Amendment 2 - that 1.4 should read "The jack shall be white or yellow . ."

Proposed by North Tyneside, seconded by Cambridgeshire but not carried as equal voting for and against the motion.

Amendment 2 was not carried as there were 4 votes for and 4 against and Amendment 1 was defeated with 2 votes for and 6 against. The original proposal was adopted with 5 votes for and 3 against.

Proposal to amend Rule 2.2

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by North Tyneside and carried unanimously.

Proposal to amend Rule 2.4

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by North Tyneside and carried unanimously.

Proposal to amend Rule 2.5

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by North Tyneside and carried unanimously.

Proposal to amend Rule 2.7

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by North Tyneside and carried with 7 votes for and none against and one abstention. An Amendment was proposed by Cambridgeshire that the next wood should be declared dead did not receive a seconder.

Proposal to amend Rule 3.4

Proposed by Suffolk, seconded by South Tyneside and carried unanimously.

Proposal to amend Rule 3.2

Proposed by Cambridgeshire, seconded by Hertfordshire and carried by 6 votes for with none against, there being 2 abstentions.

9. Proposal to adopt the following Rule "For County events grey trousers/skirts with white shirts and/or County jumper be worn and for National/Open events black/grey trousers/skirts with a Club shirt and/or jumper."

Proposed by Cambridgeshire and seconded by Suffolk.

Amendment 1 - that it should read "For County events black/grey trousers/skirts with white shirts and/or County jumper be worn"

Proposed by Essex and seconded by Hertfordshire.

Amendment 2 - "That neither the original proposal nor Amendment 1 be voted on and that the opinion of Members be canvassed over the next 12 months and, if required, the proposal be brought back to the next Annual General Meeting"

Proposed by Norfolk, seconded by Northumberland and carried by 7 votes for and 1 against consequently neither Amendment 1 nor the original proposal was voted on.

10. Election of Officers

Chairman

Mr John Crawford was proposed by North Tyneside and seconded by Durham. There being no other nominee's Mr John Crawford was elected.

Vice Chairman

The previous Vice Chairman, Mr Arnold Miller, stood for re-election and in the absence of any other nominee's was re-elected.

Secretary

Mr David Schofield was proposed by Suffolk and seconded by Cambridgeshire. There being no other nominee's Mr David Schofield was elected.

Treasurer

Mr Gordon Thirsk was proposed by North Tyneside and seconded by Northumberland. Mrs Susan Dicker was proposed by Essex and seconded by Cambridgeshire.

A vote resulted in Mr Gordon Thirsk being elected by 5 votes to 4.

Development Officer

Mr Tony Webber was proposed by North Tyneside and seconded by Northumberland. Mr Scott Andrews stood for re-election.

A vote resulted in Mr Scott Andrews being re-elected by 5 votes to 4.

Referee

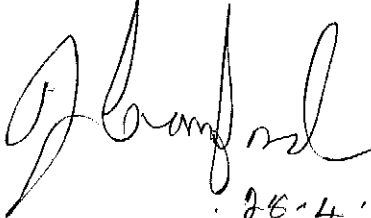
Mr Allan Howe was proposed by Suffolk and seconded by North Tyneside. Mr David Brazier stood for re-election.

A vote resulted in Mr Allan Howe being elected by 5 votes to 4.

11. It was unanimously agreed that the annual membership subscription remain at £75.00.
12. The ex-Treasurer thanked Mrs Susan Dicker for her work as Auditor.

It was proposed by Durham and seconded by Essex that the Treasurer ask Mrs Susan Dicker to remain as the Associations Auditor for a further 12 months and this was agreed unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the Annual General Meeting at 10.30 p.m..


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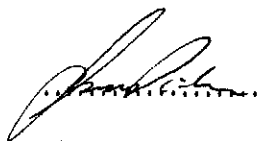
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Balance Sheet – Year to 22nd April 1994

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance from 1993 - brought forward	£3124.46	<u>Adminstration</u>	
9 x County fees @ £75.00	£675.00	Officers' expenses including travel, postage, telephone & accommodation	£280.27
English Pairs Donation	£500.00	Secretarial expenses including printing postage & telephone	£100.00
English County Championships	£1085.00	Darlington Meeting	£125.00
Raffles / Fees received	£732.02	Blackpool Meeting (hosted by Durham County)	f.o.c.
Business Premium Account Interest	£96.48	<u>Development</u>	
		English Bowls Council	£60.00
		Photography (leaflets)	£339.31
		<u>Fundraising</u>	
		Lottery licence & tickets	£599.00
		Carpet Transport - County Championships	£246.75
			£1,750.33
		Bank Balance	£4,462.63
	<u>£6,212.96</u>		<u>£6,212.96</u>



Auditor