

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 19th October 2023 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
P. Daniels – League & Tournament Secretary

County Representatives:

N. Rixon & J Ellis – Bedfordshire, B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire,
P. Orrin - Essex, M. Fisher – Norfolk, S. Goodrich - Suffolk

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman informed those who were not aware, that Colin Young the English CBA Chairman had sadly passed away earlier in the week. Condolences were sent to his family and friends.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from P. Cook – Hertfordshire.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 20th October 2022 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matter arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The last game of the ECCBA league was played on Sunday June 25th between Suffolk and Hertfordshire which was won by Suffolk. Suffolk retained the league title and were presented with the league trophies. Hertfordshire finished runners-up in the league. Suffolk will now represent the ECCBA at the Nationals on the Friday night November 3rd at Potters against Durham, the Northern league winners.

Thanks to Cambridgeshire for running the Teambowl and to all the helpers. Suffolk were the winners. It was good to have the Teambowl taking place once again, the first since 2019.

5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report

i. The Littleport Leisure Centre has been booked for the 2024 events, these being:

14 th April 2024	Eastern Counties Championships
12 th May 2024	Champion of Champions
6 th October 2024	Teambowl

Other events that are due to take place in the Eastern Counties have also been booked at the Littleport Leisure Centre, these being:

1 st September 2024	Cambridgeshire hosting the English Triples
27 th April 2025	Norfolk hosting the English Rinks

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5. Secretary & Treasurer's Report - continued

ii. The Contacts List has been updated with the Suffolk representative – copy attached.

iii. Treasurer's Report

Barclays requested up to date information. Although the required documents from their list were sent, that was not good enough. Our Auditor who is a Chartered Accountant issued a letter to confirm who we are and once that was received by Barclays, that satisfied their requirements.

The insurance was paid in August, a total of £618.97 seeing the expected inflation increase.

The shared profit from Teambowl enabled £232.00 to be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The amount donated being £227.00 profit and £5.00 donation. A letter of thanks from the East Anglian Air Ambulance had been received.

The accounts currently stand at: Premium Account £2,293.72
Community Account £607.54 Cash £50.91 totaling £2,952.17

The league fees are due by the 31st October which prior to paying, counties are awaiting to know how many matches will be played, depending if Bedfordshire are taking part in the league.

Bedfordshire advised they are struggling to get a full team, currently looking at 18 players. The travelling to matches being an issue with finding drivers, although the closest counties of Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire are the away teams for this next season.

It was decided to assume Bedfordshire will be taking part in the league and based on that, the fees for the five matches are due to be paid.

6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report

The league score sheets for each county were handed out, noting there is a section to complete if a county are players short.

A reminder that the home county are to give a month's notice to the away county and to advise the type of refreshments available.

The home venues were confirmed:

Essex	Gt. Sailing
Suffolk	Needham Market
Bedfordshire	Barton le Clay
Norfolk	Wortwell
Cambridgeshire	Littleport
Hertfordshire	Welwyn Garden City

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6. League & Tournament Secretary's Report - continued

Bedfordshire queried what they will need to do as hosts of the 2024 Champion of Champions. It was advised the equipment at Littleport can be set up as only 6 mats are required. The score keeping during the day will be arranged nearer the time. With the raffle, Bedfordshire will need to pre-purchase the prizes and arrange for volunteers to run the raffle on the day. Referees from other counties will be available to assist on the day.

7. Any Other Business

The only item raised related to the Nationals at Potters where Essex asked for clarification on the time for breakfast which was advised at 8.00am, being a little earlier for the bowlers. The Firework Display was also commented upon where the matches are likely to be finished on the Sunday so players can go to the display.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM which was arranged for Thursday 20th June 2024 to commence at 7.30pm at The Racing Centre, Newmarket. An earlier start time was agreed due to the closing time of the venue.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date