

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2007**

**Present: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Referee and representatives from Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Suffolk, Sunderland**

**1. Apologies for absence**

South Tyneside, Jamie Smith

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed and signed as a true record. Kay Cuthbert/Margaret Southgate

**3. Matters arising**

**Insurance**

We now have insurance (Wanderers) in place but it only covers the Association. Separate policy to cover Officers.

**Bowls Alliance**

Only cost to date is for fuel. Mr Steve Rodwell (Secretary of EIBA) is willing to attend one of our meetings to outline details of the Alliance. More appropriate to wait until the Alliance is more sorted and stable.

**Previous Secretary**

Police unable to help - they say it is a civil matter. A letter has been sent by the Solicitor to Mrs Hardy. Some of the equipment has been returned to our Solicitor. Thanks to Peter, Margaret and Alex.

It was discussed and Unanimously agreed that Mrs Hardy should be banned from ECBA events for the foreseeable future.

**4. Correspondence**

Letter from Keith Bartholomew regarding information on carpet bowls?

**5. Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report

**6. Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report

**7. Treasurer's Report**

£17,316.52 at present in ECBA accounts. £500 paid to each county as agreed at the last meeting. Secretary to speak to The Norbreck Castle Hotel regarding free places from County Championships in November 2006.

£1000 transferred into premium account to be used for Development.

**8. Referees Report**

Volunteers needed to be trained as Referees. Some Counties need Trainers as well as referees. A venue will be arranged in the north and south for training.

**9. AGM- Proposed Changes**

No changes proposed for the **Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls**. Booklets to be distributed free of charge.

**Changes to the Constitution** - changes regarding Annual General Meeting agreed at previous meeting.

**10. Champion of Champions 2007**

All Counties have teams entered.  
Durham to provide carpets and equipment.  
Northumberland to arrange for PA system.  
Suffolk to run raffle. Prizes to be arranged by Treasurer.  
No entry fee.  
Booking forms circulated.

**11. Rinks 2007**

Administered by Cambridgeshire. Disappointing entry, only 27 teams. However, still made a profit.

Maybe we should move away from the Easter weekend. Look at the week before.  
Counties to let Secretary know if they have a competition that day.  
South Tyneside to host the 2008 Rinks.

**Triples 2007**

Date of competition 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Check wheelchair access. To be run by Sunderland. County to pay costs and surplus(deficit) to ECBA.

**Potters 2007**

Very much the same as last year.

**Seacroft**

No response from Seacroft. T & D Bowls organising carpet bowls events at Seacroft.  
Do we pursue? Do we need an English Pairs? It was unanimously agreed No, we do not pursue, we don't need English Pairs.

**Advertising**

No one other than ECBA are permitted to use the competition table for advertising leaflets.

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

At the moment we have 4 meetings year plus the AGM. The constitution states no less than 3 meetings a year. It was proposed by North Tyneside and seconded by Sunderland that we now have only 3 meetings per year plus the AGM unless there is a need for a special meeting. Unanimously agreed.

Meeting dates will be at follows

Saturday 18 August 2007  
Saturday 12 January 2008  
Saturday 29 March 2008  
AGM - Friday 13 June 2008

If we need an extra meeting this will be arranged in July 2007.

As South Tyneside has not attended a meeting this year, they will not be allowed to vote at the AGM.

**13. Any Other Business**

**Bowls Leaflet**

Art work is in progress.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05 pm

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