

# English Carpet Bowls Zoom Meeting

Saturday 7th November 2020 @ 11am

Present:

Chairman	Colin Young	Sunderland
Vice Chairman	Neil Jolly	Suffolk
Secretary	Pauline Charleton	Northumberland
Treasurer & Competition Secretary	Paul Daniels	Suffolk
National Referee	Mick Watkins	Suffolk
Delegate	Trevor Tumber	Bedfordshire
Delegate	Peter Wood	Durham
Delegate	Clifford Richardson	Essex
Delegate	Peter Cook	Hertfordshire
Delegate	Dean Clark	Norfolk
Delegate	Kay Cuthbert	Northumberland
Delegate	Tony Cuthbert	Northumbeland

Absent: Cambridgeshire

Chairman opened the meeting, greeted everyone and hoped all was well with all present and thanked Clifford for organising the Zoom meeting, also Neil and Paul for their excellent work involved with the Action Plan.

Colin stated the purpose of our meeting today was to substantiate:

- a) Whether the counties believe the ECBA is a National Governing Body (NGB hereafter), or not.
- b) Following the receipt of the Action Plan, which delegates had received prior to the meeting, and read, to vote for the plan to be sent to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS hereafter), to assess and approve for the ECBA to be known as an Organised Sport, or not.

Much discussion was involved from each county's delegates, and both interesting and informative with regard to their views.

Also discussed was the state of bowls played, or not, within the government's guidelines - the North had no bowls played, many bowlers had age limits and underlying health problems and would not feel safe attempting to bowl. The South had 2-3 clubs who had tried to bowl within the specified guidelines, pre and post the rule of 6 - many obstacles were endured - cleaning being the biggest problem to keep a hall open - but in the end all bowls were stopped.

a) The outcome of the votes yielded:

For the ECBA as a NGB	0 votes
Not a NGB	7 votes
Abstained	1 vote (Bedfordshire)

Cambridgeshire absent from meeting

b) Application for Plan to be sent to DCMS for assessment:

Votes for	8
Votes against	0

Cambridgeshire absent from meeting

All counties were asked to inform Neil and Paul if there were any queries or amendments they would like to discuss with the plan prior to application to the DCMS.

The next formal meeting in January 2020 TBA.

The meeting closed at 11.49am.