

ESSEX COUNTY CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Held at White Notley Village Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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The meeting was attended by representatives of 22 clubs and 9 committee members.  
The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the Chairman welcomed everyone.

- 1) Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Wickham Bishops, Clacton-on-Sea, Finchingfield, Roxwell, RHP Gold, Chelmer Village, Mr Ian Sinclair-Gunn of Windmill CBC and Helions Bumpstead.
- 2) Minutes of the 2023 AGM: The minutes were proposed correct by Mr Mervyn Bushe, Langham and seconded by Catherine Kelly, West Bergholt. They were duly signed by the Chair.
- 3) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from these minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report: Mr Evans again thanked everyone for attending and for keeping carpet bowls going in Essex. He stated that clubs had to adapt in the change of venue for Essex competitions, which had worked out well. He went on to thank those responsible for running the raffles and organising refreshments at competitions. He thanked Paul and Ashley Perkins for organising and running the competitions, the committee for their work over the year and all the teams and players that had entered the competitions.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Mrs Richardson had prepared and circulated a copy of accounts. She stated that it had been a better year due to a cheaper venue for events and that the County Team was self-funding. She went on to say that the insurance was a work in progress, due to the fact that the price of replacing equipment etc. has gone up considerably which would reflect on the cost of re-insuring clubs equipment. She went on to explain parts of her account. She also said that she was liaising with Endsleigh insurance to find out the cost of insuring equipment. Mr Richardson stated that it would be a good idea for clubs to liaise with their village halls to see if equipment stored there would be covered by the village hall insurance, if it was to be damaged whilst in situ. A discussion took place. Mrs Richardson said that the cost to Endsleigh would be much more. Mr Richardson went on to say that his club, Helions Bumpstead charged for equipment stored there so it should be covered by their insurance if anything should happen to it. A further discussion took place. Mrs Richardson said she would get the S.P. from Endsleigh as soon as she could get in touch with them. There were no further questions from the floor. The accounts were therefore proposed correct by Mr Evans and seconded by Mrs Brown.
- 6) Tournament Secretary: Mr Perkins started his report by saying that it had been a good year for bowls and thanked everyone for attending the events and for making it a good season. He thanked Paul Perkins for his help in organising the events and those that have provided refreshments in the kitchen throughout the year and to Mr Evans for his assistance in running events on the day. He went on to report on the results of last season's competitions, after which he went on to report on the coming season's competitions. He went on to explain the best way of paying for entries and to give as much detail as possible if paying by BACs. Also to send cheques with each entry, rather than pay for them all at once. He mentioned that

there was a possibility of a change of email address for entries, so that both Paul and he had access to emails instead of just Ashley.

- 7) County Captain: Mr Orrin opened his report by stating that he was delighted that the Essex team had an extremely good season, especially in the Eastern Counties League, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 counties and just losing out of the runners-up spot by one point to Hertfordshire. He stated that it was the best overall performance for many years and all who took part should be proud of what they achieved. All other Essex team results including the annual National County Championship held at Potters Resort last November were good and that Essex has proved they can compete with the best. 29 players were used last season and the newcomers blended into the team well. Using a balance of experience, mixed with newer, mostly younger players should be good for the future. He reported on the commitment of the players, who have to travel long distances, mostly at their own cost. The team is totally self-sufficient with all costs covered by the team players with no drain on county funds. He went on to thank all the players for their commitment, Mrs Anthea Bushe for organising the home raffles, Mr Graham Evans and Ms Terry Marsh who purchase all the raffle prizes and tea and coffee needs. He finished his report by saying that it would be his 15<sup>th</sup> year as County Captain and, although he is prepared to carry on for a further year, he was ever hopeful that there is a replacement out there somewhere to give fresh impetus to the team.
- 8) Election of Officers and League Secretaries: The existing Committee members and League Secretaries were happy to remain in post. Mr Evans asked for a show of hands to agree with this. Everyone on the floor were in agreement.
- 9) Proposals: There were two proposals put forward. (1) That the number of players in league teams be standardised to each club playing 12 players. Clubs could play with 10 and not be penalised, but, under special circumstances play with 9 but incur penalty points after four instances. When playing short (11 or 10) the new rule of 3 v 4 would be introduced. This was proposed by Mr Cliff Richardson and seconded by Mr Peter Orrin. Mr Richardson explained the reason for proposing this and how the 3 v 4 rule worked. A long discussion took place regarding this proposal and the 3 v 4 rule. Mr Orrin stated that the Colchester league had adopted this rule and it was working well. A further discussion took place. Mrs Williams of White Notley asked again about playing with 9 players and it was explained to her again. It was mention that at the last AGM teams playing 10 players could go down to 8 players. This would no longer apply. A further long discussion took place. It was then put to the vote with 17 for and 4 against, therefore the proposal was carried. Mr Chris Clark of RHP Black asked about the penalties incurred,(1 point) and was told that they would come off the final score of the team playing short and would not be awarded to the opposing team. (2) A second proposal from Lawford C.B.C. had been put forward regarding the amount of games allowed for playing short – used to be 5 times and they proposed it should be dropped to 3 before penalties were deducted. As this had already been covered and approved in Proposal 1, this proposal was withdrawn.
- 10) Any Other Business: (1) Mr Orrin stated that he was in charge of the Essex website and said that if anyone wanted something entered on there they should contact him and he would deal with it. (2) From the floor: Can players play for two different teams in different leagues? Pre Covid players were allowed to enter the Summer Singles under another club. Would this be allowed again? As an example it was explained that, if the players club did not want to enter the Summer Singles, it was legal to play in another club for the duration of the competition. Both clubs, however, had to be affiliated to ECCBA. However,, players were not allowed to play for 2 different clubs in the league. (3) Colin Lord, Swards End: Is there some way of promoting the game of carpet bowls to encourage more people to play. Mr Richardson explained that everything had already been tried with a negative response. A general discussion took place. Mrs Diane Orrin suggested putting photos of carpets, equipment, etc. on posters to try and promote the game. (4) Mr Evans stated that Essex no

longer play at Braintree Leisure Centre, but still had equipment stored there. He suggested that, as there was the school at that location it might be an idea to ask if they would like this equipment to encourage the school children to play carpet bowls. This could get the children interested and, perhaps, their parents too and it would allow Essex to leave this equipment at the Leisure Centre. There was no dissent from the floor. Mr Evans went on to say that if Essex has to remove this equipment, a further storage place would have to be found which might incur charges. A discussion took place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed..... Dated.....

# ESSEX COUNTY CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## Income & Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

2023		2024
£		£
	<b>INCOME</b>	
828	Affiliation Fees	756.00
320	League Membership Fees	310.00
932	Insurance Contingency Fund Membership	1,105.00
	<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
(140)	Public Liability Insurance excess/(shortfall)	179.40
17	Interest	96.07
1,957		2,446.47
	<b>COUNTY TOURNAMENTS &amp; FINALS</b>	
	Income                      Expenditure	
	Entry fees etc                      1,638.00                      (1,130.90)	
	Raffles                                      554.00                      -	
	Refreshments                              381.05                      -	
(802)	Champion of Champions                      -                      (890.00)	552.15
	<b>COUNTY TEAM</b>	
187	County League                              922.10                      (695.36)	
	National Championships - net    (474.00)	
	Events organised specifically to contribute to the costs of the team	
	Team Bowl                                      289.50	
(1,033)	Open Fours	42.24
464	Unclaimed Venue Hire Fees	-
(1,184)		594.39
773		3,040.86
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
437	Committee Expenses	582.40
51	Meetings - venue hire	89.00
	Subscriptions	
100	English CBA	100.00
60	Eastern Counties	60.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	
-	Sundry Expenses	-
147	Depreciation	105.94
795		937.34
£ (22)	<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	£ 2,103.52

# ESSEX COUNTY CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## Balance Sheet As at 31 May 2024

2023	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Brought Forward	Income for Year	Fund Transfers	2024
£		£	£	£	£
8,000	Insurance Contingency Fund	8,000.00	-	1,000.00	9,000.00
2,624	General Fund	3,623.73	2,103.52	(1,000.00)	4,727.25
<u>£ 10,624</u>		<u>11,623.73</u>	<u>2,103.52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 13,727.25</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
		Cost B/ Forward	Additions	Depreciation C/Forward	
684	Trophies	684.00	-	-	684.00
-	Equipment	2,202.22	-	(2,202.22)	-
441	Carpets	5,610.15	-	(5,274.66)	335.49
<u>1,125</u>		<u>8,496.37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,476.88)</u>	<u>1,019.49</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
2,437	Current Account		3,952.87		
8,000	Deposit Account		9,000.00		
61	Cash		24.89		
<u>10,498</u>			<u>12,977.76</u>		
<b>Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
	Creditors				
-	County Team Expenses		-		
-	Prepaid Entry Fees		270.00		
<u>-</u>			<u>270.00</u>		
10,498				12,977.76	12,707.76
<u>£ 11,624</u>					<u>£ 13,727.25</u>

Prepared by:

*L J Richardson*

L J Richardson - Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct

*C P Richardson*

C P Richardson - Hon. Auditor

21 June 2024