

ESSEX COUNTY CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at White Notley Village Hall on Friday 27th June 2025

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The meeting was attended by 8 committee members and representatives from 21 clubs.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and Mr Graham Evans (Chair) welcomed everyone.

- 1) Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Clacton-on-Sea, Wickham Bishops, Hunters, Roxwell, Clacton, Brightlingsea, Finchingfield, Coppins, Jaywick Sands, Tollgate, Chelmer Village, Elmstead Market and Boreham.
- 2) Minutes of the 2024 AGM: These were proposed correct by Prettygate and duly signed by the Chair.
- 3) Matters Arising: A question was asked regarding the carpets held at Braintree Leisure Centre and Mr Evans informed the floor that they were still there.
- 4) Chairman's Report: Mr Evans again thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated that the competitions at Great Bentley had been a great success thanks to Ashley Perkins (Tournament Secretary), with the assistance of Paul Perkins, and to all who took part in the organisation of raffles, refreshments, and setting up of carpets and equipment. He thanked the Essex Committee members for attending meetings and for Peter Orrin and Cliff Richardson for travelling to Eastern Counties and English CBA for meetings. He thanked the Essex Team players for attending all the Eastern and English competitions, which involved lots of travelling and expense, but it kept Essex on the carpet bowls map.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Mrs Richardson had prepared a copy of her accounts. She went through it, explaining in detail what was shown on her report. She stated that Essex had a healthy budget of £17,186.73. Mr Evans mentioned the trophies that he had acquired before the Covid lockdown and stated that he is gradually getting rid of them at various competitions with the small cost of changing the dates on the plaques. The accounts were proposed and seconded as correct.
- 6) Tournament Secretary: Mr Ashley Perkins opened his report by saying that it had been a good year for bowls within Essex and thanked everyone who attended the events, whether to play, spectate, give assistance with getting the mats out and packing them away and organising the refreshments, etc. He thanked Paul Perkins for his help in

organising the events. He went on to list the number of entries and the winners of each competition that was held over last season. He stated that the winners of each league attended the League Finals day and these included Feering, Great Bromley, High Easter, Highwoods and Swards End, with High Easter winning overall. He added that, to avoid any confusion for the following League Finals Day, teams are allowed to have more than twelve players, but no bowler may play more than once against the same team, or bowl more than once on the same carpet. He went on to explain the 'reserve list', whereby a club could enter a competition if they did not have a full team. The upcoming competitions were named and he was hoping to include the Interleague competition this season. All competitions will be held at Great Bentley. He stated that the preferred payment method for entries would be via BACs and that clubs should include the club's name, especially if being paid from a personal account, and which competition. Cheques will also be accepted and he asked that cheques be sent with the entry and not to wait until the day of the competition. He also asked that individual cheques for each competition be made instead of combining several entry fees.

- 7) County Captain's Report: Mr Orrin opened his report by saying that the Essex Team had made good progress over the season just ended. Essex play matches against Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, with a total of 34 points at each match. During the season, Essex won 3, drew 1 and lost 1, with a total of 100 points overall and finished in 3rd place behind Suffolk and Hertfordshire, well ahead of the other three counties. Essex also competed in other Eastern Counties events at Littleport, Cambridgeshire, as well as the annual National County Championship at Potters in Norfolk. In the last two seasons he has recruited some younger players, who he feels are the future for the Essex Team. Following a break the team start again in September/October and he is hopeful that the team can continue to progress. Mr Orrin mentioned that he has been County Captain now for 16 years and he remains hopeful that there is someone out there that would like to take over from him to give a fresh impetus to the team. He went on to mention the Essex Web Site, which has been much improved by the help of Rob Myall and he wanted it put on record his thanks for what Mr Myall has done to make it the envy of many of the other counties. He hopes that if anyone has newsworthy items to put on the website they will let Mr Orrin know.

8) Election of Officers: All of the current officers were willing to stand for another year. The floor were happy for this to happen.

9) Proposals: There had been one proposal that had been withdrawn and no others.

10) Any Other Business: (i) Mr Colin Day of High Easter asked Mr Evans if he was aware that the League Finals trophy had not been given to High Easter. Mr Evans stated that Elmstead Market currently had the trophy and that he (Mr Evans) was endeavouring to retrieve it so as to pass it onto High Easter. (ii) Mrs Sandra Francis of West Bergholt said that mostly County players won all of the competitions run by Essex. She asked if there could be a competition that did not include any County players. Mr Evans said this was something to think about. Mrs Brown commented that any competition had to be viable and not lose money. A short discussion took place with Mr Evans stating that this was something for the Tournament Secretary and the committee to think about. (iii) Mr Evans stated that he had found someone to take over the referees courses and that they would soon be starting up again.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

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

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Income & Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

2024 £			2025 £
	INCOME		
756.00	Affiliation Fees		708.00
310.00	League Membership Fees		310.00
1105.00	Insurance Contingency Fund Membership		1,560.00
	OTHER INCOME		
179.40	Public Liability Insurance excess/(shortfall)		(22.00)
96.07	Interest		127.98
<u>2446.47</u>			<u>2,683.98</u>
		Income	Expenditure
	COUNTY TOURNAMENTS & FINALS		
	Entry fees etc	1,789.00	(939.40)
	Raffles	643.00	-
	Refreshments	522.20	-
	Champion of Champions - net	-	(890.00)
552.15			1,124.80
	COUNTY TEAM		
	County League	891.40	(569.25)
	National Championships - net		(794.00)
	Events organised specifically to contribute to the costs of the team		
	Team Bowl - net	285.30	
	Chairmans Choice - net	620.35	
	Open Fours - net	-	
42.24			433.80
<u>594.39</u>			<u>1,558.60</u>
<u>3040.86</u>			<u>4,242.58</u>
	EXPENDITURE		
582.40	Committee Expenses		431.40
89.00	Meetings - venue hire		59.00
	Subscriptions		
100.00	English CBA		100.00
60.00	Eastern Counties		60.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
-	Sundry Expenses		52.18
105.94	Depreciation		80.52
<u>937.34</u>			<u>783.10</u>
<u>2103.52</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>£ 3,459.48</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 May 2025

2024 £	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Brought Forward	Income for Year	Fund Transfers	2025 £
9,000.00	Insurance Contingency Fund	9,000.00	-	1,500.00	10,500.00
4,727.25	General Fund	4,727.25	3,459.48	(1,500.00)	6,686.73
<u>13,727.25</u>		<u>13,727.25</u>	<u>3,459.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 17,186.73</u>
FIXED ASSETS					
		Cost B/ Forward	Additions	Depreciation C/Forward	
684.00	Trophies	684.00	-	-	684.00
-	Equipment	2,202.22	-	(2,202.22)	-
335.49	Carpets	5,610.15	-	(5,355.18)	254.97
<u>1,019.49</u>		<u>8,496.37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,557.40)</u>	<u>938.97</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
3,952.87	Current Account		5,924.02		
9,000.00	Deposit Account		10,500.00		
24.89	Cash		36.74		
<u>12,977.76</u>			<u>16,460.76</u>		
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
	Creditors				
	Nationals deposits		213.00		
-	Potters Deposits		-		
-	County Team Expenses		-		
270.00	Prepaid Entry Fees		-		
<u>270.00</u>			<u>213.00</u>		
12,707.76					16,247.76
<u>13,727.25</u>					<u>£ 17,186.73</u>

Prepared by:

L J Richardson

L J Richardson - Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct

C P Richardson

C P Richardson - Hon. Auditor

23 June 2025