

ESSEX COUNTY CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at White Notley Village Hall on Friday 26th June 2026

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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 Wickham Bishops, Roxwell, Finchingfield and Abberton & Langenhoe.
- 2) Minutes of the 2025 AGM (Previously circulated): The minutes were deemed correct and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 3) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from these minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report: The Chairman congratulated the Essex Team on their achievements over the last season. He thanked the Essex Committee for all the hard work that they had put in. He thanked Mrs Brown for her secretarial work over the past years and thanked her for staying on as Secretary even though she had wanted to retire two years ago. He also thanked Mrs Richardson for her work as Treasurer as she was retiring after a number of years. He mentioned the fact that the committee were in dire need for a replacement Treasurer as the Association would not be able to function without one. It is hoped that a further notice could go out again requesting a volunteer.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Mrs Richardson had prepared a written copy of her report. She explained parts of it to the floor, pointing out that the County team showed a lower figure this year as two competitions that raise money for them had not been played. There were no questions from the floor.
- 6) Tournament Secretary's Report: As Mr Ashley Perkins was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments, Mr Paul Perkins (Tournament Secretary Assistant) gave his report. He stated that it had been another good year for bowls within Essex and would like to thank everyone who had attended the events, whether to play, spectate or help put out and clear away equipment. He also thanked Mrs Richardson for distributing entry invites and Mr Evans and Co for organising refreshments and the raffle. He went on to announce the winners of all the events. He is hoping that the upcoming year will do at least as well for the number of entries. It may be necessary to impose a maximum number of entries per club to ensure the playing order can accommodate everyone. The playing fees will stay the same and the preferred way of payment is via BACs (please include the name of the club if paying via personal accounts). It is preferable that each individual tournament is named/paid for rather than one big payment. Cheques and cash also are acceptable.
- 7) County Captain's Report: Mr Orrin said that he was delighted to report that the Essex Team had completed their best season in recent times. After the progress achieved over the last few years the team had established themselves at the second best team in the Eastern Counties and not far behind Hertfordshire, with both counties having overtaken Suffolk, who have been the top team for many years. In the Eastern Counties League, Essex played three away games and only two at home, finishing as clear runners up with a record total of 112 points, 12 points below Hertfordshire and 15 points above Suffolk. Essex beat most teams comfortably only losing the away match to Hertfordshire. Additionally, at the Eastern Counties Championship, when all six Counties play each other, Team Essex were again

second to Hertfordshire, with just one more victory being the difference. The team has been able to blend several new and younger players with the right balance of experience players. 30 players were used, all contributing to the success of the team. The next big event is the National County Championship in November at Potters Resort, Hopton, with up to ten teams taking part, all playing each other. Essex finished 4th last year. Mr Orrin stated that he has been proud of the progress made by the team. He said that he had been captain for 17 years but is happy to stay for another year if voted in. However, he still thinks that we must look for fresh impetus and he remains ever hopeful that a replacement can be found over the coming year. He went on to thank all the Essex players who have given their full support to the team as it is a big and costly commitment. He also thanked Rob Myall who has taken over the Essex Website and who has done a super job.

- 8) Election of Offices and League Secretaries: The standing Committee and League Secretaries were willing to stay in post, other than the County Treasurer. It was put to the floor and it was a unanimous 'yes' vote. Everyone was reminded that a replacement treasurer was needed, as it would not be viable to run the Association without one. Hopefully another request will be put out to all clubs.
- 9) Proposals: There had been no proposals to be discussed.
- 10) Change of League Play for the Northern Area: Mr Cliff Richardson gave the reasons why the remaining clubs in his league were against the decision for them to play 4xfours instead of the normal fours and pairs. It mainly consisted of the fact that not enough money would be generated to cover the cost of venues and refreshments if a team of 8 players took part at some of the games. A long discussion took place, at the end of which, it was decided that it would be further discussed at committee level.
- 11) Any Other Business: (i) Mr Colin Lord of Swards End asked if a venue closer than Gt.Bentley could be found for Essex Competitions. Mr Evans replied that Gt.Bentley was ideal as it had all the facilities needed for competitions and it would be difficult to find anywhere else with the same capacity. (ii) Mrs Diane Orrin advised to make sure to book competitions earlier. (iii) Mr Evans informed the floor that the referee courses were still going to happen. He was looking at two venues – Elmstead Market for the East side of the county (only available on a Sunday) and White Notley for the west side. So far he had 10 applicants for each area. The cost will stay at £10 per person. Although a lot of work is involved, it had not been forgotten. Iv) Mr Richardson stated that League Secretaries need to communicate with their members as many informative emails are not being passed on. A discussion took place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

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Income & Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 May 2026

2025			2026
£			£
	INCOME		
708.00	Affiliation Fees		696.00
310.00	League Membership Fees		270.00
1560.00	Insurance Contingency Fund Membership		1,430.00
	OTHER INCOME		
0.00	Insurance Contingency Fund		-
-22.00	Public Liability Insurance excess/(shortfall)		16.00
127.98	Interest		116.01
<u>2683.98</u>			<u>2,528.01</u>
		Income	Expenditure
	COUNTY TOURNAMENTS & FINALS		
	Entry fees etc	1,350.00	- 2,951.50
	Raffles	619.40	-
	Refreshments	703.36	-
	Champion of Champions - net	-	- 110.00
1124.80			- 388.74
	COUNTY TEAM		
	County League & Tournaments	1,019.20	- 557.30
	County Team Shirts	124.00	- 271.90
	National Championships - net		- 1,314.00
	Events organised to contribute to team costs		
	Team Bowl - net	363.00	
	Chairmans Choice - net	-	
	Open Fours - net	-	
433.80			- 637.00
<u>1558.60</u>			- 1,025.74
<u>4242.58</u>			<u>1,502.27</u>
	EXPENDITURE		
431.40	Committee Expenses		380.36
59.00	Meetings - venue hire		24.00
	Subscriptions		
100.00	English CBA		100.00
60.00	Eastern Counties		60.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
52.18	Sundry Expenses		35.50
80.52	Depreciation		61.19
<u>783.10</u>			<u>661.05</u>
<u>3459.48</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>£ 841.22</u>

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Balance Sheet As at 31 May 2026

2025 £					2026 £
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Brought Forward	Income for Year	Fund Transfers	
10,500.00	Insurance Contingency Fund	10,500.00	-	1,400.00	11,900.00
6,686.73	General Fund	6,686.73	841.22	- 1,400.00	6,127.95
<u>17,186.73</u>		<u>17,186.73</u>	<u>841.22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 18,027.95</u>
	FIXED ASSETS	Cost B/ Forward	Additions	Depreciation C/Forward	
684.00	Trophies	684.00	-	-	684.00
-	Equipment	2,202.22	-	- 2,202.22	-
254.97	Carpets	-	5,610.15	- 5,416.37	193.78
<u>938.97</u>		<u>2,886.22</u>	<u>5,610.15</u>	<u>- 7,618.59</u>	<u>877.78</u>
	CURRENT ASSETS				
5,924.02	Current Account		7,586.37		
10,500.00	Insurance Contingency Deposit Account		11,900.00		
36.74	Cash		16.30		
<u>16,460.76</u>				<u>19,502.67</u>	
	Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES				
	Creditors				
213.00	Nationals deposits		1,192.50		
-	Provision for Trophy costs		1,100.00		
	Prepaid Entry Fees English Tournament		60.00		
<u>213.00</u>				<u>2,352.50</u>	
16,247.76					17,150.17
<u>17,186.73</u>					<u>£ 18,027.95</u>

Prepared by:

L J Richardson

L J Richardson - Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct

C P Richardson

25 June 2026

C P Richardson - Hon. Auditor