

Hertfordshire Carpet Bowls Association

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Hertfordshire Carpet Bowls Association hereby provides notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on;

Thursday 19th May 2016 commencing at 7.30pm at Essendon Village Hall

Below is a list of current officers and committee members. Next to each member is note to advise if they are wishing to stand for re-election.

Position Held	Name of Person	Stand for re-election
Chairman	Pete Cook	Yes
Secretary	Jacqui Harris	Yes
Treasurer	Rob Washbrook	Yes
League Secretary	Roy Grethe	No
Competition Secretary	Maureen Ashman	Yes
County Selection Committee	Mick Cook	Yes
County Selection Committee	Rebecca Hearn	Yes
County Selection Committee	Paul Harris	Yes
ECBA Representative	Vacant	
ECCBA Representative	Pete Cook	Yes
Committee Member	Mary Cobbold	Yes
Committee Member	Gill Barraclough	Yes
Committee Member	Alan Bull	Yes

Please ensure that all proposals and nominations for officers are received by the secretary in writing (email acceptable) by Friday 6th May. This will enable us to send your proposals on to all clubs to consider before the AGM. Please note that proposals may not be considered if put forward on the evening.

The committee has put forward a number of proposals for you to vote on, a copy of these are enclosed.

Proposals and nominations to be sent to;

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Annual General Meeting

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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes from 2015 AGM
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. County Captain's Report
8. League Secretary's Report
9. Competition Secretary's Report
10. English Report
11. Eastern Counties Report
12. Proposals
13. Election of Officers

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- County Selection Committee
- League Secretary
- Competition Secretary
- ECBA Representative
- ECCBA Representative
- Committee Members

14. Any Other Business

n.b Please can you try to ensure that a representative who has the authority to vote on your clubs behalf can attend the meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

All clubs have to state their intention at the AGM if they will be submitting a team(s) in the 2016/2017 league season.

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Proposals for AGM

At the most recent HCBA committee meeting a number of matters were discussed and the following proposals have been put forward to be voted on;

1. SCAPA Draw

We are looking to clarify the way in which the SCAPA cup will be drawn for next (and future) seasons.

- A) A pre-planned draw will be made at the beginning of each season. If successful in the first round then you will know who you will be playing in future rounds.

Or

- B) An open draw will take place for each round.

2. Proposed rules for unforeseen circumstances for county competitions (Singles, pairs, triples, & fours)

Option A)

Singles

If a player falls ill/sick and cannot continue their opposition moves onto the next round. With points and shots accordingly awarded.

Pairs

If one of the pairs is unable to continue and drops out, a new player can take their place providing the new player has not previously played in the pairs competition (i.e. a spectator). All spectators that are willing to play will have their name placed in a hat and a name will be drawn to play.

If no one is available to take part as a replacement in the pairs, then this pairs is eliminated from the competition. Their opposition moves onto the next round. With points and shots accordingly awarded.

Triples

If one player of the triples is unable to continue and drops out, a new player can take their place providing that the new player has not previously played in the triples competition (i.e. a spectator). All spectators that are willing to play will have their name placed in a hat and a name will be drawn to play.

If no one is available to take this place, then the two remaining players can continue by playing 3 woods instead of only 2 woods. But this team have to forfeit 1/3 of their shots for all their continuing games.

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Fours

If one player of the fours unable to continue and drops out, a new player can take their place providing that the new player has not previously played in the fours competition (i.e. a spectator). All spectators that are willing to play will have their name placed in a hat and a name will be drawn to play.

If no one is available to take this place, then the three remaining players can continue by the lead bowler playing 3 woods instead of only 2 woods the number two bowler playing 3 woods & the skip playing 2 woods. But this team have to forfeit 1/4 of their shots for all their continuing games.

Option B)

Committee decision

3. SCAPA Playing Numbers

The committee propose to bring this in line with league playing rules regarding numbers.

Proposal: to amend the rules

From;

Teams will be made up of Ten players consisting of:-

One SINGLE, One PAIR, One TRIPLE and One FOUR

To;

Teams will be made up of a **maximum of Ten players and a minimum of eight players** consisting of:-

One SINGLE, One PAIR, One TRIPLE and One FOUR

Players are permitted to play twice. They are not permitted to play on the same carpet twice or be skip twice (a singles player is deemed to be a skip).

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
21st May 2015 at Essendon Village Hall**

Members present

Pete Cook (PC), Rebecca Hearn (RH), Mary Cobbold (MC) , Rob Washbrook (RW),
Jacqui Harris (JH), Alan Bull (AB), Maureen Ashman (MA) & Roy Grethe (RG),
Gill Barraclough (GB) & Mick Cook (MiC)

Apologies from

None received

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved & signed.

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

PC provided at report and also added that we need to encourage more members by any means of advertising. Copy attached.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

RW provided a report and mentioned that we will need to allocate some monies for the trophy fund. Copy attached.

County Captain's Report

MiC provided a report. Copy attached

League Secretary's Report

RG provided a report. Copy attached.

Match Secretary's Report

MA provided a report. Copy attached.

MA suggested again that we should somehow encourage more people to play singles etc by maybe handicapping the county players. This will continued to be looked at as

it is quite a concern amongst club players.

English Report

PC provided a report. Copy attached.

PC confirmed that MC & RH had attended the meeting at Rotherham in his absence.

Eastern Counties Report

PC provided a report. Copy attached.

Proposals

None were received in time

Election of Officers

The existing officers were all re-appointed.

It was noted that Martin was dropping out of the selection committee. Craig Hearn nominated Paul Harris who duly accepted the post.

Any Other Business

RG asked again to remind teams to send in match results asap after the matches.

It was agreed that for the 2016/2017 season only one team would go up and down in each division.

The subject of the trophies was mentioned again which will be a subject for further discussions.

Meeting closed at 20.28hrs

Date of next meeting

No date for the 2016 AGM was set.

Chairman's Report AGM

I would just like to start off with thanking everybody who has made my job easier over the last year. An awful lot of hard work and organisation goes on behind the scenes that not many people see, but I hope that everybody appreciates it as much as I do.

I would like to congratulate the county team on a very successful county season. I would also like to offer my congratulations to the county competition winners;

Singles: Craig Hearn

Pairs: Craig & Rebecca Hearn

Triples: Ian Carter, Jonathon Carter & David Danby

Fours: Jackie Harden, Roy Harden, Peter English & Annette Luedtke

Also congratulations to the SCAPA Cup winners (Essendon), 2nd division winners (Braughing) and 1st division winners (Symonds Green).

When I took on the post last year my main objective was to attempt to encourage more people to start to take up the game. Whilst at the moment there has not been as much of an upsurge as I would have liked. We now have a fully functioning web page, face book pages and twitter accounts.

If we don't start to encourage more people/clubs to play then in five to ten years time we may not have a county association any longer which would be a terrible shame. Therefore, if any of you or your fellow club members sees any opportunities where we can advertise/promote our sport then please do let me know. Whether it is having stalls at local fetes to demonstrate our sport, or give out information, or opportunities to get ourselves on to local TV or radio. Anything that might encourage just one more person to take up our sport would be great

County Captains Report

Firstly on behalf of Rebecca, Martin and myself I would like to thank everybody who made themselves available throughout the season.

We started off with the team bowl event in September 14, a slightly disappointing 5th place finish as the event was won by Suffolk. Three teams scored 6/10 points with the best team (on shots) being Jacqui Harris, Roy Harden & Marilyn Cook

National Championships at Potters up next, after the first day's play we were in 6th place on 17 points. A great 2nd day saw us pick up 27 to finish on 44 points and 5th place. The best team of the weekend was Ian Carter, Lynda Coates, Rebecca Hearn & Jason Ellis.

Our first league game of the season was a fantastic 32-4 away win at Bedfordshire (our best ever win), we only lost one game all day. Three teams scored maximum points it was the Potters team of Ian Carter, Lynda Coates, Rebecca Hearn & Jason Ellis that edged it on shots.

Next up was Norfolk at home, another great win. This time 26-10, only one team scored maximum points on the day and that was Thomas Ellis, Andy Cobbold, Sandra Gammage & David Danby.

Cambridgeshire were our next opponents, whilst normally we would be happy to score 17 points in this fixture there was genuine disappointment amongst the team to lose the game. The team of Thomas Ellis, Andy Cobbold, Sandra Gammage & David Danby were again the best performers with a maximum 6 points.

Defending champions Suffolk away from home were the next opponents. A great team performance and arguably we deserved a little more than the 14 points we scored. Jackie Harden, Margaret Forrest, Marilyn Cook & Pete Cook were the best performers on the day picking up all six points.

Essex were the final opponents of the league season, a hard earned 18-18 draw was played out. The best team on the day being Thomas Ellis, Andy Cobbold, Sandra Gammage & David Danby.

A fantastic league season for the team saw them finish in an incredible 2nd place with 107 points eclipsing last years record where we achieved 86 points.

The final event of the season was the six counties, maybe suffering from a league hangover a terrible performance and result as we finished in last place on just 20 points. Alan Bull, Ian Carter, Rebecca Hearn & Jason Ellis were the best team with 7 points.

This year we introduced two new awards. Players Player of the Season, won by Thomas Ellis and Selection Committee Player of the Season won by Paul Harris.

Everybody who represented Hertfordshire should be proud of their achievement this season. We hope that this is not a one off and we can continue to compete next season. Forms will be coming out in the coming months for your availability for next season, please ensure that everybody in your club has sight of one as we are always looking to encourage new players into the team.

English Report

At the recent English meeting it was reported that Carpet Bowls is taking off in Scandinavia after significant government investment. There is a possibility of an international fixture in the not too distant future.

The ECBA have agreed that they will assist Rebecca with the running of the Special Olympics carpet bowls event in Sheffield in 2017.

Carpet Bowls are trying to get registered as an official sport with 'Sport England' – our application was rejected as we do not currently have policies for 'Anti Doping', 'Equality and Diversity', 'Complaints' and 'Conflict of Interest'. These policies are going to be drawn up before we re-apply.

Rule 1.3 which related to Advertising/Sponsorship was voted on and removed from our constitution. Margaret Southgate resigned her post as treasurer and was replaced by Paul Daniels. Jamie Smith was elected into the vacant secretary's position.

Eastern Counties Report

The Eastern Counties normally meet in March, June & October of each year although at the recent meeting it was decided that the March meeting was no longer required.

Hertfordshire were congratulated by the chairman on their 2nd place finish in the ECCBA League.

The Chairman Mike Walker is standing down from office and a replacement is needed. Therefore, if anybody is interested in this then please let me know and we can propose you as a candidate for the AGM which is being held on the 18th June.