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I would like thank those members who offered me kind words of support upon my election to post of Chairman last Sunday. It would not be fitting for me to proceed further without paying tribute to Colin Lang who has worked tirelessly on behalf of us all over the past three years. I am please to say that Colin will continue to serve on the Executive Committee and as one of our EBU Shareholders.

As I mentioned at the AGM we are a very fortunate County. We have some outstanding players and some of the finest playing accommodation in the country. I also believe that we have a team of people on the Council who are dedicated to providing an outstanding service to their County and I hope you will support them in the course of their duties.

I am committed to continuing the work of my predecessor in the area of newcomers. I believe that it is vital for the future of the game to encourage new players into the game at all levels and to support them in becoming more confident in competing against players with greater experience. I would also welcome ideas for ways in which we can develop this ethos.

In order for us to operate in the spirit of openness and fairness I would ask for our support in the following areas:

Communication – I would like to prevail upon all members to think carefully before copying emails to all and sundry. In general emails circulated to many complaining about something, or criticising someone, only serves to breed ill feeling and conflict. There is no problem in receiving considered constructive feedback from any member on any matter relating to the County's operation, but before circulating an email to the masses please consider its effect on those members who, in general, give their time freely in support of our County.

Council Meetings – As is the custom Council meetings operate an open door policy and any member of the County is welcome to attend and, where agreed, speak on any matter. The next meeting of the Council will be Monday 26 July, 7pm at West Midlands Bridge Club.

Feedback – We welcome feedback on any of the County's activities. If you have anything to say please feel free to contact the Secretary, or any member of the Council. Contact details are available under the information tab on the website.

Finally, I would like to thank, in advance, all those members who give so much in support of our County. Not all these members are on the Council and, indeed, many of them would be unknown to the majority of us. Their efforts are vital to the smooth running of County affairs and events.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Kind regards

Darren Evetts
Chairman