

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 9th December, 1996

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Golding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer), Tony Webber (County Captain), Derek Brown, Arvon Evans, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell, Jean Roddham, and Ron Smith.

1. Apologies for absence were received from David Cobbold, Mick Adams and Keith Armes.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 1996 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Chairman.
3. The following matter arose from the previous Minutes:-

5a. The Secretary reported on the invitation extended to David Schofield regarding the invitation to become a Life President of the S.C.B.A. We are pleased to report that David has accepted this position and look forward to him working with us. David has done so much for the S.C.B.A. and no matter how many thanks we give him, we feel this is a way for him to maintain his connections with S.C.B.A.

4. The Chairman's report.

I would like to congratulate the Suffolk County team on their success at the National Championships at Hemsby on the weekend of 1st - 4th November, the look of pride on the faces of Arvon Evans when he collected the Inter County League Trophy and Tony Webber on receiving the National Championship Trophy said it all for me. Tony will be giving a full report later in this meeting. I have received a reply from David Schofield accepting the position of Life President of the Association, David felt it was a great honour and would enable him to maintain his connections and allegiance to Suffolk.

The Committee had the pleasure of inviting David to a dinner at their own expense early in November when on behalf of the Suffolk Association I presented him with an engraved Ships Decanter and set of Glasses in recognition of his service to the Association.

5. The Secretary reported that Lawford Carpet Bowls Association wished to become Associate Members, A letter had been received from Ipswich 405 Club, Bucklesham and Witnesham requesting joining as full members of the Association. Membership fees have been received from these clubs and we welcome them to the S.C.B.A and look forward to meeting them in the league and tournaments.
6. The Press Officer reported that the local papers seem to be listening and to be more interested in Carpet Bowls, the results and reports are appearing on a regular basis.
7. The Treasurer reported that our balance at 11th December was £4570.44.
He expressed concern that some clubs still have not paid their subscriptions and insurance premiums. These must be paid immediately please.
8. The Suffolk Singles Championship had gone really well and kept to the time. There was some excellent bowling in all the rounds. The entry was slightly down again.
The semi final places were contested between D Rogers (New Astley) and T Girling (Claydon) A Cooper (Hundon) and J Hillman (Tuddenham). T Girling being the winner in one semi final and T Hillman winning the other one. An Excellent final followed with J Hillman winning 5 - 3.
We send our congratulations to J Hillman and to his matches as he represents Suffolk in June.
Grateful thanks go to Judith Longman who arranged the raffle for this day £175 was made. Thanks also goes to Chelmondiston and Stanningfield for laying out the carpets and to Brockley and Gt. Blakenham for rolling them up at the end, these are arduous tasks but someone has to clear up.
Once again the venue was discussed with regard to holding these tournaments, many clubs do not enter because they feel Holywells does not have a good atmosphere in the dome, the committee would welcome any suggestions of venue's etc. that would be suitable.
9. The County Captain reported that Suffolk had completed a Grand Slam of Major Championships, the latest achievement was at Hemsby in November when they won the National County Championships against Northumberland who are the Northern Champions, this was played on Friday evening with a very close result with Suffolk winning by 4 games to 2. Saturday saw all nine counties playing, Suffolk again the winners. Suffolk have started the defence of the Eastern Counties League well with a win over Essex, new members have been brought in to the team and are settling well.
10. Ron Smith has a few seats available on the coach for the trip to Blackpool in February, please contact him on 01284 810512.
11. Date of Next meeting :- 10th February 1997