

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 7th October 1996

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman), Paul Golding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich (Press Officer), Tony Webber (County Captain), Marion Brown (Secretary), Mick Adams, Derek Brown, David Cobbold, Arron Evans, John Hayward, Keith Armes, Judith Longman, Jean Roddham

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming the Committee and also Marion Brown who has offered to take on the post of Secretary (see notes below).

1. Apologies were received from David Mittell and Ron Smith.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 1996 continued on Monday 29th July 1996 were approved and signed.
3. The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:
 10. Old Newton have withdrawn from the Winter League. It was agreed that Nayland should stay in Division 2.
 12. Should read:- "Ron Smith and David Mittell will run the competition on Singles Day".
4. Chairman's Report:

"It is with regret that I have received a letter of resignation from David Schofield who has been Hon Secretary of this Association for the past 11 years. For health reasons David feels it is time to reduce his commitments and I know I speak for everyone here tonight when I say he will be greatly missed by Suffolk. I will certainly miss his help at committee meetings when his notes were invaluable. However, I am sure I have your full support as we continue to work for Suffolk carpet bowls. It is the beginning of a new era, although David will still be there if we need his help and advice. Congratulations to the County Captain on his teams performance at Luton and Good Luck to them at the National Championships at Hemsby in November."

5. a) The Chairman had received a letter from the Secretary David Schofield tendering his resignation, to take effect immediately. David has been suffering from ill health over the last few months and feel now it is time to go a little bit slower! Quite a lengthy discussion followed, all the Committee felt David had been the backbone of Suffolk Carpet Bowls and this should not go unrecognised. It was proposed by Arron Evans that David should be invited to become a "Life President" of the SCBA. The Chairman to write to David regarding this.

b) The Committee co-opted Marion Brown onto the Committee who has offered to take on the Secretary's post until the AGM.

c) David Schofield to be asked to stay as County Co-ordinator.

d) The following dates have been booked at Needham Market:

15th December	-	County Match
16th February	-	County Match
2nd March	-	Juniors Championship
16th March	-	County Match
11th May	-	Finals Day

e) It was agreed that every Committee Member should have a copy of the Minutes as well as every Secretary in the SCBA. The contact list will go out quarterly but contact up-dates will be sent immediately.

6. The Press Officer handed out the first newsletter sheet which will be distributed to all Clubs. Reports are sent to the East Anglian Daily Times on a monthly basis, but rarely do the results get in. A personal approach is going to be arranged.

7. The Treasurer handed out a balance sheet reporting that the Premium Account was standing at £3482.84 and the Community Account at £1331.25.

8. A letter has been received from the Suffolk County Bowls Association regarding the Suffolk Bowls Council. If this Council gets formed, yes, we do want to be involved. Tony Webber agreed to be our representative.

9. The Chairman reported that 115 entries had been entered for the Suffolk Singles. A few more entries had been promised.

10. The County Captain gave a report on the County Championships held at Luton Leisure Centre on Sunday 29th September 1996. Presentations were made at the beginning to present the awards for last year. Suffolk being the Champions.

The match was tight all the way through the day and some excellent bowling went on. Suffolk came away winning with 36 points, Norfolk a very close second with 35 points and Cambridgeshire third with 34 points.

Trials

The County Captain reported that the trials had been well supported and well worth the exercise.

11. The Chairman's report follows on the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:

"A meeting was held at Linton on 5th September 1996 attended by Tony Webber and Margaret Southgate to arrange the setting up of an Eastern Singles, Pairs and Fours Championship and this was agreed by the six Counties, who all sent representatives to the meeting. The date set for this is to be 22nd June 1997 and at a similar date in forthcoming years. The champion in each discipline will qualify to play and this could be the same bowler in more than one discipline. In the event of illness by a member of a pair or four a substitute from the same club will be allowed. No substitute permitted in the singles unless that player is deceased when the previous years champion would be able to substitute.

It was also agreed that a Team Bowl Championship would be held on the first Sunday in January each year (unless this fell on New Years Day). This will be held for Charity with the host county choosing the charity. Tony Webber has a copy of the format which will require a maximum of 28 players from each county.

Each County will be expected to provide a raffle prize or prizes to the value of £10.00 for both of these Championships.

12. Essex County Carpet Bowls Association wrote asking that delegates should be paid their expenses when representing functions. It was unanimously agreed by the Committee.
13. English Fours at Blackpool dates for 1997 are 21st - 23rd February. Ron Smith will be running a coach for this, please contact him on 01284 810512 if you wish to book a seat.
14. PLEASE NO SMOKING DURING PLAYING MATCHES. One or two clubs are not sticking to the rules.
15. Congratulations were extended to Belstead on winning the Summer League.
16. Future Dates
14.09.97 - Finals Day
21.09.97 - County Trials