

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 12th May, 1997

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:-Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Golding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer), Tony Webber (County Captain), Arvon Evans, Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Derek Brown, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell and Ron Smith

1. Apologies for absence were received from Jean Roddham, and Trevor Girling.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April 1997 were approved as minuted and signed as being a true record by the Chairman.
3. The Chairman gave a brief report on Finals day. A full report follows with these minutes.
4. The Secretary read out correspondence from Stutton Carpet Bowls Club regarding playing the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate over the whole year, The Committee were not in favour of this and have asked Stutton to bring this up at the AGM.
 - a) The Committee agreed that the Secretary could purchase an answerphone.
5. The Press Officer Sally Goodrich urges Clubs to send in their Summer League fixture lists and results as soon as possible to her, her address is 23 Edinburgh Gardens, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 0DT.
6. The Treasurer reported that our balance at 11th May the Community Account stood at £1,119.81 and the Business Premium at £3521.64.
7. County Captain reported on teams going to Braintree and Doncaster for a Champion of Champion's tournament. As our current Champions are unable to go to Doncaster the following people have been chosen, Sally and Jim Goodrich, Arvon and Jean Evans, Margaret and Jim Southgate, Neil and Keith Jolly, Andrew Hemsby and We wish them well as they represent Suffolk.

a) A trophy Cabinet has been made very professionally by Jim Southgate to hold the trophies that Suffolk have won, this has been erected in Needham Market Sports Centre , anyone wishing to see this cabinet may do so when the sports hall is open. Tony Webber apologised for not consulting the Committee regarding the Trophy Cabinet.

b) A sub committee has been formed to look at Venues for holding our Singles, Pairs and Fours Competitions. Areas looked at are in the Bury League Area, Heritage League and Suffolk. This is looking to be a very positive move forward to holding Competitions on a Round Robin basis and coming together for a Grand Final. The Sub Committee has full support from the Committee and further details will be available shortly.

8. The AGM notification has been circulated. We hope a good representation from all clubs will attend. An offer of a Minute Secretary has been received if needed.
9. The AGM of the Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association will be held at Exning on 5th June, 1997.
10. At the AGM of the English Carpet Bowls Association at Hemsby Susie Dicker stood down as Secretary, her place has been taken by Jill Emms. Tony Webber was voted in as Development Officer, Congratulations to him as he yet another job to contend with in his retirement.
11. The Chairman apologised most sincerely for not consulting the Committee regarding the Summer League programme, this was arranged by the Chairman and Secretary , some Clubs have quite a way to travel and we understand has caused quite a few comments.
 - a) At last years AGM the Hadleigh Resource Unit was adopted as the Charity to benefit from the Association's fundraising, this had not been very forthcoming so the Special Care Baby Unit at Heath Road Hospital has benefitted from this.
12. Dates of Next meetings :-
 - A G M at Nayland on Monday June 23rd.
 - Next Committee Meeting : Monday July 21st

S C B A FINALS DAY

Finals day for the 1996-1997 Winter Carpet Bowls Season was held at Needham Market Community Centre and a packed hall witnessed some fine bowling which was not always reflected in the end result. As usual at these occasions the first games played were the Joe Rice Cup Final and the Chairman's Plate final.

The final of the Chairman's Plate between Hintlesham and Chattisham and Offton and Willisham started with H & C showing early promise but 4 shots from the last 3 ends saw the O & W 4 of D Schofield win a keenly fought contest with J Mower 10 - 7. On the other mat O & W were in the happy position of leading throughout and finished winners 13 - 7. This meant H & C had it all to do in the second pair of games and an excellent contest followed between the fours of M Southall O & W and A Murry H & C with the eventual winners being O & W by 10 shots to 8. Unfortunately for H & C the remaining game provided O & W with a runaway win of 20 - 4 for T Webber's rink.

The final of the Joe Rice Cup was between Barrow and Brockley who are no strangers to each other. The expected close encounter did not materialise except for the fours of R Smith. Barrow and M Eady. Brockley which was in doubt until the last end. Brockley showed why they are such a good team and run out winners by 10 - 0.

The second division Play-off game started with contrasting fortunes as Woolpits four skipped by P Rutter pulled steadily away to win by 13 shots to 7. On the adjoining mat Burstall reached the last end with a very comfortable lead of 16 - 5. However, Woolpit had other ideas and won 6 shots to reduce the deficit to 11 - 16 this was an end which will haunt Burstall as the 2nd two games finished 15 - 6 to Woolpit and 15 - 11 to Burstall leaving the game score all square but Woolpit winning by 6 shots overall.

The County Final saw the 1st Division East winners Stratford St Mary playing the Joe Rice Cup Winners Brockley who were after the double on the day and as County Champions for the past two years the treble was also in their sights. The first two games saw a comfortable win for the rink of M Eady of Brockley by 19 shots to 10. After a spirited fight back by P Pulham the Stratford Rink of R Butcher just held on to win 9 - 8. The third and fourth games saw some excellent displays of bowling especially by B Rose and N Jolly, after the jack had been moved to the back edge of the carpet it was difficult to know which mat to watch as A Hemsby Brockley scored 4 shots in the last 2 ends to be narrowly beaten 11 - 12 by the four skipped by C Chard. A similar situation on the other mat saw N Jolly score 4 from his last three ends only to finish 10 - 11 against B Rose. This all resulted in a 6 - 4 win for Stratford St Mary and brings the County Championship Trophy back to the East of the County after an absence of two years.

WINNERS
ON
FINALS DAY, 1997

held at Needham Market Community Centre on 11th May, 1997.

JOE RICE CUP FINAL between

Brockley and Barrow

Winners. Brockley

CHAIRMAN'S PLATE FINAL between

Hintlesham and Chattisham and
Offton and Willisham

Winners. Offton and Willisham

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY OFF between

Brockley and Stratford St Mary

Winners. Stratford St Mary

2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY OFF between

BURSTALL and WOOLPIT

Winners. Woolpit

3rd Division Winners Old Felixstowe