

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 8th October, 1997

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Margaret Southgate (Chairman), Trevor Girling (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Mick Adams, Derek Brown,
David Cobbold, Arvon Evans, Sally Goodrich, John Hayward, Judith Longman,
David Mittell, Jean Roddham, and Tony Webber

1. Apologies for absence were received from Keith Armes and Richard Sago.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3. The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:-

The month of July had been omitted from the heading of these minutes.

8. The letter with the proposal from Stutton Carpet Bowls Club put forward at the AGM accompanies these minutes.
 - 9b Derek Brown who plays in the East has accepted the post of the third County Selector.
 - 9c A sum of £122 has been given to the Treasurer by ECBA towards the travelling expenses for the County Team attending the National Championships in October. This is Calculated at £1 per mile.
4. The Chairman had nothing to report.
 5. The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to Ron Smith on behalf of the Committee, thanking him for all the hard work he had done for the County whilst on the Committee. We are sorry to lose such an active member. A member had written in to ask about a possible change to the format of the Summer Leagues, it was agreed to discuss this proposal fully before the next Summer Leagues commences. The Secretary reported that there are 105 Member Clubs and 9 Associate Member Clubs. The latest to join these is Eight Ash Green from Essex. All subscriptions have now been received - Thank you everyone for such prompt payment.
 6. The Press Officer reported that several Clubs had not yet sent in their Fixture Lists for The Winter League. Please can Clubs make sure that Sally receives them as soon as possible. She is pleased at the way results are coming in so far.

6b Summer League Play Offs - Brockley were the victors with 10 points, followed by Belstead and Tuddenham both of whom gained 6 points. John Hayward informed the meeting that the shield was now full and a new Trophy will be required for next year.

7. Treasurer's Report - The finances stand at as follows, £2776.15 in the Deposit Account £3549.48 in the High Interest Account making a total of £6325.63.

Mention of the Charity Pairs held the day previously. It was won by Ron Smith and Paul Clarke from Barrow in a close fought final against Doris Botazzi and Joan Nelson of Eight Ash Green. The total amount raised for the Special Care Baby Unit at Ipswich Hospital will be announced in due course.

David Cobbold proposed a vote of thanks to Margaret Southgate and Ron Smith who ran a very successful Triples Competition in August which raised over £500 towards the County Squad's expenses.

8. County Pairs Competition.

Judith Longman reported that all three venues were booked and entries currently stood at 103 although there are still two weeks to go to the closing date of 19th October. If you wish to play please get your entries to Judith as soon as possible.

The date fixed was fixed for April 5th, 1998 for the Finals Day for all the County Championships.

9. The County Captain reported that once again Suffolk had retained the Eastern Counties Trophy with a late run, winning all three games in the final session. The competition was a closely fought battle with Suffolk obtaining 37 points, Cambridge 36 and Norfolk 35. He commented that the team performed well in far from good conditions (wildly differing mat speeds) A good team effort.

He asked for help from the Committee to adjudicate at the Trials to be held on October 26th.

10. ECCBA. At the meeting it was remarked that there was a lack of atmosphere at the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions held at Braintree, it was agreed that in future contestants should represent one discipline only. Next year Suffolk will be hosting this event on 21st June, 1998. It is proposed that in 1999 these Eastern Counties Championships will be held on 23rd May. It was agreed that in future Officers of ECBA should be able to add mileage costs to their expenses. Previously only telephone and postage expenses have been reimbursed.

11. ECBA. The Chairman of ECBA had announced that he will be retiring at the AGM. He is unable to attend the National Championships. At this Competition the format will be changed, games will be played in blocks of three on consecutive days. Cambridge will run the Raffle this year and Suffolk have been asked to provide £25 worth of prizes.

The Secretary is studying all the Counties Constitutions and will produce a draft Constitution for the next Committee meeting.

Next year the National Champion of Champions will be held on 6th and 7th June, 1998.

The development Officer Tony Webber reported that he is getting a positive response from some other Counties.

The ECBA are looking for a temporary Treasurer as it now appears that the Treasurer will be out of the Country longer than was anticipated. If anyone is interested please contact Margaret Southgate.

12. Any Other Business:-

1. David Mittell said his club are experiencing problems with Winter League Fixtures and asked for a full discussion to take place at a future Committee meeting.

2. David Cobbold suggested that comments could be added to the back of League results by Opposing Skips if any individual player had been outstanding. This could be of great benefit to the Selectors.

3. John Hayward reminded the meeting that the application forms for the Triples should go out with these minutes. He also proposed that Mobile Phones should be banned at Competitions, this was seconded by David Cobbold and agreed unanimously by the Committee.

4. The point was raised that if any member needed items included in the Agenda they should contact the Secretary well in advance of the Agenda going out.

5. Ron Smith will again be running a coach to go to Blackpool in February 1998, if anyone is interested please contact Ron in good time.

6. The Chairman had received a call from Walsham Le Willows who are interested in starting Carpet Bowls they have invited members of the Committee to their meeting on November 19th, Tony Webber and Derek Brown agreed to go along.

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

Date of next Meeting is December 1st 1997