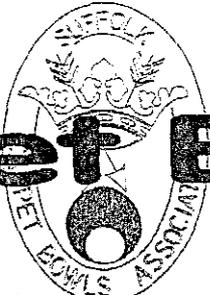


Suffolk
Carpet Bowls
Association



**The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 9th February 1998.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies for absence were received from:- Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Richard Sago and Tony Webber

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:-

The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:- There was a mis-type in item 12 concerning the rules if 16 players are not available for Winter League Matches. This should have read "The named player in the position drawn must then play on the other MAT and in a different position. New scoresheets somewhat wider as requested at our last meeting have been produced by David Cobbold. An example accompanies these minutes for you to photocopy, please make sure the players surname is included on the result sheets before submitting them to Sally Goodrich.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman had no report as such, items that she may have commented on would be dealt with later in the agenda. She informed the meeting that the Secretary of Durham had told her of the death of Paul Guy - many of you will know of him through inter County and English Pairs connections. We send our condolences to his wife Mary.

5. Secretary's Report:

The Secretary opened her report with a sincere 'Thank You' for all the enquiries about her health in recent weeks. She is expecting it to be a long haul to regain her former fitness but is determined to achieve this.

Correspondence:

Letters had been received from:

a) Brockley Carpet Bowls Club requesting that a member from Barrow CBC be allowed to play for them. After much discussion David Cobbold proposed that

permission should be withheld. This was seconded by Judith Longman and carried by 9 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions. Previously when the Committee have given permission to change clubs it has not involved the person concerned playing in the same league. In this instance that would not be the case as the member in question had already played some games for his current club. Because of this, permission to change clubs has only been withheld until the end of the current Winter League.

b) Stutton felt that they had not had a fair hearing in the dispute brought to the Committee's attention at their meeting held in January. Having now received relevant information from Stutton the committee agrees with this point of view, but wish to reiterate here that all Clubs must be prepared to play their Cup and Plate games during the allotted two week periods.

c) Ipswich 405 Club have informed the Association of a change of name for their club. The Carpet Bowls Section is no longer affiliated to '405' and wish to be known in future as Ipswich 96 Carpet Bowls Club.

Mr B J Allen remains their Chairman.

6. Press Officer's Report:

The Cup Competition have now reached the Semi - final stage. In the Cup Cockfield will play Tuddenham, and Brockley play Barking. The final of the Plate will be between Hundon and Belstead.

The Committee has been approached with a problem over dates for matches between Thurston and Bildeston. Having examined the evidence it appears to have arisen from a genuine mistake and the two Club Captains are to be asked to resolve the dispute in the spirit of the game in an amicable way.

Summer Leagues: Two member Clubs have written in to request a change of format for the Summer League. It was felt that any change should be discussed by all member clubs and this item will be put on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting in June. The invitation to enter the Summer League accompanies these minutes

7. Treasurer's Report -

The Treasurer had not received a statement since the last meeting. The finances stand as follows, £1248.94 in the Deposit Account and £3712.68 in the High Interest Account.

8. County Captains Report:

In his absence the County Captain had submitted a report which is attached to these minutes.

9. Suffolk Championships:

The County Singles Championships had been held the day before this meeting. All had not gone too smoothly at 2 of the 3 venues. At Newmarket there was no food available, and even the vending machine had broken down by the end of the day! Apologies to anyone inconvenienced, we shall be looking into the reasons for this breakdown in communication. Our thanks to Mick Adams and Stanningfield Club for running the Competition including the raffle. Special thanks go to Jeff Holland for collecting the Carpets, without which there would be no Competition!. There was some disruption at Leiston with several entrants not turning up. This is not the first time that problems have been encountered with a group of people. After much discussion the Committee voted to exclude this particular group from entering any more Competitions this season

Our very grateful thanks to Rita Daniels and Kelsale Club for tolerating this yet again and appreciate how they dealt with such a difficult situation . A big thankyou also to Judith and Brian Longman for their unfailing good humour and calmness during the day. All went well at the Hadleigh venue, thanks to Burstall yet again for running this day and to Belstead for running the Raffle, we do appreciate the help we get from these clubs it certainly takes some worries from other peoples shoulders. Thankyou also to all clubs who transported carpets to Leiston and especially to Martin Webber (Tony's son) who delivered and unloaded the English Pairs Carpets at Hadleigh. The last four competitors left in the Competition from each venue will go on to Final's Day at Hadleigh on 5th April 1998.

10. Eastern Counties:

There was nothing to report, but the Chairman was asked if it would be possible to achieve some uniformity of carpets when visiting other counties. The Chairman agreed to raise this at the next ECC.B.A meeting.

11. English Carpet Bowls Association:

The Committee were passed a copy of a draft constitution for ECBA . This is to be examined and any amendments necessary should be put forward to the Suffolk representative Delegates to ECBA before 28th February so that they can be raised at the next meeting.

12. Any Other Business:

Arvon Evans asked for a ruling in the Cup and Plate Competitions if a situation arises with a tied game. The rule, which is to be found in the Winter League Rules stipulates that if points and shots are equal, then shots for, then against, number of ends won, and if after that there is still a tie the winner shall be decided on the toss of a coin.

Jean Roddham informed the meeting that £850 had been raised for the British Lung Foundation at the 'Derek Roddham Memorial' Trophy Competition held on the 1st February 1998.

It was felt that some players may need reminding about the rule in the event of a player delivering the wrong coloured wood. This is clearly stated in the Rules for the Winter League.

Withersfield Carpet Bowls Club have a mat for sale, anyone interested please telephone John Harrison on 01223 891575

The meeting closed at 10.10p.m.

Next Meeting 6th April, 1998

CAPTAINS REPORT (9 - 2 - 98)

The County team have now played two league matches and also competed in the Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl. The first match against Bedfordshire, as I reported at the last meeting we were able to win comfortably. The second match was against Norfolk, played at Banham Community Centre. It turned out to be a very good contest, with Norfolk playing positively, and with lots of confidence. Suffolk on the other hand were not up to our usual standard, and were not doing what we do best, which is to be able to draw into positions that stop the opposition from playing their game. This meant that we were too often having to play catch - up, instead of dictating the play as we are capable of doing. We also managed to give away some games that we should have won comfortably. However it was a most enjoyable day and Suffolk were able to keep the defeat down to a 4 point deficit. With the final score being Norfolk 20 Suffolk 16.

In the Charity team bowl Suffolk again struggled to find their form, most noticeably and suprisingly in the singles where we would normally expect to do well. The standard of bowling throughout the Eastern Counties is rising very fast and consequently there are no easy games to be had. Every team has to be at it's best, if it hopes to run out as the eventual winner in any representative match. This can be seen by the final scores in the Charity Team Bowl, where Suffolk finished in third place, behind the winners Norfolk, and the runners up Cambridgeshire.

Norfolk 74 pts, Cambs. 65 pts, Suffolk 62 pts, Essex 60 pts, Herts. 58 pts,
Beds. 41 pts