

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 20th July, 1998

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman) Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Sally Goodrich, (Press Officer),
Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Mervyn Farthing,
John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell, Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. There were no apologies.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

Item 10. The ECBA copies of the new rules are not yet available. Margaret Southgate had typed up the amendments that had been agreed and some clubs will receive a copy with these minutes other clubs receive them with the winter league fixtures. The full copy of the new rules will be sent as soon as they are available.

4. The Chairman's report.

The Chairman gave a special welcome to Rita Daniels and Mervyn Farthing, the new members of the Committee, and congratulated those members that had been re-elected. He stipulated that he intended to take the Chair with the minimum amount of time and fuss. He was pleased to have such a good team with him and it is his intention to continue to keep Suffolk at the forefront of Carpet Bowls as in the past. He had been pleased with a good AGM which was well attended.

5. The Secretary's Report.

The Secretary had no report as such, but there were several items of correspondence.

The Committee were appalled to learn that in spite of the request in the last Minutes that Marion had to make almost 40 phone calls to remind Clubs about their subscriptions which were due, and also about entries to the Winter League that she had not received. This is an intolerable and unnecessary intrusion on Marion's time. Her job is difficult enough without having to chase up Clubs. We do hope that this will not happen again. In an effort to help to avoid this in the future, due dates for payments for subscriptions, entry dates for the Leagues etc. will be entered on the "Dates of Interest to Carpet Bowlers List".

We trust that this will be a sufficient reminder.

Correspondence had been received from:-

- a) Stratford St Mary about a disabled Bowler who uses a piece of tubing to allow her to bowl . It was agreed that there was nothing illegal in using an aid such as this and at all times Carpet Bowlers should be seen to be encouraging disabled people to enjoy our sport.
- b) Stradbroke, the Rev. David Streeter thanked the Committee for the full account of his comments reported in the AGM minutes and he hopes that very serious consideration would be given to his Club entering future County Competitions. He invited Committee members to visit his Club to see the youngsters on a Club evening.
- c) Harold Wagstaff wrote to thank all Suffolk Clubs who had generously supported his fund raising for the Princess Diana Fund. He had been able to send £1000 to the fund.

6. The Press Officer's Report

Sally reported that as usual the coverage in the papers were a bit hit and miss during the Summer Season. She still has not received FIXTURE LISTS for the Summer League from some Clubs.

PLEASE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HELP SALLY WITH HER LOGGING OF RESULTS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GROUP LETTER (for the Summer League) AND DIVISION (for the Winter League) ARE ENTERED AT THE TOP OF THE RESULT SHEETS. This enables her to find Clubs more easily to enter the results. She has taken on board the query about the Cup and Plate results made by Ray White at the AGM, and the method of informing Clubs about future games in these competitions.

7. Treasurer's Report

Paul commented that thanks to Marion's diligence most of the Annual Subscriptions had been received. Some monies had been transferred from the High Interest a/c to fund the purchase of a photocopier and the trophies for the Winter League Finals. Currently there is £5410.31 in total (£2932.13 in the current a/c and £2478.18 in the High Interest a/c) ,

8. County Captains Report.

Tony said that there was nothing to report as there had been no County Games played since the last meeting. There is a weekend away against Durham coming up at the beginning of August.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A.

Margaret Southgate reported that at the AGM held on the 4th June, the retiring Chairman had been thanked by Tony Webber. After a discussion about the cost of hiring some Venues for Competitions it was agreed to increase the playing fee to £2.50 and the membership fee for each County to £50. Margaret was elected Chairman, Jill Emms as Treasurer/Secretary. The Championships would be held at Ling where the carpets would be laid on an indoor green. This necessitates all bowlers to wear special bowling shoes. Essex registered a protest at this, but a vote taken confirmed that the venue would stand. Overshoes would be available for anyone who needed them, an alternative is to play in socks or stocking feet.

The Secretary had purchased a book for a Roll of Honour record. Entries would be made retrospectively so as to reflect a complete record of Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls. As Margaret was now Chairman for ECCBA it was agreed that Tony Webber should become the official contact of Suffolk for the ECCBA.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

Arvon Evans reported on the meeting held on the 4th July when the new Chairman was welcomed. There was considerable discussion about the running of future English Championships being contracted out. A sub committee had not yet had a meeting we (the Suffolk Committee) feel that there is now insufficient time for any arrangements to be made for this year's competitions as the first one, the triples is usually held in October.

11. Matters Arising form the Annual General Meeting

The query raised by Ray White about the Cup and Plate Competitions was dealt with earlier in the meeting under item 6.

12. Winter Leagues

a) Rules:- A lively discussion took place and some amendments were proposed and approved.

RULES CAN ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED IF THERE ARE PENALTIES!

As mentioned earlier in these minutes and because there have been problems in previous years, it was agreed that it is imperative that the Press Officer receives a fixture list at the beginning of the season.

It is proposed to amend the rule 2.18 by adding "If a fixture list is not submitted to the Press Officer by the 1st September (for the Winter League) 5 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE CLUBS SCORE EACH WEEK until the fixture list is received. Likewise because of problems in the past, rule 2.9 will be amended to include "24 hours notice of cancellation of a match is required should a club be unable to field a team. The only exception to this rule will be if adverse weather conditions make travelling impossible "

A copy of the amended rules accompany the Winter League Fixtures.

Burstall proposed that penalties should be incurred by teams not fielding 16 players. They suggest that if 14 or 15 players attend the opposing captain should draw out players and position for the two second half games. If less than 14 players attend, the opposing captain should determine the teams by drawing out the players and positions for all 4 games.

This proposal was rejected by the Committee.

An addendum will be added to the rules for the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate. "In the event of a draw over the 2 legs, that is points and shots being equal, the winner shall be determined by the greater number of ends won, if they are still equal the winner shall be decided on the toss of a coin."

b) The draw was made for the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate Competitions. Thirty seven clubs have entered this year. The Preliminary Round to be played in the first three weeks of September.

13. Any Other Business

- a) The County Captain - Tony Webber and the Selectors Arvon Evans and Derek Brown were prepared to stand for a further year and were duly elected.
- b) Paul Goulding and Arvon Evans are willing to continue to represent Suffolk at the English Carpet Bowls Association Meetings. We thank all of the above for their stalwart work, the time and energy they put in to the work for the Suffolk on Carpet Bowls scene.
- c) Finals Day for the Summer Play offs is the 20th September. 1998.
- d) Tony Webber informed the meeting that the County Trials will be held at Great Blakenham on Sunday 4th October. An entry form accompanies these minutes.
- e) The treasurer suggested that all monies for the purchase of raffle prizes should be handed over for the entire season. The Committee agreed with this and Margaret Southgate and Judith Longman who buy the prizes will liase with Paul.
- f) The Secretary wishes Clubs to know that photocopying is now available for a nominal charge. Please contact Marion for details.

The meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

Next Meeting 5th October, 1998.