

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association



The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 11th May, 1998

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies were received from David Cobbold, Jean Roddham and Richard Sago.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

The following matters arose from the previous Minutes:- Mick Adams was present at the meeting held on the 6th April, our apologies for this omission.

Item 13 reporting on the finances of the ECBA, the anticipated expenses of £3000 applied to the English County Championships held at Hemsby and NOT the English Pairs.

A letter had been received from Brantham querying the reference to bowlers who kneel to present their woods. This query was fully discussed at the ECBA Annual General Meeting and the decision was taken to amend the rule to read - the wood must be delivered "through" the blocks as opposed to "within" the blocks as at present.

4. The Chairman's report.

The Chairman had little to report. It had been a quiet month approaching the end of the season. She spoke about the Cup and Plate and League Finals which had been held the day before this meeting. Barking had won the Joe Rice Cup and Hundon the Chairman's Plate. The afternoon session saw the Finals between the East and West with Brockley winning the Division 1 Trophy and Bramford winning the Division 2 Trophy. Margaret thanked Marion and Derek Brown for helping and to Judith Longman for running the raffle. She was disappointed that more Committee members were not available on the day, especially to help with the clearing up. Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and she looks forward to seeing you all there.

5. The Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that the applications for Insurance of equipment were coming in. May we remind clubs that these MUST be in by the 31st May.

There is still some disquiet among members of the Committee about the phraseology for this Insurance as it is quoted per unit (a unit being £550) as opposed to a set of equipment (currently priced at £650). Keith Armes undertook to endeavour to sort this out with the Company concerned. We will keep you informed.

Marion told the meeting that she had been given an old photocopier to use but that is not really adequate for the Association's needs and one still needs to be purchased. She intends to apply for a grant towards the purchase price from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

6. The Press Officer's Report

Sally said that it had been a quiet month with the end of the Winter Leagues. The final League Tables had been published that day in the Evening Star. The Summer Leagues are now under way - please send your fixture list to Sally as soon as possible please

7. Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that the balance of the finances currently stands at £986.74 in the Community account and £4934.50 in the High Interest account, some of this will be set aside for the purchase of a photocopier and some earmarked for expenses for the County Champions who will represent Suffolk at the Champion of Champions Competitions next month.

8. County Captains Report.

Tony reported since the last meeting that Suffolk had played against Cambridge and lost 4 - 12. Suffolk managed 134 shots to Cambridge's 159. Cambridge are worthy winners of the eastern Counties, Norfolk came second and Suffolk third. He reminded everyone about the Suffolk/Durham weekend in August. There are still some seats available on the Coach, and if anyone would like to support the team and play in a pairs competition on the Saturday. A letter has already gone to all Clubs about this weekend. The cost is £28 for accommodation and £10 for the Coach.

9. Eastern Counties C.B.A.

There was nothing to report. The Annual General Meeting will be at New Astley on the 4th June.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association

Arvon Evans reported on the excellent AGM held at Hemsby on the 24th April. Ray White from Polstead was elected Chairman, Tony Cuthbert of Northumberland as Vice Chairman, Margaret Southgate of Bramford was elected as Treasurer, a job she has been doing for the last few months whilst the previous treasurer was out of the Country on business. With Tony Webber re-elected as Development Officer this now means that Suffolk has three Officers on the ECBA Committee. Amendments to the Constitution were discussed and accepted and modifications to the rules were also discussed as previously reported. Copies of the amended constitution and rules for playing will be distributed to all Clubs as soon as they are available.

11. Annual General Meeting

David Cobbold had signified by letter that he does not wish to put his name forward for re-election to the Committee. The Secretary was asked to write and thank him for his valuable service whilst serving on this Committee and all members present joined to thank him for his past work.

All the other Committee Members present indicated that they were prepared to stand for election next year. This does mean that we shall be actively seeking new members for the Committee at the AGM on the 22nd June. All Committees benefit from the input that new members bring, so how about someone from your Club.

12. Any Other Business

Paul Goulding brought the meetings attention to the tragic accident which killed two young Carpet Bowlers, Stephen Folkes and Richard Missing from Cambridgeshire who were returning from the English Pairs Weekend at Hemsby. The Secretary told the meeting that she had written to the bereaved parents. Both of the moving funerals were attended by several Suffolk representatives and we are sure that all Suffolk Bowlers would wish their condolences to go to both families on the tragic loss of their sons.

Tony Webber confirmed, as reported last Month that Freckenham have plans to start a Carpet Bowls Club with 27 potential members. They plan to purchase 2 sets of equipment. David Cobbold, Bidy and Tony Webber and Marion and Derek Brown attended an Open Day and gave a demonstration. We wish them every success and look forward to them joining the Association.

Tony reported that the Open Day run by the Suffolk Bowls Council had been a success. He with Joan and Paul Goulding and Judith and Brian Longman had attended the day. 2 Mats had been taken to Risbygate Bowls Club. All disciplines of Bowls were represented and quite a bit of interest had been shown in Carpet Bowls from the people involved in the day. There were very few people from outside but it was felt that not sufficient advertising had been done. The plan is to repeat the exercise in several different venues throughout the County, Judith Longman raised a query about the Association providing more money to finance the raffles next year as there were now a minimum of 14 events requiring a raffle as opposed to 6 in previous years. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Chairman wished to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for success to all the Champions representing the County at the National (in Doncaster) and Eastern Counties (at Needham Market) Competitions to be held next month.

Why not come along to support them all at Needham Market on 21st June.

The meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

See you all at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd June!!